

“Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.”

Mark Twain

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It appears that many members of the RJG community have been affected by the latest round colds and viruses and the Hardimon Clan is no exception. My 5th grade daughter and I have been down for the count for much of last week but we appear to finally be on the mend. Drink plenty of fluids and hope this one passes by your household. Trust me!

Last Thursday was the first of three scheduled parent/guardian and teacher conference sessions (12/7, 12/14, and 1/4). The afternoon was very successful. Teachers were able to share important student information and parents and guardians were provided with an opportunity to learn a little more about their child’s progress. This coming Thursday, December 14th, school will again be dismissed at 10:40AM for the second parent/guardian and teacher conference session.

Last Friday afternoon the Student Council sponsored the 2nd 7th Grade dance. Take 300 7th graders, provide them with a space to socialize with their friends, add music that they can dance to and you have a recipe for success. Thanks go to chaperones Maryfran Doiron, Jon Duclos, Annelyse Roach, Dave Peterson, Hye Kyung Dragone, Gerri Atkins, Jeanne Goulet, Chris Mohn, Janet Rodero, and Heidi Porten. I would also like to thank the following parents for their assistance: Karen Sullivan, Ronit Ben-Shir, Libby Reichlen, Keith Gutfreund, Susan Richmond, and Susan Ropiak.

If you peruse the Winter 2007 issue of the Acton Community Education Interaction magazine, you might want to check under Teen Topics. Beginning in January, three RJG staff members will be running a “Teen Homework Hall”, offering homework supervision and support to grade 7 and 8 students after school. Participants are expected to bring in their academic work, and/or reading assignments. The weekly schedule, fees, and specific dates are outlined on page 18 of the Interaction magazine and on the Community Education web page <http://comed.ab.mec.edu/fall99/start.htm>.

This Tuesday night, from 6PM – 7PM is my monthly drop in hour. I have had a number of great conversations with parents during this time and encourage anyone with a question, comment, or feedback to come on by.

8 Gold is sponsoring Toys for Tots this holiday season. The toy collection begins today and runs until Tuesday, December 19th. Toys must be new, unused, and unwrapped, and may be dropped off in the box in the front lobby. Thank you in advance for supporting this cause this holiday season.

It is time again to empty our Lost and Found bin. 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 Friday, December 22nd and donating the items to charity.

Have a wonderful week.

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