

*“Children despise their parents until the age of forty, when they suddenly become just like them, thus preserving the system.”*

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As you are all aware, a bullet was found outside of our building at dismissal time last Thursday. The Acton Police were on site immediately. The following morning, the custodial staff made a sweep of the building, and no new items of concern were found. Additionally, Officer Goodemote and I were outside and met the students as they entered the building.

The Acton Police Department is investigating the situation and should any information be identified, I will pass it on as appropriate. I would like to personally thank the members of the Acton Police Department and members of the RJG staff for their response and support.

I am proud to say that our students continue to be actively engaged in the democratic process. Last Wednesday during X-block, Secretary finalists Cam Robertson and Peter Sikalis, Treasurer finalists Jerry Fang and Trevor Magee, Vice President finalists Zach Ballard and Ellen Conway, and President finalists Peter Connell and Olga Pyatnychko each presented wonderful campaign speeches to the entire 7th grade. The election immediately followed. Please join me in congratulating our new student council officers: Secretary – Cam Robertson; Treasurer – Jerry Fang; Vice President – Ellen Conway; and President – Peter Connell.

This coming Wednesday evening, we are holding our annual 6th Grade Social where incoming 7th graders and their parents/guardians from each of the six sending schools come to RJG to learn more about our school. During this time, students have an opportunity to connect with one another while a DJ plays music and leads a number of fun activities. Concurrently, the parents/guardians are able to listen to a panel of staff, students, parents, and members of the AB community talk about the 6th–7th grade transition and the support services available within RJG and in the community.

Performing under the superb leadership of Mark Hickey and Bob Specian, members of the 8th grade Band and Chorus performed at the Great East Festival in Agawam last Friday. We have a superb Performing Arts program at RJG, and the students gave a fantastic performance. The musical talent of this group is impressive and a wonderful reflection on our school. Congratulations to all!

Last week, end-of-year field trip forms were sent home for parent/guardian signatures. Parents/guardians, if your child has not submitted a form stating whether or not they are

attending, please remind him/her to submit it immediately. This information is essential as we finalize plans for each activity.

This Friday, June 8th, is the Acton Boxborough Regional High School Graduation which takes place in our backyard on Leary Field. From student rehearsals to finalizing the seating arrangements, the field will be a buzz of activities. Congratulations to the ABRHS seniors. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Have a great week!

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