

*"The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life."*

**Muhammad Ali**

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Another cold weekend. I ended up reconditioning and connecting an old computer to the internet for my daughters and getting Maya, my 10 yr. old, an email address. These actions frightened me in at least two ways. The first is that a computer, which I seemingly just bought (OK, it was a *while* ago), and which performed like a rocket when I first set it up, is now slower than molasses. I almost threw it out the window a few times and taught my daughters more inappropriate words while I got it up and running. At least it is fast enough for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade homework. The second scary thing is that Maya is old enough to have somebody to email! I thought the phone was bad but I foresee a new set of computer use rules just around the corner. Wish me luck!!

On Friday afternoon we had another great grade 7 dance. Through the organization of the Student Council and advisors Ms. Berberian and Ms. Fahey, it was a fantastic event and everyone had a great time. Thanks again to chaperones Ms. Atkins, Mr. Patuto, Ms. Pochatek, Zora Warren, Ms. Doiron, Ms. Hadden, Ms. Green, and parents Ms. DeMello and Ms. Dalmus for their time and effort.

RJ Grey yearbooks are on sale THIS WEEK ONLY. Every student was sent home on Friday with a personalized order form to be returned to homerooms this week. This Friday, January 30, will be the final day to make a purchase. The cost is \$18, and checks should be made payable to RJ Grey. If students have misplaced their envelopes, they can enclose their checks in a regular white envelope with both their names and homerooms written on it. If anyone has any questions, please ask Mr. Lewis or Ms. Norian.

**DIVORCE GROUP FORMING:** The Counseling Department will be offering a group for students whose parents are divorced or separated. The group will meet on a weekly basis for approximately eight weeks, and the meeting schedule will rotate to minimize the chance that students will have to miss any period more than once. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Joyce Norton in the R.J. Grey Counseling Office.

The RJG School Council is an advisory board made up of parents, staff, students, and administration, which meets with the principal each month to discuss school issues and policies. As you may recall, the adult members of this year's council are:

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If at any time during the year you have a question or concern you would like addressed at the School Council, please feel free to contact anyone on the list above. Additionally, we will start posting summaries of the council meeting on our web site within the next week or so. Just go to the RGJ web site <http://ab.mec.edu/rjweb/index.html> and click on the link for School Council News.

Have a great week.