

“If a man insisted always on being serious, and never allowed himself a bit of fun and relaxation, he would go mad or become unstable without knowing it.”

Herodotus (484 BC - 430 BC)

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One of the long standing traditions of RJG has been the special end of year activities. Whether it has been an off-site BBQ or a day at an amusement park, we have provided our students with an opportunity to interact with their friends across all teams and to celebrate the completion of a successful school year.

While more detailed information will be coming home over the next few weeks, I wanted to let everyone know that our plans for this year is to take the 7th graders on a Harbor Cruise in Boston and the 8th graders to Canobie Lake Park. The cost of the day is likely to range between \$20-\$30. While these types of activities have become more expensive than we would like, the staff of RJG believe that such activities are a valuable part of the RJG experience and warrants continuation. Parents and guardians, your thoughts on this matter are important. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

As some of you may be aware, there has been a lot of publicity regarding a dangerous activity children may be engaging in called “The Choking Game”. Without getting into detail, it is my understanding that kids choke themselves until they pass out in an effort to get “high.” In fact, a 14 year old boy from New Hampshire died a couple weeks ago playing this game. I want to be clear that I have no reason to believe that kids at RJG are participating in this game. At the same time, I have no reason to be sure that they are not. Parents and guardians, I encourage you to have a conversation with your child about this and other risky behavior. As uncomfortable and scary as it may be, taking such issues head on is the best way to keep all our kids safe.

On a lighter note, the lost and found bin is beginning to look like the back corner of the old Filenes Basement. Please remind your students/children to find their lost/misplaced items right away. Everything left in the bin at the end of the day on Tuesday, March 14th, will be donated to charity.

175 7th and 8th graders from RJG attended the opening of Danny’s Place on Friday evening. Danny’s Place officially opened this past weekend and provides students in Grades 6-12 a welcoming, safe place to interact, relax, and even do homework. The weekly schedule for Danny’s place can be found on their website, <http://cwsview.net/dphome.html>

Project Wellness is this Wednesday, March 15th, at Merrimack College. All 7th grade students will be bringing home a flyer this afternoon with registration information,

directions and bus information. The drive time to Merrimack can take far longer than you might expect due to the early rush hour traffic. **Please leave early to allow for delays.** For those students taking the bus, the bus will return to RJ Grey at 3:15. Please be sure to arrange for transportation home for your child at that time. We are looking forward to a great day.