

“A man who views the world the same at fifty as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life.”

Muhammad Ali

Grey Matters

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Last Friday afternoon, the Student Council hosted the last 7th grade social of the year. With a sports theme, there was a plethora of colors from different teams and different sports. Putting aside the occasional Yankee fans and the strange man wearing a Chicago Cubs jersey (OK, I guess that one was me), it was a wonderful sight to behold. What made this social even more enjoyable was the added ice cream. For the first hour of the afternoon, students strolled through the small gym where they picked up bowls of ice cream and sprinkles. Given the beautiful weather, they then lounged around the front lawn talking and laughing with their friends. None of this could have occurred if it weren't for the help of staff members making sure everyone was enjoying themselves in a safe manner, and parents scooping ice cream and serving cookies and drinks. Thanks go to staff members: Debbie Ahl, Marc Lewis, Margaret Murray, Caroline O'Brien, Jon Duclos, Janet Rodero, Kerry Byrne, John Edmonds, Denise Roadman, Grady Roadman, George Roadman, Christine Duncan, Amanda Correia, Kellie Carter, Jeanne Goulet, Hye Kyung Dragone, and our new assistant principal Andrew Shen. Thanks also go to our parents: Sandy Billings, Linda Carroll, Jean Doelp, Susan Richmond, Pam Rogers, and Meghan Steines.

As many of you are aware, one of our traditional end-of-year events for students are the 7th and 8th grade Variety Shows. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate their special talents to their peers during two student assemblies on June 17. There is a wealth of talent in our entire student body. While I wish we could have accommodated all our auditioning students, I do commend everyone for their involvement and school spirit. This year, we will have approximately 18 student performances in each show including juggling, singing, piano, Indian dancing, mime, break dancing, rock bands, Chinese yoyo, Chinese Dulcimer (a musical instrument close to the xylophone, but that doesn't give it near as much credit as it should), Chinese Ehru (size of a ukulele, played like a viola), hip hop dancing, ukulele playing, and more. Thanks go to program directors Pam Reeves and Denise Roadman along with talent scouts and judges Allison Warren, Beth Abrams, Vicki Weeks, Bob Specian, Jeanne Goulet and Allen Warner.

This Friday, June 6, 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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