

*"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep."*

**Scott Adams**

# Grey Matters

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What a great weekend. It was warm enough to dig out the bicycles, pump up the tires, move the seats up a bit, and get outside!!! While I love the winter and the different seasons of New England, I am tired of the cold and ready for Spring.

vir-tu-al adj.

1) Existing or resulting in essence or effect though not in actual fact, form, or name: Existing in the mind, especially as a product of the imagination.

2) Created, simulated, or carried on by means of a computer or computer network. ([www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com))

I am thrilled to announce that the first annual RJG Virtual Art Show will be available to view on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The brainchild of our own art teacher Holly Vlainac, the RJG Virtual Art Show will be a display of student work available for viewing on the RJG website. This will be a school wide show that will feature student artwork created in school (Art 1, Art 2 and the RJG Art Club) or independently (created outside of school) that will go through a jurying process. Specific deadlines for student artwork submission will be coming in the following weeks.

In addition to the art show being available on the RJG website, there will also be an opening reception in the Jr. High Library from 6-8 pm on the same date. If the technology Gods agree, we hope to create a true "virtual art show reception" for the virtual art show by broadcasting the opening reception live on the Internet (perhaps a bit over the top but what's the harm in trying?). We look forward to your support and interest in viewing the RJG Virtual Art Show.

The World Language Department kicks off the annual celebration of National Foreign Language Week (March 1 – 5) with two performances of an international female group, Libna. This week will include presentations in French and Spanish classes, and sampling of ethnic foods. The week will end with a European breakfast consisting of churros, croissants, and hot chocolate. Additionally, certain morning announcements will be read in the native languages of some of our students and some students will participate in the National French or Spanish Exams.

The RJG musical, *Pirates of Penzance*, opens this Friday (March 5) and will be performed for the next two weekends. The students, staff, parents, and community volunteers have worked very hard on what promises to be a great show. Buy your tickets before it is too late!

Last Saturday night marked our first RJG Activity Night and it was a roaring success. The 180 students who attended had a ball playing foosball, ping pong, air hockey, board games, watching movies and/or just hanging out with their friends. The date of the next Activity Night will be announced shortly.

Have a wonderful week.