

That you may retain your self-respect, it is better to displease the people by doing what you know is right, than to temporarily please them by doing what you know is wrong.

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The great weather this weekend is helping the Hardimons through our American Idol withdrawals. We did a lot of yard work as well as went to a couple BBQs. I even got a chance to sneak in an early morning round of golf before I took over “kid duty” and ran a series of softball drills at the park. Word to the wise, just because they are small does not mean they can’t blast a line drive at Dad’s face!

Last week offered some excitement around the school. Congratulations to the Band Director Mark Hickey for his great work with the 7th, 8th, and Jazz Bands. Their Spring Concert was a fantastic event. We also had our first RJG Virtual Art Show Reception on Wednesday evening. Art teacher Holly Vlajinac put together an amazing web page where anyone can go and see some of the outstanding art work created at RJG. If you want to see the work, just go to the RJG website (<http://ab.mec.edu/rjweb/index.html>) and click on the Virtual Art Show link. All I can say is that the level of musical and artistic talent in one building is unbelievable.

On the other hand, there were some less impressive moments at RJG last week. On Tuesday, a container of curdled milk was splashed in the 600 wing which led to a foul odor throughout the building. Luckily it did not rise above the nuisance level. The custodians did a great job of cleaning up the mess and ventilating the building. Unfortunately, we also had a rash of thefts from the boy’s locker room again. Let me be very clear that we take such incidents extremely seriously. Parents, please talk to your child about these incidents. Encourage them to see Ms. Tessier, Ms. Higgins, or me if they have any information which will assist in this investigation. We are working with the Acton Police to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. With that said, I implore you to remind your child not to bring anything valuable, including cash, to the locker room as there is no means to lock up items individually. If your child must bring important things to school, these items should be locked in their hallway locker or given to the PE teachers for safe keeping.

As many of you may be aware, every year the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School runs Project Graduation, a post graduation, all night, supervised event which allows graduating students to have fun in a safe environment. Because of the building project at the high school, this year's Project Graduation will be held here at RJG and is scheduled for June 4. To allow the parent volunteers to set up for the evening, **there will be no after school events in the building on Friday. All students must leave the building immediately after school.** Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in making this year’s Project Graduation the best ever!