

*"More than any other time in history, mankind faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness. The other, to total extinction. Let us pray we have the wisdom to choose correctly."*

**Woody Allen**

# Grey Matters

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To break the ice when I met parents this summer, I used a joke about being a cubs fans and that, unlike the Red Socks fans, Cubs fans are the only "true" fans because "we" love a team we know will never win and don't complain about it. I was surprised at how much of a reaction I got and have thoroughly enjoyed the anti-Cubs grief I have been getting from parents, kids, and teachers. In reality, baseball is not a sport to which I pay much attention. Now the joke is on me. Having shot my mouth off so much about the Cubs I have found myself watching all the games and hoping for a Cub victory. Clearly the kiss of death! Next year, after the Cubs win of course, I am going back to ignoring baseball. I need the sleep!

This morning (Wednesday) there was a minor accident with two of our school buses in the high school parking lot (bus B5 from Boxborough and bus 9 from Acton). Apparently, as one bus was unloading students, another bus bumped the first bus from behind. Although it was a bit disconcerting, there were no injuries. As a precaution, Erin Livie, our school nurse, is meeting with each RJG student on the buses to confirm that they are fine and will contact parents if there is any reason for concern.

This week, some parents may receive an Interim Report regarding their child. Interim Reports are a communiqué to parents regarding changes in behavior or performance. The criterion for these reports is not necessarily a failing grade. Staff are encouraged to send these reports if there is any dramatic changes of which parents should be made aware prior to receiving the report card (e.g. A – C) or, for that matter, a dramatic improvement. As always you are encouraged to contact your child's team with any concerns you may have regarding your child's performance.

The following is a copy of a letter that was sent home last Friday regarding the grade eight trip to Minuteman Regional High School:

*Every fall the entire eighth grade class at RJ Grey visits Minuteman Regional High School in Lexington for a tour of the school and a chance to learn about their unique programs. This year's trip will take place on Wednesday, October 29. Our eighth graders and their teachers will leave RJ Grey at 8:30 AM and travel by school bus to Minuteman. Lunch will be provided. Following the tour, our students will return to the junior high by 1:00 PM. There is no cost for this trip.*

*This is a terrific opportunity for our students to learn about the curriculum at Minuteman and to see this school as a viable alternative to attending Acton Boxborough Regional High School. In addition, our students learn about the many Minuteman extracurricular programs that are available to them this year. Since Minuteman Regional High School does not hold classes for their students on this day, they give complete attention to our students. The brochure accompanying this letter will give you more information about the course offerings at Minuteman.*

Have a great week. Go Cubbies!!!