

*"If you want to have your place in the sun, you've got to put up with a few blisters..."*  
Abigail van Buren

# Grey Matters

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I hope you have your calendars marked because Thursday night is the RJG Back To School Night! From 7 – 9PM, parents/guardians of current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to come to school to meet their child's teachers and learn about the programs and plans for the year. Following their child's schedule, parents will go to each class for a brief presentation by the teacher. The goal of the evening is to provide parents with an opportunity to meet the teachers and to gain a better understanding of the material covered this year. Unfortunately, teachers will not be available to answer specific questions about individual children. If you have such questions and/or comments, please schedule a separate time when both you and the teacher will have enough time to address them.

I am very excited to announce that RJG's Activity Night is back! Sponsored by Acton Community Education and ABRSD, Activity Night is a bi-monthly evening of activities just for RJG seventh and eighth graders. This is an exciting program that provides kids with an opportunity to socialize with their peers on a Saturday night in a safe, supervised, and stimulating environment.

The first Activity Night of the year is this coming Saturday night, October 2, from 7-9:30PM. The building will be open for RJ Grey students to watch a movie ("13 Going On 30"); play foosball, board games, and ping pong; indulge in some munchies; and do karaoke with the Night Life staff. Tickets will be on sale during lunch periods next week in the cafeteria for \$5 (snacks will be sold that night). Tickets are limited and will not be available at the door, so please encourage your child to purchase a ticket early for a terrific night of fun!

It is wonderful to see the after school clubs, sports, and activities start up again. In addition to soccer, field hockey, and cross country, I have also heard announcements for the Chess and Board Games Club, the Adopt a Grandparents Club, Science Olympiad, and the new Tolkien Society, all of which are now meeting each week. More clubs and activities should be coming on line soon. Studies suggest that students who take an active role in extra curricular activities are happier, healthier, and more successful in school. Parents, please encourage your child to listen to the announcements to learn when these activities meet and get involved!