

"Drama is life with the dull bits cut out."

Alfred Hitchcock

Grey Matters

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While I am absolutely thrilled with the Pats win, the Giants/Packers game was the most exciting. Even though I was watching the game comfortably from my couch, I found myself reaching for an extra blanket watching those two teams play in below zero weather. I was on the edge of my seat by the time Lawrence Tynes finally redeemed himself, kicking the winning field goal in overtime. While it would have been wonderful for Packers quarterback Brett Favre to make it to one last Superbowl, I think Favre and his Packers were the only remaining team with a chance of beating the indomitable Pats. 19 and 0 is just around the corner!

Please join me in congratulating The RJ Grey Choruses for a wonderful performance last Tuesday evening! Under the superb direction of Bob Specian, the 7th and 8th grade choruses sang a number of selections of various styles with tons of energy and musicianship. With nearly 200 total choral members singing and moving together, it was an impressive evening and a joy to watch. A big "Thank You!" goes out to Larry Williams - accompanist, Beth Abrahams - crowd control, Jeanne Goulet - lights and Allen Warner - sound.

The good news is that there is more wonderful entertainment at RJG. Tonight, January 22nd, is the Winter Band Concert under the leadership of ABRSD Performing Arts Director Mark Hickey. So setup your TiVo to record American Idol and get yourself to RJG by 7:30PM. You don't want to miss this show!

In an effort to enhance parental involvement, we are encouraging parents/guardians to assist the staff in chaperoning junior high dances and socials. The next dance is scheduled for this Friday, January 25th. As the dance is for the 8th grade class, only parents of 7th grade students can be considered. Parent chaperones would not be serving refreshments in the lobby, but instead would be supervising in the gym with other staff members. Parent chaperones would need to arrive by 6:15PM to meet staff and receive instructions. The dance concludes at 8:30PM at which time parents can plan to leave. If you would like to be considered for this activity, please call or email me and we can discuss your participation. Please be aware that you must be CORI approved.

Next Monday, January 28th, from 7:00PM to 8:30PM, we are holding our second RJG Parent Forum. This month's forum focuses on School Discipline:

Providing each student with guided experiences which promote cooperation and mutual respect is embedded into daily life at RJG. Supporting students in their quest for independence isn't always smooth. Hear about the approaches used at RJG to help students make good decisions and develop citizenship skills.

As the end of term two is just around the corner (Monday, January 28th), please encourage your children to touch base with their teachers to make sure all assignments have been completed. There is nothing worse than finishing a project and inadvertently not turning it in.

Seventh grade parents and guardians, if you have not already turned in your Project Wellness registration forms, please do so as soon as possible. Should you have any questions, please contact Assistant Principal Allison Warren, at ext 3303.

Have a great week.