

*“Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.”*

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# Grey Matters

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Last Friday evening, 250 enthusiastic 8th graders jumped, shouted, twirled, and laughed their way through another wonderful dance. I'd like to thank chaperones Vicki Weeks, Debbie Ahl, Susan Heartlein, Liza Huber, Elizabeth Warren, and Allen Warner for their support. Thanks go to parents Mong-yu Blancha, Lisa Klockner, Sandy Mika, and Keith Gutfreund for their assistance with refreshments as well.

Well before the sun rose on Saturday morning, 150 RJG students met in the parking lot to board the buses for our annual ski trip to Waterville Valley. Two hours later, we arrived at the resort for what proved to be a beautiful and adventure packed day. While there were a few bumps and bruises, everyone had great time. A round of applause goes to Elizabeth Broadwater for her picture perfect organization of the day. Thanks also go to all the staff and parents who chaperoned the day: Maryfran Doiron, Sandy Egnatz, Lynne Kondracki, Nancy Belanger, Karen Allred, Burke Allred, Tony Robbertz, Yvonne Benelli, Rhett Cahill, Carol Knowles, Gary Yu, Ken Surdan, James Russell, Aaron Watman, and Bob Phillips

Time is moving quickly and students have completed their first semester of school. Monday, January 28th marked the end of the second term and report cards are scheduled to be sent home the week of February 11th. Everyone in our RJG family – parents/guardians, staff, and students alike – should be proud of the great learning that has taken place so far this year.

This month's parent forum on school discipline is scheduled for Tuesday night, January 29 from 7:00PM – 8:30PM (*not Monday as written in last weeks GM*). Hope to see you there. The following is a brief description:

*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.*

Have a great week.