

*“If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.”*

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A belated Happy Father's Day to all our A-B dads. Whether you spent the day with family and friends, on the golf course, the beach or in front of the barbecue grill, I hope you enjoyed your special day.

Our end of the year field trips were a tremendous success. The majority of RJ Grey student participated and had a fantastic time. An extra bonus was the beautiful weather. Students on the Canobie Lake Park trip enjoyed water rides, the roller coaster, and Starblaster. Students on the Grade 7 Harbor Cruise spent most of their time outside, enjoying the views of Boston Harbor. No trip would be complete, however, without a few glitches and our day was no exception. On the Canobie Lake Park trip, one of the buses started backfiring and eventually broke down on the ride home. Luckily, the two trailing buses pulled over, immediately transferred all the students and staff off the broken bus, and brought everyone back to school with no more than a ten-minute delay. The team work was impressive. The Boston Harbor Cruise also ran into a problem when the caterer realized that they had left the juice boxes behind. Luckily, free soft drinks were made available for everyone. I want to thank the staff of RJG for making each of these trips fun and exciting for our students. We enjoyed the day.

Last Thursday, the students and staff of RJG enjoyed a “Make Your Own Sundae” party sponsored by Anton's Cleaners. As you may recall, RJG participates in a coat drive every winter. Although team 7 Green runs this activity solely as a community service project, it is also a competition between local school districts. The school that donates the most coats wins \$1000 and an ice cream party. Much to our surprise, RJG was the winning school and accordingly, representatives from Anton's brought tubs of ice cream, and toppings for everyone. The \$1000 will be donated to the Acton Food Pantry. Thanks to the organizational skills of Jan Couch, Maryfran Doiron, and Larry Fliegelman, over 950 students were able to make and enjoy their sundae right after lunch. This event could not have occurred without the assistance of the nationally renowned ice cream scoopers Kathleen Finn, Bobbie Chiauzzi, Darcy Sidwell, Kathy Chappell, Laurie Gatley, Lyn Malloy, Monique Gross, Patty Higgins, Suzanne Flannery, Colleen McGovern, Sue Hennessey, Janice Boyce, Jean Doelp, Bonnie Masserang, Diane Hryniewich, Elisheva Hochberg, Madeline Oka, Sharon Duquette, Mary Amato, and Laura Sikalis.

It is the end of a wonderful school year and I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation. To parents and guardians, let me take this opportunity to thank you for all of the support you have given our school throughout the year. Working together as a

team, we have created a web of support within which our students have learned essential skills and met personal and academic goals. Your participation in the educational experience of the school has been an essential part of our success.

I also want to express my gratitude and admiration for the teachers at RJ Grey. Their ongoing commitment to our students as well as their encouragement and support is unsurpassed. They have provided a curriculum that has promoted a comprehensive academic foundation, critical thinking skills, and personal achievement.

As our students move ahead to their next set of challenges, I wish them continued energy and motivation to persist and achieve. On behalf of the RJ Grey faculty, it has been an honor to be part of the lives of our young adults, to watch them take risks, grow and succeed.

Have a wonderful summer.