

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

~Mahatma Gandhi

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I hope everyone stayed warm and enjoyed the extra long holiday weekend. We had a very busy weekend at the Hardimon hacienda. My daughters recently discovered the great pleasure and excitement of rearranging the furniture in their rooms. Last weekend Maya redid her room and this weekend was Emma's turn. While they made it perfectly clear that they are old enough to figure out the new location for their beds, dressers, and lights on their own, apparently it is also clear that it was *my* job to actually move and rewire everything! Margi Tessier tells me it gets easier once they get out of elementary school and she would never mislead me about something like this, would she?

It is a short week but there is a lot happening at RJG. Tuesday night at 7:30pm is our Winter Chorus Concert. Grade 7 and grade 8 students have been practicing all semester for this show so please come enjoy this wonderful event. On Wednesday, at 7:00pm, we are holding our first RJG Spelling Bee in the Jr. High auditorium. Students signed up for the event and have been practicing for weeks. The winner will represent RJG at the Lowell *Sun's* 64th Annual Northern Middlesex Spelling Bee on March 27th, 2004. The Northern Middlesex champ, an RJG student of course, will move on to the Scripps-Howard national competition in Washington D.C. in May. Come out and cheer on the spellers! Friday is the next 7th Grade Social (2:30 – 4:30pm). All grade 7 students are encouraged to come for the fun.

Effective today, January 20th, all parking spaces in the staff lots are assigned. Parents and visitors are reminded to park only in the far side of the lower lot and the short term visitor parking in the front circle. While we all recognize the discomfort of cold weather, I also need to remind everyone that student drop off is only allowed in the lower lot. When everyone follows these rules many problematic situations can be avoided. If you have any questions about the parking or student drop off, please feel free to contact Mrs. Higgins in the main office.