

REXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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School Mission: To encourage the development of each student's full potential by nurturing a love of learning and fostering respect for the uniqueness of each individual through a safe and friendly school community.



A Healthy Rexton Elementary School

H1N1: During RES' 2009 Open House, District 16 Health Nurse, Mrs. Darlene MacDonald, provided the most up-to-date information about H1N1 (formerly known as Swine Flu) to RES parents/staff.

Mrs. MacDonald also listed the symptoms of H1N1:

Fever and cough, and one or more of:

- sore throat,
- body aches,
- fatigue

** vomiting and diarrhea may also be present and fever may not be prominent*

Information on the virus, methods of prevention, and medical referrals, are available through New Brunswick's 24-hour H1N1 flu phone line at 1-800-580-0038. More information and tips can be found at www.gnb.ca/flu

Hand-Sanitizers for RES: For your information, our school has ordered hand-sanitizers for each of its classrooms & heavy-traffic areas within our learning environment to prevent the spread of germs amongst students/staff. RES teachers have been and will continue to teach/monitor proper hygiene techniques with all of its students (hand-washing, sneezing into ones sleeve, encouraging proper rest & exercise, and opening our windows daily to allow for the flow of fresh air to ribbon through our school building.

School Pedometer Challenge 2009-2010: Rexton Elementary is very pleased to announce that our school will be one of two schools within School District 16 to participate in the provinces' School Pedometer Challenge! The objective of the School Pedometer Challenge is to use pedometers as a tool to increase motivation, as a means of creating a culture of physical activity in schools and school communities. The program is designed to educate school-aged children and others in their school community regarding the benefits of a healthy active lifestyle.

As a selected school, RES will receive several sets of pedometers, resources full of information and ideas to help make pedometers effective with our students, staff and community members in a variety of ways. The pedometers will be used in the classroom, before or after school, during recess and at lunch time.

Presently a total of 48 schools are successfully participating in the School Pedometer Challenge throughout the province. We anticipate that these pedometers will help promote healthy and active lifestyles with RES students and staff.

RES' Breakfast Program: A reminder to parents that our fine, fine school does have a Breakfast Program that is run by a small army of parent volunteers and one very special volunteer coordinator, Mrs. Anne Robichaud. Because of the limited number of volunteers and the school's tight schedule in the morning, we encourage all parents to please continue providing breakfast for their child(ren) at home whenever possible—thanks!

Fluoride Program: RES would like to begin its Fluoride Program after the Thanksgiving weekend. If you are willing/available to volunteer for this program, please contact Mrs. Agnew @ 523-7152.

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This month's newsletter is dedicated to
Ms. Candace Gallivan
who has provided a safe & positive learning environment for our newly formed Grade 2 class. We thank-you for your expertise, commitment and tender-loving care!





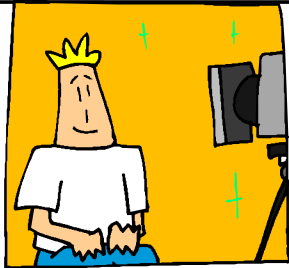
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be
NO SCHOOL

for students on Thursday,
October 8th and Friday,
October 9th because all
District 16 teachers will
be attending Curriculum
Implementation meetings
in the Miramichi.

Kindergarten Registration

for 2010-2011 will be held
from October 13-16. Please
contact our school secre-
tary, Connie Agnew, for
further information
@ 523-7152.



**RES' 2009-2010
School Pictures
will be taken on
Wednesday,
October 14th**

Parent volunteers would
be especially helpful on
this date, so if your are
willing/available to help
please contact Mrs.
Agnew @ 523-7152

RES' Safe & Positive Learning Environment



Peanut/Nut, Shellfish, and Egg-Safe Environment:

RES is very appreciative for the ongoing support of its parents, staff, and students in collaborating with us to closely monitor our children's lunches/snacks to ensure that all food items are allergen-safe. If your child has a severe allergy and you have not yet notified the school, **please** contact the school secretary, Mrs. Agnew, @ 523-7152 to schedule an appointment with RES' Administration.

Bus Safety:

Rexton Elementary has completed its Bus Safety/Evacuation Drills for the 2009-2010 school year. A gentle reminder that for safety reasons:

- 1) Eating while traveling on one of our provincial school buses is prohibited, and
- 2) All students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner whilst enjoying the privilege of traveling on our provincial school buses.



Lockdown Drills: On Friday, October 2nd, RES successfully completed its annual school-wide Lockdown Drill. We will be conducting a **surprise Lockdown Drill** in the very near future BUT, once again, parents will be notified by written notice and Talk-Mail message the day before our Lockdown Drill. A reminder that all visitors to our school need to sign-in at the office and obtain a visitor's pass before entering into our school hallways. We are teaching our students to be very observant of "strangers" who are not wearing a visitor's pass when they are in RES' learning environment. A heartfelt "thank-you" to all parents/guardians for supporting RES' endeavors to ensure that our school continues to be a safe and positive learning environment.

School Parking/Drop-off Handicapped Zone, Bus Loading Zone Procedures:

As we all settle into another school year at Rexton Elementary we need to provide gentle reminders to all parents/guardians about the seriousness of following our bus loading & drop-off zones procedures. Every school day, well over 20 school buses (from two school districts), scores of parents driving their children to school, AND approximately 40 staff members enter our school's drop-off & parking lot areas. This results in RES having a very intense traffic situation in front of our school daily! Therefore, we need all visitors to : a) use the "drop-off & handicapped parking zones" as they were intended, b) ENTER & EXIT using the appropriate driveways, and c) avoid driving/parking in our Bus Loading Zone. The areas that have been clearly marked with bright yellow markings (parallel to our drop off zone) are also NO PARKING areas. Of course, the reason for having to create these NO PARKING areas is to prevent our young students from being injured.

We realize that most parents are in a rush to get to work every morning but **PLEASE take the time to park your vehicle in our expanded parking lot if you require more time with your child before dropping him/her off at Rexton Elementary School!**

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Classes Begin at RES @ 8:30 a.m. sharp:

A reminder that morning supervision begins @ RES at 8:00 a.m. and students who arrive after 8:30 will be considered late for class (with the exception of those students traveling on a bus that arrives after 8:30 a.m.). Teachers are required to document, throughout the school year, all incidents of tardiness, absenteeism, and incidents of students being picked-up before dismissal. Parents who drop off their child(ren) late for class or who are picking their child up before dismissal are asked to stop by RES' office and sign their child in/out of our school building.

Department of Education's Kindergarten Surveys:

On Friday, October 2, RES' Kindergarten students took home a NB Department of Education survey that all Kindergarten parents are asked to complete and send back to the school as soon as possible. The surveys are intended to be anonymous but the Kindergarten teachers will be tracking which parents have returned their surveys. Once all the surveys have been returned to the school, we will send them back to the Department of Education.

RES' Parent School Support Committee: RES' first PSSC meeting for the 2009-2010 school year will be held on Wednesday, October 14th beginning at 7 p.m. This year's PSSC member include: Sheena Sturgeon, Leigh-Anne Egan-Mitton, Craig York, Denise Nap, Daryl Hannah, Kaleigh Fletcher, and Jane Cassell. Our current Home & School representative is Allison Ferguson and our teacher representative will for this school year be Angela Savory. Our community representatives are Maria Augustine and Henry Augustine. Raymond Murphy will be our DEC representative. One of the first objectives of our first PSSC meeting will be to select a new chairperson and review the role & responsibilities of PSSC members.



Pictured here on the left are some of this year's PSSC members. From left to right: Daryl Hannah, Denise Nap, Sheena Sturgeon, Kaleigh Fletcher, Jane Cassell, and Henry Augustine.



WANTED!!

RES would gladly accept used children's storybooks for our K-5 classes. Please contact Mrs. Agnew, at 523-7152, if you will be able to help—thanks!!

RES' 2009-2010 Home & School Executive

President: Allison Ferguson



Vice-President: Dana Ferguson



Treasurer: Lynn Hutchison



Secretary: Carla Hudson
(Photo not available ... yet!)

REMINDER:

RES' 2009 TEA & CRAFT SALE
will be held on
Saturday, November 21st.

RES' October 2009 Events Calendar

Date	October's Special Events
October 8 & 9	Curriculum Implementation Day— NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
October 12	Happy Thanksgiving Day — NO SCHOOL
October 13-16	2010-2011 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WEEK
October 14	REXTON ELEMENTARY'S SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
October 19-22	RES' 2009 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
October 30	HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE (in the afternoon <u>only</u>)

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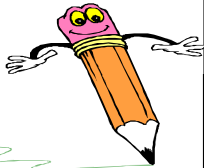
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Rexton, NB
Storm Line: 523-0900



Pictured above is Grade 1 student, Jessie-Lee, enjoying the Field-trip to the Pumpkin Lady's farm on September 30th.

**RES' OCTOBER
Newsletter Student
Ballot Question:**
Please clip & return to
the school by
OCTOBER 16th for a
chance to win a prize!



**When is Rexton
Elementary's
Scholastic Book
Fair?**

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

Visit RES' newly updated website @
<http://rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca/>



We are pleased-as-punch AND very relieved to have our Librarian, Janice LeBlanc, back with us this school year!

WHAT? RES' Scholastic Book Fair

WHO? RES' Parents/Guardians

WHEN? Mon., Oct. 19th—Thurs. Oct. 22nd

WHERE? RES' Stage (in cafeteria)

WHY? Opportunity for parents/children and teachers to come together and explore what's new in children literature; 60% of the total sales of RES' Scholastic Book Fair will go towards purchasing literature for RES' classroom libraries!

- **Volunteers are still needed** to help operate this greatly anticipated Book Fair. Volunteers would assist our librarian, Janice LeBlanc, in helping our young students make appropriate book choices and also oversee the purchasing of items being sold at the Fair.
- All Book Fair parent volunteers will be entitled to attend the annual Scholastic Warehouse Sale in Moncton in mid-December where all books, CDs/DVDs, and games are a whopping 50% off (just in time for Christmas)!
- If you are interested in volunteering at RES' Book Fair, please sign-up on the charts in our school lobby or call our school secretary @ 523-7152.



RES' Grades 3-5 students proudly carried RES' Terry Fox flag during our annual Terry Fox Run which was held on Wednesday, Sept. 30th. 2009.

The Department of Education is funding World Book Online for the coming year. This means your child has a new username and password for logging onto the program. **Elementary** schools have access to World Book Kids and World Book Students. The Username is **nbed3** and the Password is **bigchalk**. The website is www.worldbookonline.com