

*“When my daughter was about seven years old, she asked me one day what I did at work. I told her I worked at the college - that my job was to teach people to draw. She stared back at me - incredulous - and said, ‘You mean they forget?’ ”*

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Report cards for Term 1 will be coming home this week. Students will be bringing them home and parents and guardians are asked to be on the look out for this important report. In addition to reviewing the grades, please let us know if there are any errors in the demographic data (i.e. spelling of names, correct address, etc.). Questions regarding grades should be directed to the specific teacher. Demographic corrections should be directed to the RJ Grey main office.

Please be aware that the Parent and Guardian Conference Request Form will be attached to the report card. Conferences will be held on December 8th, 15th, and January 5th, from 11:30AM - 2:30PM. Please identify your preferred date on the request form, the teachers with whom you wish to meet, and return the form as soon as possible. While conferences are scheduled on a first- come- first- serve basis, every effort will be made to accommodate your specific request regarding conference times.

As many of you will remember, the students and staff of RJG recognized those who lost their lives and loved ones in the 9/11 attacks by making beautiful paper cranes. Those cranes hung for many months in the front lobby of our school, admired by all. Time took its toll on this wonderful display and the deteriorating cranes were removed in the spring of 2004. While the cranes were replaced with the Unity Project currently on display, the cranes were carefully stored until an appropriate and respectful disposal could be arranged. I am pleased to say that last week, Chief Bob Craig of the Acton Fire Department picked up the cranes and included them in last Friday’s Veteran’s Day flag burning ceremony sponsored by the American Legion. Thanks go to Chief Craig and our own Marcia Charter for arranging this respectful event.

RJG has a tradition of community service. One such project is 7 Green’s annual Coat Drive. In conjunction with Anton’s Cleaners and the Salvation Army, 7 Green will collect and deliver coats to Anton’s Cleaners where they will be cleaned free of charge, and distributed to those in need in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Please bring in a usable winter coat for a child, teen, or adult and deposit it into the boxes in the lobby. In years past we have collected between 200 and 500 coats each year. Please help make this year’s coat drive a big success. The drive will continue through the month of November. Only coats in good condition should be donated.

It is getting colder! Do you have your A- B sweatshirt yet? 7 Red will be selling sweatshirts from Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This time we will take orders for the correct size. If you are interested, please bring a check made out to RJ Grey for \$25 to our table next to the school store to place your order. Marcia Charter will also be taking money and orders. The sweatshirts will be here in early December. We also have t-shirts available for \$10.

Money generated from these sales will be sent to a school damaged or destroyed by the recent hurricanes (AND they are warm and have pockets and hoods if the temperature drops inside our buildings and homes!).

We are continuing to have difficulty maintaining a safe student drop off in the morning. Apparently, there have been additional near misses and dangerous incidents. While we all understand the hectic pace of the morning, it is extremely important that everyone cooperate with our procedures. Please enter the lower parking lot off of Charter Road. With the school on the passenger side of the car, only drop off your children at the base of the steps in the lower parking lot. If everyone cooperates, potential accidents can be easily avoided.

Have any parents and guardians noticed that the pile of clothing in your child's room is getting smaller? I hate to tell you this but it is probably not because of a dramatic improvement in putting things away. It is more likely that those items, usually lying across their floor, are currently sitting in our Lost and Found. Please make sure students check to see if their items are still in the school building before it is too late. We will be emptying the lost and found on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and donating the items to charity.

Our next 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance is this coming Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30PM – 8:30PM. Tickets will go on sale this week in homeroom and will not be sold at the door.

Have a great week!