

"It is our responsibilities, not ourselves, that we should take seriously."

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I am often envious of those who travel to warm, sunny destinations during the April break, but our local weather last week proved to be quite beautiful as well. Similar to last year, the traditional nasty cold rain held out until the weekend. I hope everyone had a chance to get out and enjoy the great weather.

While the warm weather allows us to play golf without a parka, it also provides us with the opportunity to interact with bugs. As anyone who has been on a picnic knows, ants love food. If they can smell food, they will find a way to get it. I am bringing this to everyone's attention as ants are a perennial problem in many homes and buildings, and RJG is no exception. Parents and guardians, if your child is bringing a lunch to school, please make sure it is tightly sealed in either a container or a plastic bag. Of even greater import is that students do not leave extra food or crumbs in their lockers. Once ants are enticed to one locker, they have a bad tendency to explore the rest of the neighborhood. Please help keep RJG bug free.

This Wednesday, April 26th, is the RJG 6th grade Orientation Night for parents and guardians of incoming 7th graders. Building Department Leaders, the Assistant Principals, and I will give a presentation on the academic offerings of our school and will be available to answer questions about the programs RJG has to offer. This will be a great opportunity for parents new to RJG to learn about the school as well.

On June 7, we will be holding our 6th Grade Social. This is an opportunity for incoming 7th graders from all our elementary schools to have a chance to meet. During this time, members of the RJG staff, community representatives, and I will hold a panel discussion for parents regarding adolescent adjustment issues and the support services available at RJG.

It is hard to believe, but now that we are past the April break, we only have about 8 more weeks of school. It is time for everyone to take their rejuvenated energy and focus it on digging in and getting everything done. There is a lot more work to be completed before the year ends and we need everyone to stay focused on the tasks at hand.