

REXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **VOLUME 5, ISSUE 2**

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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.*



RES' 2011 Scholastic Book Fair

This year RES' Scholastic Book Fair was held from October 4-6th and was opened to parents/students from 9:00-6:00 p.m. Once again this year, **60%** of the total sales of RES' Scholastic Book Fair went towards purchasing literature for RES' classroom libraries. The total amount of money raised from hosting this book sale was \$3,048. Mrs. Wood's K-1 class and Kindergarten student Michael Reidpath won our door prizes.



RES' Librarian Assistant, Ms. Janice LeBlanc, worked diligently to ensure that this year's Book Fair was a roaring success. The parents who volunteer at this year's Book Fair are now all entitled to attend the annual Scholastic Warehouse Sale in Moncton, which will be held in mid-December. Thanks everyone!!

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Rexton Elementary's 2011-2012 Student Council

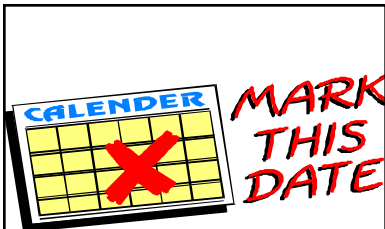
On Friday, September 30th RES' Grade 3-5 students elected its 2011-2012 Rexton Elementary's Student Council Executive. An Assembly was held in the afternoon of September 30th where Mrs. Wilson outlined RES' electoral process before the students viewed each candidate's pre-recorded election speeches. The students in each grade 3-5 class then participated in a secret ballot election (complete with voting stations, registration and ballot box). The election ballots were then counted by RES' Guidance Councilor, Vice-Principal and Principal.



Congratulations to RES' 2011-2012 Student Council members:
 Grade 3: Rice Carruthers (secretary), Anita Caissie and Jace MacDonald
 Grade 4: Brayden Simon (Vice-President), Novalee Brunneau and Ethan Lawson
 Grade 5: Keenan Sock (President) and Astena Marsh

- RES' 2011 PSSC Members:**
 Veronica Cail (H & S rep.)
 Kaleigh Fletcher
 Jennifer Hudson
 Brandi Lennox
 Barbara Quigley
 Ann Marie Robichaud
 Natasha Simon
 * Keenan Sock (Student Council President)
 Cynthia Wood (Teacher Rep.)
 Raymond Murphy (DEC rep)
 Diane Wilson (Principal)





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be no school for students on Friday, November 4th because District 16 teachers will be participating in Minister's Exemption Day meetings

Kindergarten Registration

RES is currently accepting registrations for next year's Kindergarten classes.

Parents who have a child who will be 5 years old by December 31st, 2012 are asked to drop by the school with their child's birth certificate and immunization record as soon as possible. We are available to take Kindergarten registrations from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. and from 1:0-3:00 p.m. daily.

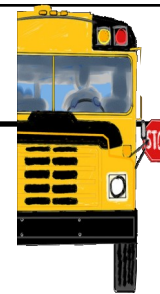
For more information, please call 523-7152.

"Wear Purple for Connie Day"

will be held on Friday, October 28th because we miss and love our secretary!



RES' Safe & Positive Learning Environment



Bus Safety Reminders

- 1) Students are not permitted to eat whilst traveling on any of our school buses. WHY? This rule is need to prevent a child from choking if/when the bus needed to stop suddenly).
- 2) Students are expected to speak/talk softly, using a respectful voice while traveling our school buses. WHY? This rule ensures that your child's bus driver is able to concentrate on his/her driving.
- 3) Bus drivers do not drop-off a child at his/her address unless they see a parent/guardian in the child's yard or drop-off zone. WHY? Students 11 years or younger are required by law to be supervised by an adult or a child who is 12 years old. Therefore, if you the bus driver does not see a parent or supervising adult at the child's regular bus stop, the driver will have to bring the child back to the school.
- 4) Rexton Elementary School does not issue bus transfers? WHY? This is a School and District Policy (other school districts in the province as well). If an authentic emergency arises (hospitalization, car accident, death in the family, etc.) we will of course do our utmost to accommodate your family. Our first priority is the safety of all of our students; arranging bus transfers, for convenience sake, compromises the safety of all of students and dramatically interrupts our learning environment! Daily our school oversees the schedules of more than 20 buses, 13 classes, 265 RES students and numerous District 11 students, substitute teachers, secretaries and/or bus drivers (and even replacement buses). WE CANNOT RISK the chance that a child will go home on the wrong bus or to an empty home! **Instead of writing a note asking for a bus transfer we ask that RES parents contact a family member or neighbor and make arrangements for them to meet your child when he/she arrives home.**

Lockdown Drills: On Wednesday, September 28th, RES successfully completed its annual school-wide Lockdown Drill. We will be conducting a **surprise Lockdown Drill** in the very near future. A reminder that all visitors to our school ARE REQUIRED TO sign-in at the office and obtain a visitor's pass before entering into our school hallways. We are teaching our students to report if they see a stranger in our school who is not wearing an visitor's pass. A sincere, 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 Zones:

It would be an understatement to say that Rexton Elementary is a busy spot! With well over 20 school buses (from two school districts), scores of parents driving their children to school or picking them up at the end of the day AND over 30 staff members coming to work every day, we typically have a very intense traffic situation in front of our school daily! Therefore, we need all parents to follow the following safety rules: 1) do not linger in our "drop-off & handicapped parking zones", 2) use the correct entrances/exits when driving in and out of our school throughways, and 3) do not park in our Bus Loading Zone. Of course, the reason for having to create these NO PARKING rules is to prevent our students from being unintentionally 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 off or picking him/her up at Rexton Elementary School!**



GRAND OPENING OF RES' NEW PLAYGROUND!!

It is difficult to believe but just a short sixteen months ago, re-creating RES' playground was just a dream. Fast forward to Friday, September 23rd and you'd have seen RES' students/staff and community celebrating the GRAND OPENING of its ...



DREAM PLAYGROUND!!

Special guest at this once in a lifetime event included AVIVA Insurance representatives, Kent MLA Shawn Graham and Roxanne Reeves, District 16 Maintenance Supervisor, Ron LaVigne, scores of parents, commu-

nity supporters, and well-wishers. RES students were thrilled to have the afternoon to play together on our new equipment and the weather was picture perfect! Everyone was treated to cotton candy, face-painting, cupcakes, AND musical performances by former RES students Brody Theriault and Jessica Fullerton. Delighting the young and more "experienced" at our GRAND OPENING were two silly clowns and as well as BLMS' students and their mascot who all joined the children on our new equipment.



RES' Home & School Executive:

President: Carla Hudson
VP: Barb Quigley
Treasurer: Rose Morris
Secretary: Veronica Cail



* You may purchase your 2011-2012 Home & School membership by contacting Carla Hudson at 523-7152.

* Purchasing a membership entitles you to vote at RES' General Home & School meetings.



* RES' Home & School is currently gearing-up for our annual Tea & Craft Sale and we need your help!! Please call Carla @ 523-7152 for more information!!

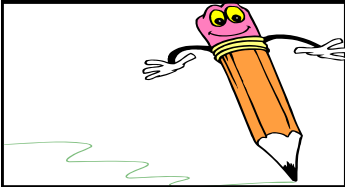
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Pictured above is evidence of innovative advertising, compliments of RES' newly elected Student Council president ~ Mr. Keenan Sock!



RES' OCTOBER Newsletter
Student Ballot Question:
Please clip & return to the school by October 28th for your chance to win prizes at our Starfish Assembly.
Is there school for students on Friday, November 4th?

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

VIEW US IN COLOR ON THE WEB @
<http://rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca/>

Date	October/November Events Calendar
October 11-14th (ongoing)	2012-2013 Kindergarten Registration Week
October 26th	RES' first PSSC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Autism Awareness Meeting
October 28th	RES' "Wear Purple for Connie Day"
October 31st	Halloween Costume Parade (in the afternoon only)
November 4th	Minister's Exemption Day— NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
November 11th	Remembrance Day— NO SCHOOL
November 19th	RES' Annual Tea & Craft Sale



Pictured above are keen REX-E starfish students as they participated in RES' 2011 Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 30th. Thanks to the generosity of RES' students, parents and staff this year's annual event resulted in us raising \$163.64 all of which will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Foundation!!