

*“In fact, I’ve come to the conclusion that I never did know anything about it.”*  
**Thomas Edison on electricity**

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The outdoor soccer season has finally begun. I spent a very cold hour Saturday morning trying to stay warm and dry while my 9 year old daughter sloshed through a muddy soccer field. Luckily, Sunday proved to be a beautiful day. Ya’ gotta love spring sports in New England!

In the past few weeks, we have seen an increase in students running in the hallway at RJG. Although this is a perennial issue in all schools, such actions have recently led to situations in which students and staff members have been hurt. While there have been no serious injuries, it was time to address this issue as a school. Accordingly, this morning I held a series of grade level assemblies where I talked to the students about these safety concerns. I said that while most students were behaving appropriately, there were enough problems to warrant a full assembly. I reiterated our expectation that they behave in a safe and respectful manner throughout the school day, and reviewed the consequences that could result from failing to do so. Parents and guardians, please discuss this expectation with your child. Working together as a team with a common message will allow us to create and maintain a safe learning environment.

Tuesday evening, April 11th, is my next “drop-in” hour. With  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the school year behind us, you may have thoughts, questions, or concerns about your experiences, next year, or the latest Palm gizmos. If so, this is a great time to swing by for a chat.

For the last three years, Perry Alison has been the director for the RJG school musicals. Pirates of Penance, Seussical the Musical, and Honk! were magnificent productions that highlighted student talent in an exciting and supportive environment. For the coming year, Perry has decided to step down from this position and work with Open Door Theatre instead. Perry's commitment and enthusiasm has been much appreciated!

Perry’s departure leaves us in search of a director for next year’s musical. Parents, guardians, staff: if you are interested, please send me a letter of interest. For further details, please see the job description on our website.

Please remember that there is no school on Friday. Have a great week and a wonderful vacation.