

"There's an alternative. There's always a third way, and it's not a combination of the other two ways. It's a different way."

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On Friday, we held our second 8th grade dance of the year. Chatting and laughing, with a little less dancing than usual, the 160+ students in attendance had a great time. Thanks go to chaperones Joyce Kelly, Liza Huber, Pat Garrison, Mary Emmons, Brandy Schmirer, and Holly Vlajinac as well as to parents Peggy Barach, Donna Bottari, and Bonnie Masserang for all of their time and assistance. I also want to thank all the parents and guardians who picked up their children so quickly after the dance. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Did you happen see the article in the Sunday's Globe about RJG science teacher Mae Shoemaker? It is an inspirational article worthy of your time. You can find a copy at the link below:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/11/19/coach_is_a_living_example_of_fighter?p1=email_to_a_friend

Report cards for Term 1 will be coming home this week. Students will be bringing them home and parents and guardians are asked to be on the lookout for this important report. In addition to reviewing the grades, please let us know if there are any errors in the demographic data (i.e. spelling of names, correct address, etc.). Questions regarding grades should be directed to each specific teacher. Demographic corrections should be directed to the RJ Grey main office.

Please be aware that the Parent and Guardian Conference Request Form will be attached to the report card. Conferences will be held on December 7, 14, and January 4, from 11:30AM - 2:30PM. Please identify your preferred date on the request form, the teachers with whom you wish to meet, and return the form as soon as possible. While conferences are scheduled on a first-come first-serve basis, every effort will be made to accommodate your specific request regarding conference times.

Have any parents and guardians noticed that the pile of clothing in your child's room is getting smaller? I hate to tell you this, but it is probably not because of a dramatic improvement in putting things away. It is more likely that those items, usually lying across their floor, are currently sitting in our Lost and Found. Please make sure students check to see if their items are still in the school building before it is too late. We will be emptying the lost and found on Wednesday, November 22, and donating the items to charity.

With the Thanksgiving break soon upon us, I want to remind all parents and guardians to let the office know if your child will be out of school for one or multiple days. Knowing about such absences ahead of time allows us to better prepare in both the classroom and the front office.

This Wednesday, we will be following a special schedule. After following a truncated schedule, students will attend an all school Thanksgiving Assembly which will include student speeches and performances by the school Chorus and Band. It is a wonderful time for students and faculty to pause and reflect on the blessings we have as a school and as part of the Acton-Boxborough community as a whole.

Following this assembly, students will be dismissed at 11:06AM for the Thanksgiving break.

Have a wonderful holiday weekend.