

REXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 2012 Newsletter

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 to the 2012-2013 School Year!

The staff of Rexton Elementary School hope that your family enjoyed a safe, happy and healthy summer vacation ~ our best summer weather in recent memory, right? 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. We look forward to working with you and your child over the course of this school year.

We are thrilled to welcome back to RES several teachers & support staff who were not with us last year:

- Mrs. Devon Stoddart (Gr. 5) – who was on a maternity leave for the last two years.
- Mrs. Haley Murphy (Gr. 1) - who was on an Educational Leave during the 2011-2012 school year.
- Mr. Barry Robertson (Gr. 5) - who was on a Deferred Leave for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Ms. Sonya Tower (Literacy Lead) - was on an Educational Leave during the 2011-2012 school year.
- Ms. Shona Sark (FN Liaison) - who was on maternity leave for the last two years.

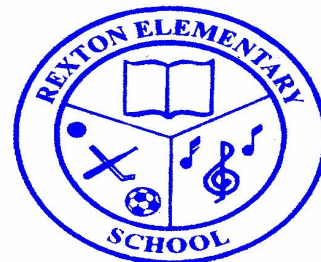
A great big welcome to Ms. Cathy Sock who will be completing her teaching practicum component to obtaining her UNB teaching degree) at Rexton Elementary for the next 15 weeks! We are also pleased to welcome Mrs. Diane Guimond to our Educational Assistant team and Ginette Simard as RES' French Second Language Assistant!

Finally, we want to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic custodial team, **Gerald Richard, Donald Hudson, and Fernand Mazerolle**, for once again working to ensure that our fine, fine school was squeaky clean and polished-up for us as we embark on a brand new year of learning!



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RES' 2012-2013 School Year Update:

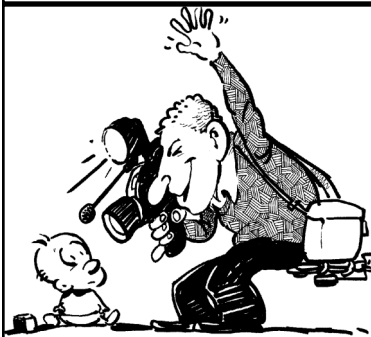
- 1) We have nineteen (19) teachers and eight (8) Educational Assistants,
- 2) RES' has, for the first time, a **Grade 5 French Immersion class**,
- 3) We have two (2) **Grade 3 French Immersion classes**,
- 4) **French Second Language Assistant**, Ginette Simard, will be facilitating our FSL students & teachers,
- 5) We have four (4) **Literacy Clinicians** (Nancy Scully, Lucie Brown, Sonya Tower, Karen Thibeault) & one (1) **Numeracy Lead** (Toby Daigle),
- 6) We have two **First Nations Liaison Workers** (Mona Francis & Shona Sark)
- 7) RES' **Grades 2-5 students have Student Agendas**,
- 8) RES has one UNB Student Intern this fall and one UNB Student Intern in the Winter of 2013.
- 9) Under the direction of the Anglophone North School District, **student attendance will be tracked very closely this year. Parents of students who miss 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**, and
- 10) RES is now one of **34 schools** within the provinces' newly formed Anglophone North School District!!





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on **Tuesday, October 9th** (Professional Learning Day) because our teachers will be attending meetings.



RES' 2012-2013 SCHOOL PICTURE SCHEDULE:

Grades 1, 2, 3:
(Tues. Sept. 25th)

&

Grades K, 4, 5:
(Wed. Sept. 26th)

Once again this year, parent volunteers would be especially helpful on these dates; if you are willing/available to help straighten hair and check for clean faces, please contact RES @ 523-7152.

RES' Positive Learning & Working Environment

Allergic Alert:

A gentle reminder that Rexton Elementary needs to be a **peanut/nut, egg and shellfish-safe school**.



School Parking/Drop-off & Handicapped Zone Reminders:

- RES' handicap parking spot in front of the school is for **handicapped drivers only**.
- RES' 2 drop-off spots in front of the school are only to be used as "Kiss & Drive Away" spots — **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 regarding these very important safety matters!

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 (please sign and return the ballot on page 8 to your child's teacher so that your child will have a chance to win prizes at our first Assembly on Friday, Sept. 14th).**



Before & After RES' Instructional Day:

- Supervision of RES students begins at **8:00 a.m.**
- Dismissal for K-2 students is at **1:50** and our students in **grades 3-5** are dismissed at **3:05**.

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

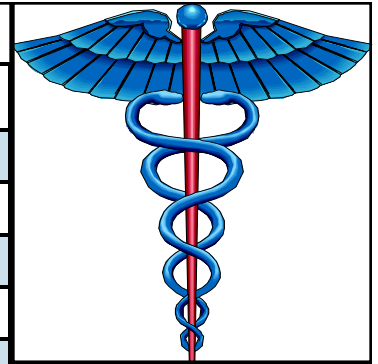
All RES parents/guardians play an **absolutely crucial role** in ensuring that our students receive the best learning opportunities possible during the school year. Please continue to ensure that your child:

1. Arrives on time and if possible, 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. We encourage the use of our big, yellow buses!

Administrators: Our secretary is Ms. Carla Hudson. Ms. Carla's work day begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. and her scheduled lunch break every day is between 12:00-1:00. Also, parents wishing to meet with a school administrator during our instructional day are asked to please 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 2012-2013 Staff

Roles & Responsibilities	RES Staff Members
Principal	Mrs. Diane Wilson
Vice Principal	Mrs. Virginia Richard
Administrative Assistant	Ms. Carla Hudson
Kindergarten Teachers	Ms. Candice Gallivan & Ms. Cynthia Wood
Grade 1 Teachers	Mrs. Susan Campbell & Mrs. Haley Murphy
Grade 2 Teacher	Mrs. Stephanie Flanagan
Grade 3-2 Teacher	Mrs. Angela Savory
Gr. 3 French Immersion Teachers	Mrs. Melanie Cox & Ms. Julia Mazerolle
Grade 4 Teachers	Ms. Wendy McLaughlin & Mrs. Danelle Rioux
Grade 4 French Immersion Teacher	Ms. Breanna Flanagan
Grade 5 Teachers	Mrs. Devon Stoddart & Mr. Barry Robertson
Grade 5 FI Teacher	Mr. Kevin Rioux
RES' Specialty Teachers	Physical Education/Music: Mrs. Kimberly Bowes & Mrs. Janice Hall-Short
Guidance Councillor	TBA
Educational Support Teacher—Resource	Mrs. Marie Walsh
Teacher Assistants	Ms. Toby Campbell Mrs. Rose-Jean Cormier Ms. Nora Fillier Ms. Margaret Martin Ms. Penny Robichaud Mrs. Jan Mingrone Mrs. Dianne Guimond TBA
K-2 Literacy Clinician Grades 3-5 Literacy Clinician	Mrs. Nancy Scully & Mrs. Lucie Brown Ms. Sonya Tower & Mrs. Karen Thibeault
Grades 3-5 Numeracy Lead	Mrs. Toby Daigle
Grades 3-5 French Coordinator	Ginette Simard
Student Teacher	Cathy Sock
Librarian Assistant	Ms. Janice LeBlanc
Behaviour Intervention Worker	Donna Hebert
RES' First Nations Liaisons	Ms. Mona Francis & Ms. Shona Sark
Custodians	Gerald Richard, Donald Hudson, & Fernand Mazerolle
Cafeteria Staff	Dianne Robinson & Pamela Beers
Breakfast Program Coordinator	Ms. Leanne Egan-Mitton



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 please 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 on Thursday, **September 27th**. We invite all students to contribute \$1 (or more) for this very worthwhile cause!

Lisa Robertson & RES students!



RES needs parent/grandparent volunteers to help operate our Breakfast Program. If you are available from 7:30-8:30 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 13th. If you are willing and available to help feed our little ones, who for whatever reason did not have breakfast before coming to school, please contact the school at 523-7152 and we will put you in contact with our Breakfast Program **Coordinator**, Leanne Egan-Mitton. **On behalf of our hungry little student starfish ~ THANKS!!**

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ELEMENTARY**
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Rexton, NB



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School Fax: 523.7464
Cafeteria: 523.0923
Storm Line: 523.0900

Anglophone North
District:
1.800.661.6667

WHAT? RES' "Open" House & Ice-Cream Social
WHO? RES' Parents/Guardians & students
WHEN? Thurs. Sept. 20th from 4:30-6:00 pm
WHERE? Rexton Elementary School
WHY? a) To meet & greet your child's teachers and Educational Assistants (and check out the playground!)
b) To meet & greet Anglophone North's Superintendent, Nancy Boucher.
c) To receive information pamphlets about grade level curriculum expectations, class & school routines and procedures, and health & nutritional info
d) To purchase your 2012-2013 Home & School membership.
e) To enjoy a yummy, frozen treat with RES staff!!

This year's Open House will NOT be a formal meeting; it will be a casual meet & greet! The class with the greatest number of parents attending this year's OPEN HOUSE will win an extra recess on our new playground equipment and one lucky parent will also win a family movie pass—we hope you will join us!!

**Please join
us for
RES' 2012
Open
House!!**



RES' September Newsletter Student Ballot Question:
(Please clip & return to the school by September 28th)



What is the name of RES' mascot?

Student's Name:

Class: _____

RES' 2012-2013 Homework Policy

- Parents are asked to please check their child's book bag nightly for messages and/or homework assignments.
 - It is expected that all Rexton Elementary students will READ to his/her parent or guardian every night, whether it is a book, magazine, newspaper, website, comic book, ~ something the child enjoys!!
- K-2 Students:** may also receive homework that will require nightly practice with their parent/guardian (letter/word lists, Math flashcards, printing or writing, etc.)
- Grades 3-5 Students:** may receive homework 2-3 times a week (individual teachers will make this decision for/with their students).
- Rexton Elementary children may also be required to do additional homework in preparation for district or provincial assessments.
 - Rexton Elementary students involved with Reading Recovery™ or Literacy/Numeracy Interventions will have nightly homework assignments.

