

“The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball.”

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After the warm winter, I was very pleased that the weather changed to provide the perfect environment for the annual RJG Ski Trip. On Saturday morning, 150 of our 7th and 8th graders headed up to Waterville Valley Ski Resort and attacked the mountain with glee. One group of students took lessons, while others tackled the slopes and moguls. A small band of wild eyed snow boarders assaulted the terrain park as well. Aside from a few lost items, not to mention the sore legs of an apparently aging principal, the trip was a grand success.

Such a venture could not have happened without the extensive planning and organization of RJG's own Heather Pochatek. With Maryfran Doiron's assistance, they provided a wonderful experience for all involved. I also want to thank staff chaperones Elizabeth Broadwater and Sandy Egnatz, as well as our parent chaperones Nancy Meagher, Michelle Kilpatrick, Vadim Teverovsky, Carol Knowles, Maryanne Shea, Philip Belanger, Brad Botkin, Richard Cail, Mike Hyland, Steve Stecklow, Rachna Bhatnagar, and James Russell. We appreciate everyone's willingness to give up a Saturday for this great trip to happen.

Second term report cards will be distributed early this week. Parents and guardians, please be sure to review this important document with your child. It is a great opportunity to offer praise for successes and support for those areas in need of improvement. While formal conferences are behind us, please remember that teachers are available by phone or email to address any questions or concerns you may have. When receiving feedback, students always benefit when home and school work together as a team.

As a reminder, the results of the 2006 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, completed last spring, will be presented this Wednesday, February 7th, at 7PM in the RJG auditorium. The presentation of YRBS results will be presented by Statistician Jim Byrne, followed by a panel discussion with: Jessica Rubinstein, Pediatrician; Stephen Hitzrot, AB Counseling/Psychological Services Chairperson; Dr. Carolyn Imperato, AB Wellness Coordinator; Keith Cambell, Acton Youth Officer; and Craig Hardimon, RJG Principal. This is important information for us to discuss and think about together. Try not to miss it!