

“Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sun-dial in the shade?”
Benjamin Franklin

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Having seen the opening performance of Annie Warbucks, the never ending talent of the RJG student body is a joy to behold. It is hard to believe that so many students with such great singing voices could be found in one school. I was equally impressed with our students' dancing ability. From three boys doing 'the ol' soft shoe' to large groups moving in intricate serpentine patterns, I couldn't take my eyes off of them. Congratulations to musical director Bob Specian and producers Peggy Barach and Bonnie Maserang, and a special Acton Boxborough welcome extended to choreographer Liza Levy and director Sam Hammel. I encourage you to order your tickets before it is too late. Talented students, and wonderful music and choreography make for a very special show that you won't want to miss.

Throughout the school year, I have commented on the many community service learning projects completed by our students. Recently, these activities have been noticed beyond our Acton-Boxborough community. In the most recent issue of New England Wild Flower (Vol. 10, No. 3, 2006), there is a brief article about 8 Green's community service project at the arboretum last September where students weeded gardens, improved trails, and planted trees. Also included in the article are 6 poems written by students who participated in the project. While I know we are all continually impressed with our community minded students and staff, it is wonderful to receive such public recognition.

The World Language Department hosts their annual celebration of National Foreign Language Week (March 5 – 8) with an opening concert performed by nationally renowned musician Tony Vacca. Specializing in World Music, Tony Vacca and his fellow musicians use traditional African, Afro-Cuban, and American sounds and rhythms as a means to celebrate cultural diversity and global awareness.

Additionally this week, students will participate in presentations in their French and Spanish classes, and sample a variety of ethnic foods. The week will end on Thursday with a European breakfast hosted by our own World Language Teachers.

On Tuesday, March 6th, RJG students will participate in the Acton Boxborough Pan Choral Concert in the Acton Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium at 7PM. I've enjoyed listening to them rehearse in the lobby and anticipate a great show.

Just a reminder that Friday, March 9th, is the Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Professional Day. For students, this means a long weekend. For teachers, professional development is a process of continuous learning and the district is committed to providing high-quality professional development opportunities for its staff. This year, the RJG faculty and staff will analyze the results of our self-study surveys. Additional information regarding the district's Professional Day can be found on the district website: <http://ab.mec.edu/curriculum/proffdevelop.shtml>

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