

**October/November 2012 Newsletter**

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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.*



**Rexton Elementary's 2012-2013 Student Council**

On Friday, September 30th RES' Grade 3-5 students elected its 2012-2013 Student Council Executive. An Assembly was held in the morning on September 30th where Mrs. Wilson outlined RES' electoral process before the students viewed each candidate's pre-recorded video election speeches. The students in grades 3-5 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, Librarian Assistant, and Principal. For the very first time, there was a tie for the presidential position (see information below).

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**Congratulations to RES' 2012-2013 Student Council members:**

- Grade 3:** Kallum Fletcher (secretary) & Caden Lawson
- Grade 4:** Hannah Cox (Vice-President), Anita Cassie, Terran Jadis
- Grade 5:** Clay Murphy (Co-President) Keela Francis-Sock (Co-President) & Cole Murray

RES' 2012-2013 Student Council has hosted a Craazzy Hair Day last Friday, October 19th. The K-2, grades 3-5, and staff member who sported the zaniest hair style will be announced on Wednesday, October 24th. This fun-filled event raised just over \$110 which will be used to support future Student Council events.

**RES' 2012 Student Council Election Day:**



Kallum Fletcher registers at our Polling Station.



Eager RES students vote for RES' 2012-2013 Student Council Executive,



Parents who have a child who will be 5 years old by Dec. 31st, 2013 are asked to please stop by Rexton Elementary School's office to register their child for next year's Kindergarten class. Please ensure that you bring your child's:

- i) Birth Certificate
- ii) Immunization Record
- iii) Medicare Card

RES' secretary is available to take Kindergarten registrations from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. and from 1:0-3:00 p.m. daily.

Rexton Elementary School's Welcome-to Kindergarten event will be held on Saturday, November 3rd, 2012, from 10—11:00 a.m.

Our second meeting for new Kindergartners & their parents will be Saturday, November 24th @ 10:00 a.m.

At this meeting, children registered to attend Kindergarten in September 2013 will receive a Welcome-to- Kindergarten bag filled with magnetic letters and numbers, books, crayons, paper, glue, scissors, and Play-Doh! Teachers will lead hands-on activities that will help children get ready for school and guide families through fun, educational activities using the materials found in the Welcome-to-Kindergarten bags. **For more information, please call 523-7152.**

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Rexton Elementary will be celebrating Halloween in the afternoon only on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The following is a list of important items relating to this year's Halloween celebrations at Rexton Elementary School:

- \* Time will be provided for all K-2 and grades 3-5 "spooks" to participate in RES' **Parade-of-Costumes** on Wednesday afternoon.
- \* To help foster independence, all parents are asked to send costumes that their child can easily put-on and take-off themselves.
- RES Students will not be permitted to wear their costumes until after the noon recess on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. All costumes must be kept in a bag, in the child's locker, until after lunchtime.
- All students and staff who wear a costume for our Parade-of-Costumes are asked to **please donate \$1.00 for UNICEF**.
- Certificates and prizes will be given for RES' spookiest, funniest, and most creative costumes.
- If you would like to **volunteer** in your child's class in the afternoon on October 31<sup>st</sup>, **please** contact your child's classroom teacher before Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. A gentle reminder that all classroom volunteers must have Policy 701 training and a criminal record check before working in our classrooms.
- Whereas Halloween tends to be an extremely hectic day at RES, we **ask that on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> parents not come to the school to pick-up their child at dismissal time unless it is their regular routine.**
- **Policy 711 - New Brunswick's Nutrition Policy:** states that whereas students in New Brunswick public schools have plenty of opportunity off school grounds to indulge in foods that have minimum nutritional value, every **effort is to be made to model healthy eating in schools**. The policy also states that all partners in the school community - **parents, teachers and administrators - have the responsibility to promote and provide healthier foods in public schools**. For the health of our youngsters we ask that parent **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CUPCAKES, CANDIES ~ JUNK FOOD AS HALLOWEEN TREATS FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLASS this year**. If parents want to send snacks for their child's classroom Halloween party please select healthy options only such as fruit, vegetables, cheddar, or yogurt.
- **LIFE-SAVING REMINDER: Rexton Elementary has two students who are allergic to peanuts/nuts so we need everyone to be particularly diligent about looking at food labels.**
- In the days/weeks following Halloween, RES student's snacks & lunches will be closely monitored to ensure that our students are not filling up on non-nutritional food items. All RES **students will be permitted to eat only two (2) junk food treats per day** (during morning recess or lunchtime) - **no soda pop please**. Hopefully this procedure will help to prevent upset tummies, ensure greater attentiveness, and prevent crankiness. We thank you for your anticipated support!!





## RES' Safe & Positive Learning Environment

### Bus Safety Week Reminders:

- 1) There is to be no eating or drinking on our school buses.
- 2) Students are expected to **speak/talk softly**, using a respectful voice while traveling our school buses.
- 3) Our bus drivers will not drop-off a child at his/her address unless they **see a parent/guardian in the child's yard or drop-off zone.**
- 4) Anglophone North School District schools (including Rexton Elementary School) do not issue bus transfers. 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! Instead of writing a note asking for a bus transfer we urge RES parents to **contact a family member or neighbor and make arrangements for them to meet their child when he/she arrives home.**

**Visitor to RES:** When you arrive @ Rexton Elementary please remember that all visitors **ARE REQUIRED to sign-in at the office** and **obtain a visitor's pass** before entering into our school hallways.

### Picking-Up Your Child:

Over the last few years, RES has seen a significant increase in the number of students being picked up @ dismissal time (upwards of 25-30 students daily).

- Interestingly enough, RES currently only has **four (4) students who walk to and from school every day!**
- Numerous students being picked up results in **countless disruptive announcements** to classrooms whilst teachers are attempting to finalize their lessons or provide instructions regarding homework assignments.

We ask that parents work with us to minimize unnecessary disruptions to our learning environment by **writing a note to the teacher when/if you need to pick up your child at the end of the day.** Keeping your child's classroom teacher informed about your child's needs is absolutely the best means to ensure your child's safety and well-being.

**School Parking & Drop-off Zones:** To ensure the safety of our students, all visitors and parents to Rexton Elementary are asked to please:

- i) **AVOID lingering** in our "drop-off & handicapped parking zones" before and after school.
- ii) **USE THE IDENTIFIED entrances/exits** when driving in and out of our school yard.
- iii) **REMEMBER** to avoid parking in our Bus Loading Zone.
- iv) **SLOW DOWN** and note that we have a **new crosswalk** in front of our school.
- v) **PARK** their vehicles in our expanded parking lot if they require more time with their child before dropping-off or picking him/her up at Rexton Elementary School. Parking in front of the school at the end of our busy day does present problems for our 18 school buses when they are attempting to enter into our bus loading zone.



## RES' Home & School Executive:

**President:** Natasha Simon  
**VP:** Aline Khoury  
**Treasurer:** Rose Morris  
**Secretary:** Veronica Cail



Purchasing a membership entitles you to vote at RES' General Home & School meetings. You may purchase your 2012-2013 Home & School membership by contacting our school secretary at 523-7152.

RES' Home & School is currently gearing-up for our annual Tea & Craft Sale which will be held on Saturday November 17th and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Please call the school for more information.



Pictured above are some of RES' 2012-2013 Home & School Executive members: (L-R) **Aline K'houry** (VP) **Veronica Cail** (Secretary), **Carla Hudson** (Past President), and **Natasha Simon** (President). Absent from photo is **Rose Morris** (Treasurer).

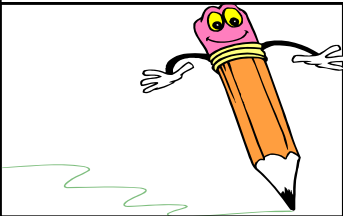
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ELEMENTARY**

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**RES' 2012-2013  
PSSC Members:**

Dave Gaudet  
(Chair)  
Katherine Holas Moulton  
Jennifer Hudson  
Barbara Quigley  
Anne Marie Robichaud  
Natasha Simon  
(Home & School Rep.)  
Dawn St. Louis  
Susan Campbell  
(Teacher Rep.)  
Raymond Murphy  
(DEC)  
Diane Wilson  
(Principal)



RES' OCTOBER Newsletter  
Student Ballot Question:  
Please clip & return to the  
school by OCTOBER 31st.

*Student's Name:*

*Class:* \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date	October/November 2012 Events Calendar
October 2012	RES' 2013-2014 Kindergarten Registration Begins
October 31st	Halloween Costume Parade (during the afternoon only)
November 3rd	Welcome to Kindergarten meeting for 2013-2013 Kindergarten Parents
November 9th	RES' 2012 Remembrance Day Assembly for Students (a.m.)
November 12th	Remembrance Day—NO SCHOOL
November 13th	District PSSC Member Meeting @ 7 p.m. @ EGMS
November 17th	RES' 25th Annual Tea & Craft Sale (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
November 23rd	Parent/Teacher Meetings ~ NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



Pictured above are keen REX-E starfish students as they participated in RES' 2012 Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 30th. Thanks to the generosity of RES' students, parents and staff this year's annual event resulted in RES raising \$81.15 all of which will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Foundation!!