

*“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”*

**John F. Kennedy**

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Even as we approach the end of the school year, our students continue to be actively engaged in the democratic process. Last week, candidates for Student Council office participated in our primaries with close to 40 students running for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please join me in congratulating our finalists: Kristen Gargiulo and Julia Baum for Secretary, Jack Kelly and Brendan Donoghue for Treasurer, Natalie Gruet and Taylor Jackman for Vice President, and Xenia Jarostchuk and Michelle McGahan for President. On behalf of the RJG faculty, I would like to thank all of the candidates for participating in the Student Council Primary elections. Everyone was impressed with the time, effort and energy that went into preparing speeches, campaigning, and creating and hanging posters. There were many strong candidates, giving our students some great choices for the four available positions. This afternoon, the two finalists for each office will give a speech during X block in the auditorium to the entire 7th grade followed immediately by the election.

This coming Wednesday evening, we are holding our annual 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social where incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents/guardians from each of six sending schools come to RJG to learn more about the school. During this time, students have an opportunity to connect with one another while a DJ plays music and leads a number of fun activities. Concurrently, the parents/guardians are able to listen to a panel of staff, students, parents, and members of the AB community talk about the 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade transition and the support services available within the RJG and in the community.

This Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, is our annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation dance. This event is a wonderful way for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to celebrate two successful years at RJG relaxing, dancing and hanging out with friends. Tickets will be on sale all week in homeroom and, as always, will not be available at the door. Please remember that this dance is for RJG 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only.

As we are all aware, there are only a few weeks left to the school year. This means that as thoughts of vacation emerge, the energy for school work starts to wane. Parents/guardians, please help us keep our students focused on the final tasks of the year. Everyone has done a fantastic job, and it would be a shame to drop the ball so close to the finish line.

Have a good week.