

*"Everyone is indispensable."
Jean Renoir*

Grey Matters

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While I suspect that anyone who went to Baja, the Caribbean, or to any other warm and exciting climate had a wonderful vacation, those of us who traveled no further than the far shores of Acton and Boxborough had amazing weather of our own. With temperatures last Wednesday in the 80s, it certainly felt like summer.

While the warm weather allows us to play golf without a parka, it also provides us with the opportunity to interact with bugs. As anyone who has been on a picnic knows, ants love food. If they can smell food, they will find a way to get it. I am bringing this to everyone's attention as ants are a perennial problem in many homes and buildings, and RJG is no exception. Parents and guardians, if your child is bringing a lunch to school, please make sure that it is packed in a tightly sealed container or a plastic bag. Of even greater importance is to remind students not to leave extra food or crumbs in their lockers. Once ants are enticed to one locker, their curiosity extends to the rest of the neighborhood. Please help keep RJG bug free.

This Wednesday, April 30, is the RJG 6th grade Orientation Night for parents and guardians of incoming 7th graders. Building Department Heads, RJG Assistant Principals and I will give a presentation on the academic programs offered at RJG, review the registration process, and answer questions. This is a great opportunity for parents new to RJG to learn about our school, from curricular offerings to extra-curricular activities. On June 9, we will be holding our annual 6th Grade Social, where incoming 6th graders from all six elementary schools will have a chance to meet one other. While students enjoy activities and ice cream, members of the RJG staff, community representatives and I hold a panel discussion for parents regarding adolescent development and the support services available at RJG.

It is hard to believe that there are only eight more weeks of school. I hope all of our students are returning from the April break rejuvenated; ready to dig in and get everything done. There is a lot more work to be completed before the year ends and we need everyone to stay focused on the tasks at hand.

Below are some important dates. Please make sure to mark your calendars.

May 1 & 2	6th grade Parents Visits to Jr. High	9:00AM - 1:00 PM
May 2	7th grade Dance	6:30-8:30PM
May 6	8th grade Picture Day	1:00PM
May 13-19	MCAS testing sessions	
May 13	Spring Band Concert	7:30PM
May 20	Spring Choral Concert	7:30PM
May 26	Memorial Day: NO SCHOOL	
June 9	6th grade Social	7-8:30PM
June 13	8th Grade Graduation Dance	7-9:30PM

Have a great week.