

My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.

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A happy belated Mother's Day to all the moms in Acton and Boxborough. I hope you were able to relax and enjoy your day. My daughters served their mother eggs benedict, with extra egg shell for calcium, and coffee in bed with the Sunday paper. Add in a movie and dinner out and we had a great day.

The final 7th grade dance of the year was held last Friday night and it was a roaring success. It was the first 7th grade dance in the evening and the students were great. Thanks to Kellie Fahey, Jeanne Goulet, Officer Dan Silva, Rebecca Mitchell, Doug Mariscal, Heather Pochatek, and Pat Higgins for chaperoning the event. Special thanks go to mothers Brenda Laymanche, Solonge Richards, Beth Petr, and Beth Schragger for spending part of their Mother's Day weekend with us.

This Tuesday night, May 11th, from 6 – 7pm, is my next parent drop-in. I have found these informal conversations very enlightening and enjoyable. Feel free to pop in to ask a question, raise a concern, or just to shoot the breeze.

Next Thursday, May 13th, is the English Language Arts (ELA) Long Composition MCAS make-up date for grade 7 students. If your 7th grader missed school on March 30th he/she will be expected to take this section of the test. The next round of the MCAS for all students begins the following week, starting on Monday May 17th. Remember that no preparation is necessary. The students and teachers have worked all year preparing for this process and I am confident that every RJG student will do well. All we recommend is a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

I would also like to thank all the parents who have written to express their support and willingness to help on the Canobie Lake trip. At this time, we are able to supervise the event with RJG staff. If, however, for any reason we need additional chaperones, we will contact the people who have expressed an interest and ask for volunteers.