

# REXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## September 2011 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*



### Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year everyone! We hope that you and your family enjoyed a safe, happy, and healthy summer vacation. The teaching and non-teaching staff at Rexton Elementary extend their warmest, heart-felt greetings to all students and their parents; we would particularly like to welcome our new students and their families to the Rexton Elementary learning community and we look forward to working with you and your child over the course of this school year.

### New Teaching Staff for 2011-2012

Rexton Elementary has a number of new staff members for the 2011-2012 school year. We are very pleased to welcome eight new teachers to Rexton Elementary this year. **Ms. Chantal Durelle** is the new Guidance Councilor at both Rexton Elementary as well as at EGMS this year. Ms. Durelle will be at RES on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and she will be at EGMS on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Welcome Ms. Durelle!

We are also thrilled to welcome **Ms. Breanna Flanagan** who is teaching RES' Grade 4 Pre-Intensive French class and **Ms. Collette LeBouthillier** who is teaching RES' Grade 4 French Immersion class. Bienvenue!

We are delighted to welcome back three teachers who have taught at our fine school in previous years. Firstly, **Mrs. Marly Sutherland** will be teaching Music and Physical Education until Mrs. Hall-Short returns from her Leave of Absence in January 2012. Secondly, **Mrs. Marie Walsh** is our new Resource Teacher, replacing Mr. Robertson whilst he is on a year long Leave of Absence. Thirdly, **Ms. Candice Gallivan** who is replacing Ms. Lisa Collins until she returns from her Leave of Absence in January 2012.

For the next couple of months, **Ms. Robyn Barlow** and **Ms. Tatum Sanipass** will be completing their teaching practicum, as a component in obtaining their UNB teaching degree, at Rexton Elementary. We welcome both of these student teachers to Rexton Elementary School!

Finally, we are very happy to announce that **Mrs. Toby Daigle** has agreed to take on the role of being RES' first ever Numeracy Lead for the 2011-2012 school year!

We want to take this opportunity to thank our eager and efficient custodians (**Gerald Richard, Donald Hudson, and Fernand Mazerolle**) for once again doing a phenomenal job of ensuring that our learning environment was squeaky clean as we embark on a brand new year of learning!

### Changes for the 2011-2012 School Year

There are a number of important changes at RES this year:

- 1) RES' has, for the first time, a **Grade 4 French Immersion classroom!**
- 2) We have **19 teachers, 5 Teacher Assistants and 0.6 Guidance Councilor**
- 3) RES' K-5 students have **Student Agendas**,
- 4) The installation of RES' new playground is completed; the Grand Opening is scheduled Friday, September 23rd from 1:00-1:40 p.m. Please look for your invitation in your child's book bag!
- 5) Morning recess for students in grades 3-5 is from 10:00-10:15; K-2 students have morning recess from 10:20-10:35, and
- 6) Under the direction of School District 16, student Attendance will be tracked very closely this year. Parents of students who miss over 5 days will be contacted by their child's homeroom teacher; greater than 5 days missed, without a valid reason, will result in having to meet with either school administrators or District personnel to establish an Attendance Contract.

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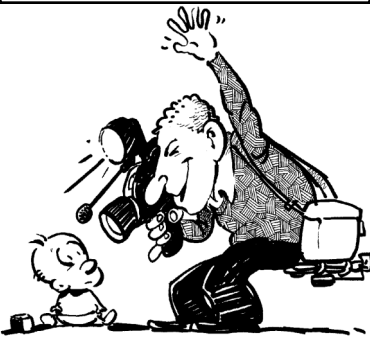
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## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:**

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on **September 19th (Minister Exemption Day) and October 21st (Curriculum Implementation Day)** because teachers will be attending meetings.



**RES' 2011-2012 School Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 21st** (two days after our Minister Exemption day) **Harvey Studios** will be taking our photographs again this year. Parent volunteers would be especially helpful on this date, so if you are willing/available, please contact RES' Administrative Assistant @ 523-7152.

# **RES' Positive Learning & Working Environment**

## **Shellfish-Safe Environment:**

Rexton Elementary has students who are allergic to **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 to ensure that their lunches/snacks do not contain boiled eggs, egg salad/sandwiches, and/or shellfish. So far this year, we do not have any students/staff members who are allergic to peanuts!

## **Bus/Fire Evacuations and Lockdown Drills:**

RES' classroom teachers and our Guidance counselor, Ms. Durelle, will soon begin 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, 2011.**

**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 will have our first lockdown drill of the 2011-2012 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 **8:00 a.m. sharp every weekday**. Parents are advised that this year dismissal for **K-2 students is at 1:50** and our students in **grades 3-5 are dismissed at 3:00.**

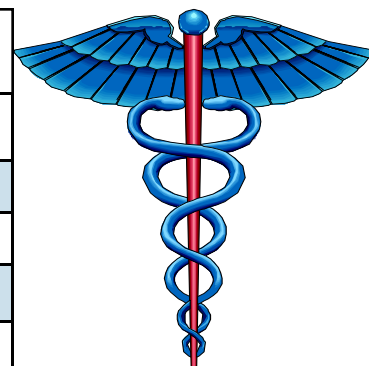
## **Helping to Ensure that RES is a Positive Learning and Working Environment:**

**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 on time and, remains at school for the entire instructional school day.
2. Brings a healthy recess snack and lunch everyday: **NO JUNK FOOD PLEASE!**
3. Completes and returns his/her assigned homework materials daily.
4. Remains at home if he/she is not feeling well and that you notify the school of his/her illness ASAP
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. Please be advised that 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 parents who are worried about the whereabouts of their children.

**Please Be Aware:** Rexton Elementary's Administrative Assistant has a scheduled lunch break every day between 12:00-1:00. Also, parents wishing to meet with a school administrator during our instructional day will need to call the school to schedule an appointment. If you call to speak to an administrator and they are in class or in 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 2011-2012 Staff



Roles & Responsibilities	RES Staff Members
Principal	Mrs. Diane Wilson
Vice Principal	Mrs. Virginia Richard
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Connie Agnew
Kindergarten Teachers	Ms. Candice Gallivan & Ms. Maggie Murphy
K-1 Teacher	Mrs. Cynthia Wood
Grade 1 Teachers	Mrs. Susan Campbell
Grade 2 Teachers	Mrs. Stephanie Flanagan & Mrs. Angela Savory
Grade 3 Teachers	Ms. Julia Mazerolle & Mrs. Danelle Rioux
Grade 4/3 Teacher	Ms. Wendy McLaughlin
Grade 4 Teachers	Ms. Breanna Flanagan & Ms. Colette LeBouthillier
Grade 5 Teachers	Mrs. Melanie Cox & Mr. Kevin Rioux
RES' Specialty Teachers	Music/Physical Education: Mrs. Marly Sutherland Physical Education: Mrs. Bowes
Guidance Councilor	Ms. Chantal Durelle
Resource Teacher	Mrs. Marie Walsh
K-2 Literacy Clinician Grades 3-5 Literacy Clinician	Mrs. Nancy Scully & Mrs. Lucy Brown Ms. Brenda McFadden
Librarian Assistant	Ms. Janice LeBlanc
Teacher Assistants	Ms. Toby Campbell      Mrs. Rose-Jean Cormier Ms. Nora Fillier      Ms. Margaret Martin Mrs. Jan Mingrone
RES' First Nations Liaisons	Ms. Mona Francis & Ms. Charity Barlow
Custodians	Gerald Richard, Donald Hudson, Fernand Mazerolle
Cafeteria Staff	Dianne Robinson & Pamela Beers
Student Teachers	Robyne Barlow & Tatum Sanipass
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

## TERRY FOX RUN

Rexton Elementary students will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Run Friday, **September 30th**. We encourage all students to contribute \$1 (or more) for this very worthwhile cause.

## **RES' HOME & SCHOOL**

### GENERAL MEETING:

RES' 2011-2012 Home & School Memberships will be sold at this week's Open House. Our first General Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22nd beginning at 6:30 p.m. We hope that you will make every effort to join us!

RES is in great need of parent/grandparent 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! Once again this year, all District 16 parent volunteers will need to have Policy 701 training, a criminal record check and two references.

We hope to begin serving breakfast on Wednesday, September 15th. 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. On behalf of our hungry little starfish ~ THANKS!!

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**RES' September  
Newsletter Student  
Ballot Question:**

(Please clip & return to  
the school by  
September 30th)

**Who is RES' new  
Guidance Councilor?**

*Student's Name:*

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

We're on the Web @

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

**WHAT?** RES' 2011 Open House,  
PSSC Election & Frozen Yogurt Social

**WHO?** RES' Parents/Guardians & students

**WHEN?** Thurs. September 15 @ 6:30 pm

**WHERE?** RES' Cafeteria

- WHY?**
- a) To meet & greet your child's homeroom and specialty teachers.
  - b) To meet District 16's new Director of Education, Mr. Andrew Clark.
  - c) Learn about grade level curriculum outcomes, routines & procedures.
  - d) Vote for new RES PSSC Members.
  - e) Enjoy a yummy, frozen treat!

Our District Health Nurse, Mrs. Darlene MacDonald, will provide information about how to: i) prevent head lice, ii) 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 & FROZEN YOGURT SOCIAL will win an extra recess on our new playground equipment and one lucky parent will win a family movie pass!



Please join us  
for  
**RES' 2011  
Open House!!**



## RES' Homework Policy

RES students 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 have nightly homework assignments.



Check us out on our website!

**IN AN EFFORT TO BECOME MORE  
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, ALL FUTURE  
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