

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.*



Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year everyone! We trust that you and your family enjoyed the beautiful summer weather we were blessed with over the last two months. The teaching and non-teaching staff at Rexton Elementary extend their warmest, heartfelt greetings to all students and their parents; we would particularly like to welcome the new children and their families to the Rexton Elementary learning community and we look forward to working with you and your child(ren) over the course of this school year.

New RES Staff for 2010-2011

Rexton Elementary has a number of new staff members for the 2010-2011 school year. We are very pleased to welcome a new teacher to Rexton Elementary this year. **Mrs. Nancy Robichaud-Hannah** will be providing guidance to RES students and the students at EGMS. Mrs. Robichaud-Hannah will be with us on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; she will be located at EGMS on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Welcome Mrs. Robichaud-Hannah!

We are also delighted to welcome two Teacher Assistants to Rexton Elementary School: **Ms. Darlene Fillmore** and **Ms. Penny Robichaud**. Neither of these gals is new to us but we are absolutely thrilled to welcome them back to Rexton Elementary's professional learning community.

For the next couple of months, **Gail Barlow** and **Melissa Dedam** will be completing their teaching practicum, as a component in obtaining the UNB teaching degree, at Rexton Elementary. We welcome both of these students teachers to Rexton Elementary School!

Finally, we are very happy to announce that **Mr. Fernand Mazerolle** has joined RES' custodial team. Once again, this year, we want to thank our eager and efficient custodians (Gerald Richard, Donald Hudson, and Fernand Mazerolle) for doing a phenomenal job of cleaning and shining our fine, fine school in preparation for the 2010-2011 school year!

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Changes for the 2010-2011 School Year

There have been a number of important changes at RES this year:

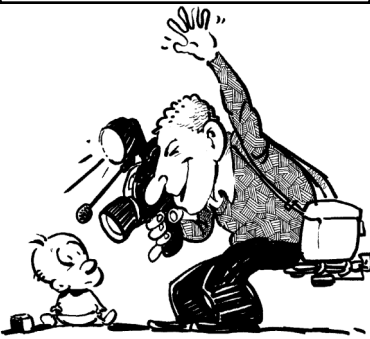
- 1) RES' has, for the first time, a **Grade 3 French Immersion** classroom.
- 2) RES' **Art instruction** will be provided by homeroom teachers,
- 3) We have **18 teachers, 8 Teacher Assistants** and **.6 Guidance Councilor**
- 4) All students will have **35 minutes of curriculum-based physical education** every day,
- 5) Rexton Elementary has made important modifications to its **Homework Policy**.
- 6) RES students in grades 2-5 have **Student Agendas**, and
- 7) All students in grades K-5 were asked to submit a **student fee** to cover the cost of school supplies this year; this fee included the cost of the Student Agenda (when applicable) and materials typically purchased at stationary or retail stores by parents.





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

There will be no school for students **October 7th, 8th and 27th**; all teaching staff will be attending provincial Curriculum Implementation meetings.



RES' 2010-2011

School Pictures will be taken on Wednesday,

October 4th (one week before the Thanksgiving weekend).

Once again, we have arranged for **Harvey Studios** to take our photos. Parent volunteers would be especially helpful on this date, so if you are willing/available, please contact Ms. Agnew @ 523-7152.

RES' Positive Learning & Working Environment

Peanut, Nut, Egg, Shellfish-Safe Environment:

Rexton Elementary has students who are allergic to **peanuts, nuts, eggs and/or shellfish**. In order to provide a safe environment for all our students, we are appealing to all parents to closely monitor their children's lunches/snacks (reading labels carefully) to ensure that their lunches/snacks are peanut/nut-free, containing no boiled eggs, egg salad/sandwiches, and/or shellfish.

Bus/Fire Evacuations and Lockdown Drills:

RES' classroom teachers and our Guidance counselor, Mrs. Robichaud Hannah, are currently working with students at all grade levels to learn the proper procedures for traveling on and evacuating from our school buses. We intend to begin **bus evacuation drills** during the week of September 20th.

Fire Drills: RES students will participate in **three fire drills before the end of September**.

Lockdown Drills: We are required by the Department of Education to have a Lockdown Drill every year. RES parents will be informed by notice and Voice Mail message the day before our lockdown drill. When our school is practicing a lockdown drill there will also be a notice on the front doors indicating why our doors are locked. **We plan to have our first lockdown drill of the 2010-2011 school year before September 30th.**

School Parking/Drop-off & Handicapped Zone: Please note that RES' handicap parking spot in front of the school is for **handicapped drivers** only. We also have two drop-off spots in **front of the school** and we thank you for using these spots as "Kiss & Drive Away" spots **only — not as parking spots**. If you need more time with your child in the mornings when you arrive at our school, please park your vehicle in our parking lot. We sincerely thank-you for your ongoing consideration in regards to this very important safety matter.

Starfish Program: It's a brand-new school year and so that means that all RES students begin their school year as a RES Starfish! Those who exhibit strong character traits throughout the school year are eligible to be nominated as **RES Sparkling Starfish** and could possibly be celebrated as "Sparklers" at our school-wide assemblies. **For more details about RES' Starfish Program, please see the first 8 pages of your child's Student Agenda.**

Before & After RES' Instructional Day: A "gentle" reminder that RES' school doors open to students and supervision of RES students begins at our fine, fine school at **8:00 a.m. every weekday**. Parents are reminder that dismissal for K-2 students is at 1:55 and our students in grades 3-5 are dismissed at 3:10.

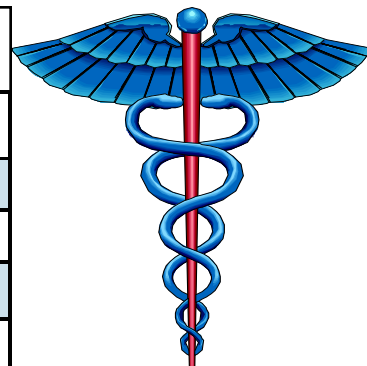
Helping to Ensure that RES is a Positive Learning and Working Environment:

All RES parents/guardians play an absolutely crucial role in ensuring that our students receive the best learning opportunities possible during the school year. Please continue to ensure that your child:

1. Arrives at school every day with a healthy recess snack and lunch.
2. Completes and returns his/her homework materials daily.
3. Remains at home if he/she is not feeling well.
4. Arrives on time and, when possible, remains at school for the entire school day.
5. Brings a note for his/her teacher if they will be picked up by a parent/guardian before dismissal or at the end of the day. Numerous unexpected parents arriving at the end of the day can lead to delays at dismissal time, which in turn can cause our buses to leave our school later than usual; these delays often result in scores of phone calls from concerned and anxious parents who are worried about the whereabouts of their children.

Please Be Aware: Rexton Elementary's secretary, Mrs. Agnew, has a scheduled lunch break every day between 12:00-1:00. Also, whereas RES' school administrators have teaching responsibilities, we recommend that if you would like to meet with the Principal or Vice-Principal during the instructional day that you call the school to schedule an appointment. If you call to speak to an administrator and they are in class or a meeting, every effort will be made to return your call as soon as possible. We thank you for your continuing support & understanding! ☺

Rexton Elementary's 2010-2011 Staff

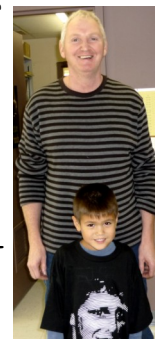


| Roles & Responsibilities | RES Staff Members | |
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| Principal | Mrs. Diane Wilson | |
| Vice Principal & Reading Recovery | Mrs. Virginia Richard | |
| Administrative Assistant | Mrs. Connie Agnew | |
| Kindergarten Teachers | Ms. Lisa Collins & Ms. Cynthia Wood | |
| Grade 1 Teachers | Mrs. Susan Campbell and Mrs. Haley Murphy | |
| Grade 2 Teachers | Mrs. Stephanie Flanagan, Ms. Maggie Murphy & Mrs. Angela Savory | |
| Grade 3 Teachers | Ms. Julia Mazerolle & Mrs. Danelle Rioux | |
| Grade 4 Teachers | Mrs. Toby Daigle & Ms. Wendy McLaughlin | |
| Grade 5 Teachers | Mrs. Melanie Cox & Mr. Kevin Rioux | |
| RES' Specialty Teachers | Music/Physical Education: Mrs. Janice Hall-Short Physical Education: Mrs. Bowes | |
| Guidance Councilor | Mrs. Nancy Robichaud-Hannay | |
| Resource Teacher | Mr. Barry Robertson | |
| K-2 Literacy Clinician | Mrs. Nancy Scully | |
| Grades 3-5 Literacy Clinician | Ms. Sonya Tower | |
| Librarian Assistant | Ms. Janice LeBlanc | |
| Teacher Assistants | Ms. Toby Campbell Ms. Nora Fillier Mrs. Jan Mingrone Ms. Darlene Fillmore | Mrs. Rose-Jean Cormier Ms. Margaret Martin Mrs. Dianne Warren Ms. Penny Robichaud |
| Elsipogtog & RES Liaison | Ms. Mona Francis | |
| Custodians | Gerald Richard, Donald Hudson & Fernand Mazerolle | |
| Cafeteria Staff | Dianne Robinson, Pamela Beers & Brenda MacDonald | |
| Intervention Workers | Mrs. Donna Hebert & Mrs. Keitha Gallant | |
| Student Teachers | Gail Barlow & Melissa Dedam | |
| Breakfast Program Coordinator | Mrs. Anne Robichaud | |

Once again this year, RES is involved in the **Medic Alert Foundation's NO CHILD WITHOUT** program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages 4-14. If your child has a medical condition, allergy, or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. To register, you will need a *No Child Without* brochure from our office.

TERRY FOX RUN

Rexton Elementary students will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Run Friday, September 24th. We encourage all students to contribute \$1 (or more) for this very worthwhile cause.



Please call the Kent Family Resource Center to register your child for preschool—which will start in the spring of 2011. The phone number to call is 524-9192.



RES is in great need of parent **volunteers to help operate our Breakfast Program**. If you are available from 7:30-8:15 a.m. one day a week, we'd love to have you join our team of volunteers! We hope to begin serving breakfast on Thursday, September 16th. If you are willing and available to help feed our little ones, please contact the school at 523-7152 or our Breakfast Program Coordinator, Anne Robichaud, at 523-6262.

RES' HOME & SCHOOL GENERAL MEETING:

Will be held on Thursday, September 30th beginning at 7 p.m. We will be electing a new President & Treasurer— please join us!

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RES' 2010 Scholastic
Book Fair is
tentatively set for the
week of October 18th



RES' September
Newsletter Student
Ballot Question:
(Please clip & return to
the school by
September 24th)

Who is RES' new
Guidance Councilor?

Student's Name:

Class: _____

We're on the Web @

<http://rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca/>

WHAT? RES' 2010 Open House &
Ice-Cream Social

WHO? RES' Parents/Guardians

WHEN? Thurs. September 16 @ 6:30 pm

WHERE? RES' Cafeteria

- WHY? a) To meet & greet your child's
homeroom and specialty teachers.
b) Learn about grade level
curriculum outcomes, routines &
procedures.
c) Enjoy a yummy, frozen treat!

Our District Health Nurse, Mrs. Darlene MacDonald, will provide information about how to prevent head lice, avoid the flu and exposing our students to food items that could cause life-threatening allergic reactions. The class with the greatest number of parents to attend this year's OPEN HOUSE & ICE-CREAM SOCIAL will win an ice-cream party for their class!!



Please join us
for
RES' 2010
OPEN HOUSE!!



RES' 2010-2011 Homework Policy

Back in the spring of 2010, RES' Homework Committee conducted surveys regarding RES' READ ONLY Homework Policy that was in place during the 2009-2010 school year. The results were overwhelmingly in favour of continuing with this policy, with a few minor changes.

Starting this September, children in grades K-2 may receive homework that will require nightly practice. For example, a letter list or math flashcards may come home that parents/guardians will be expected to practice with their child.

RES students in grades 3-5 may receive homework twice a week; these homework nights will be decided by each individual homeroom teacher. During school/district/provincial assessments, Rexton Elementary children may also be required to do nightly homework.

Please note, that Rexton Elementary students involved with Reading Recovery and Literacy/Numeracy Interventions will continue to have nightly homework assignments.



Rexton Elementary is
thrilled to introduced our
very first
French Immersion Class.
Pictured at the left is FI
classroom teacher
Ms. Julia Mazerolle
with her 20 students.
Bon voyage 1J! ☺