

“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.”

George Bernard Shaw

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I hope everyone was able to enjoy the Memorial Day weekend. The weather certainly proved to be wonderful, and there was plenty of time for soccer, softball, BBQs, and other fun events.

I am proud to say that our students continue to be actively engaged in the democratic process. Last week, candidates for Student Council office participated in our primaries with close to 40 students running for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please join me in congratulating our finalists: Ryan Barrett and David Zhao for Secretary, Saketh Jayanthi and Chris Walsh for Treasurer, Jack Kilpatrick and Suzanne Wang for Vice President, and Mike Altieri and Jake Yu for President. On behalf of the RJG staff, I would like to thank all of the candidates for participating in the Student Council Primary elections. Everyone was impressed with the time, effort and energy that went into preparing video taped speeches, campaigning, and creating and hanging posters. There were many strong candidates, giving our students some great choices for the four available positions. Monday afternoon, the two finalists for each office gave a speech during grey block in the auditorium to the entire 7th grade, followed by the election. At this time, I am pleased to announce that the winners are:

- Secretary: Ryan Barrett
- Treasurer: Chris Walsh
- Vice President: Suzanne Wang
- President: Jake Yu

The re-scheduled 7th Grade Dance/Ice Cream Social is this Friday, May 30, 2:30 – 4:30PM. Tickets are \$4 and will be on sale in homeroom all week. The theme for the dance is sports--students should come wearing something to support their favorite sports team.

Midterm reports for Term Four will be mailed this week. As I have mentioned before, midterm reports provide valuable information regarding student grades and performance half way through a term. Sometimes a midterm report provides good news and sometimes a midterm report provides suggestions for improvement. As there are very few weeks left before the end of the year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher(s) should you have any questions.

Have a wonderful week!

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