

*“Little darling, it's been a long, cold lonely winter.
Little darling, it's been so long since you've been here.
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun,
And I say it's all right.”*

George Harrison

Grey Matters

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Perhaps in a few weeks I will start to take it for granted, but for now I am ecstatic with the presence of the spring weather. Give me a sappy lawn any day over snow. All I need is the local golf courses to open and I am in heaven!

Please join me in welcoming another new member to the RJG family. Elaine Donna Stameris, daughter of our own Phil and Chris Stameris, was born last Friday at 6:15AM. Congratulations Chris and Phil!

Although RJG is an extremely supportive and safe school, it is also a large community of over one thousand citizens (not including Community Education) and as such, suffers from many of the maladies of any society. Specifically, I am addressing the issue of theft. While there is an extremely low frequency of such problems, thefts do occasionally happen and we all need to be careful and use common sense. Every year we tell the students in class and in the handbook that they should not bring their valuables to school.

Items such as MP3 players, walkmen, phones, and cash (other than lunch money) really have no place at school. If any of these items must be brought to school, students should store them in their lockers and lock the locker (some students leave their lockers unlocked risking security for convenience). While we investigate every reported theft and often recover the missing items, there is no guarantee. The best way to avoid such problems is not to bring valuables to school.

As mentioned previously, Wednesday marks the beginning of the “MCAS Season.”

Grade 7 students will take the English Language Arts Long Composition test while grade 8 students tackle the Reading Tryout. Please help us make the day successful by being sure that all students are well rested, have had a good breakfast, and arrive on time. RJG students have always performed extremely well in the MCAS, and I have absolute faith that they will do so again.