

# November

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## Rothesay Elementary School Newsletter November 2021

### CELEBRATE WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD



Believe It! See It! Celebrate It!

- **November Theme: Harness your Energy**

- The November theme states that by using our strengths and talents we can find possibilities and solutions. Focusing on strengths will give us energy to fix what is wrong. The focus this month is:

Focus on the solutions rather than the problems.

Mistakes are opportunities to learn.

Character education, reputation, resiliency

Use our strengths or talents to help us find solutions and possibilities.

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### Home Reports

Home Reports will be going home with students on Monday, November 29th. These reports will be issued in order for parents to become aware of the progress of their children since the beginning of the school year.

Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on **Thursday, Dec. 2nd** from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and on **Friday, December 3rd** from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Appointments will be by phone call or virtual TEAMS meeting by the same online appointment booking system used last year. More info will be sent soon on how to access the online booking system. **There is no school for students on Friday, December 3rd** as this is a parent teacher day and Professional Learning Day for all staff.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**November 1-** Hot Lunch Cycle 2 begins.

**November 1-4** - Career Week

**November 2-** Career Dress up day

-PSSC Meeting 6:30 pm

**November 10-**School Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly.

**November 11-** **No School-** Remembrance Day Holiday.

**November 15-19-** Respect and Diversity Week.

**November 19— No school for students .**  
Staff PL and Report Card writing day.

**November 29-** Home reports go home today.

**November 29-Dec. 6th-** Online Virtual Scholastic Book Fair.

**Dec. 2nd-** Parent Teacher phone or online interviews 4:30-7:30 pm.

**Dec. 3rd-** Parent Teacher phone or online interviews 8:30-11:00 a.m. and teacher professional development in the p.m. **No School for students.**



## Reminders

- RES classes begin at 8:15AM. To be ready all students must be at school by 8:10 AM. Many students are still arriving after the 8:15 bell and after or during O Canada. It is very important that all students arrive on time, so that they feel prepared for the day and don't have to interrupt the class as they arrive late.
- RES is a scent free school. Please refrain from wearing perfume or after-shave when visiting our school.
- RES is nut free and shellfish free. Due to serious allergies, no nut or shellfish-products may be sent to school.
- Outdoor learning and play is happening more often in schools during our COVID 19 Public Health recommendations. As weather becomes colder, please be sure your child is dressed properly for outside learning and play.

Thank you for your help in making instructional time a priority!

## Guidance Corner

Dear R.E.S. Families,

During the week of November 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> our school will focus on **Career Week**. Our career dress-up day is Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are very grateful to our parents for taking time to support the students this year. A lot of great knowledge was shared about their occupation through video recordings in Microsoft Teams. Thank you very much.

Here are a few suggestions to help develop ideas around your child's future: give your child roles and responsibilities at home, encourage them to get involved in activities outside of school such as community work or a sport. Help your child attend school every day and give positive feedback on things your child is good at.

This month also highlights **Diversity and Respect Week**, which R.E.S. is promoting from November 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. Each year schools engage in learning activities that foster an appreciation of diversity in our communities. Everyone has the right to learn and work in an environment that values each other's strengths and uniqueness. All children in our schools should feel safe and have the opportunity to learn in a culture of respect; inclusiveness is fundamental to education.

The Rainbows program is starting this week and I look forward to meeting with our groups over the next few months. This is a great opportunity for students to gain support and knowledge from other students.

I am continuing to offer one-on-one support to students, who are struggling with a recent loss (death, divorce, separation) or anxiety. If you think your child may benefit from support, let me know. If you have any questions about guidance programs or services, please contact me at 847-6333 or [jill.hossack@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:jill.hossack@nbed.nb.ca).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hossack

## **Virtual Scholastic Book Fair**

This year we are holding a virtual bookfair. The virtual book fair will take place from **Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> to Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you use the link below, the school will gain rewards for ordering any scholastic books or items in the bookfair link. Those rewards will be used to support our classrooms and our library. Ordering is easy and the items will be shipped to the school so no shipping charges for you! The link is:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5163785>

Happy Book Shopping!

## **Growth Mindset at RES**

### **Ideas for Creating a Growth Mindset Environment at Home**

#### **Using Growth Mindset Praise and Feedback**

- ◇ Praise what your child does, not who they are. Instead of saying, "You are so smart/clever/brilliant," say "I can see you really worked hard/put forth effort/tried hard." Praise perseverance and resiliency when you see your child struggle or face challenge. Avoid praising grades. Focus on praising work ethic and effort - not achievement.
- ◇ Adopt the word "yet" into your vocabulary. If your child proclaims that they don't understand something, can't dribble a basketball, or can't play a song on their guitar, remind them that they can't "yet" but with hard work they will have success.
- ◇ Avoid comparing your child's success with that of siblings or friends - achievement is not a competition. There is enough success for everyone.

Our monthly Growth Mindset theme for November is "**Strong Brain**".

Check these sites for more info:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rf8FX2sI3gU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFuHKJqpxPw&feature=share&app=desktop>

<https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/teach-kids-growth-mindset-neuroplasticity-activities>

## News from Our Community School Coordinator

### GREENHOUSE UPDATE:

Our greenhouse is moving along slowly but surely. It now has running water with a sink and hose and we are still waiting for special thermostats to arrive to activate the fans.

We have chosen an inside design and have meetings with a builder on Nov. 1 to get things started. Hopefully the inside will be completed by the end of the month. Once it is complete, our classes will be able to use it regularly.

We are still looking for interested people for the following "jobs":

Greenhouse "council" members to keep it operating for years to come. We need an acting president, secretary and treasurer for a 2 year commitment. This would involve 3 or more virtual meetings per year.

A fundraising committee. Do you have a great idea for a fundraiser? Our greenhouse needs more funds for Phase 2 and we need people to get involved to help raise money.

Grant writers- do you have a special talent in writing grants? If so, we are looking for people to help find and write grants for this project.

Our vision for this Greenhouse is a connection space- where students, teachers, parents, neighbors, and seniors all work together to grow, experiment, connect and communicate.

FLAG POLE REFURBISHMENT- Have you noticed the awesome new look of our flag pole area? Thanks to one of our families for taking the time to sandblast and paint our flagpoles.....it looks SO much better and makes RES look welcoming and warm.

CANTEEN CART- Each Friday some of our peer helpers wheel around a cart to each classroom with canteen goodies for those students who wish to buy a treat. Our aim is to have three different items on the cart each visit. Until Nov. 12 it will have popsicles, sunchips and locally made oatmeal cookies. After the 12<sup>th</sup>, it will have frozen yogurt tubes, pretzels or baked Lays, and locally made banana bread. All items are \$1 and profits go toward our school greenhouse with the exception of our Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> cart where profits were donated to UNICEF.

*Please remember that RES is a Community School which means we want to make a greater connection with the community and vice versa. Any suggestions, or ideas are always welcome.*

*If you have any questions, or are curious about how you can get involved, please contact our **Community Coordinator, Becky MacKay**, at 343-6248 or [rebecca.mackay@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:rebecca.mackay@nbed.nb.ca).*