

*“The creative is the place where no one else has ever been. You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be yourself.”*

**Alan Alda**

# Grey Matters

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Last Monday night was RJG Back to School Night, and it was a wonderful evening. The building was jam packed with excited parents and guardians meeting their children’s teachers and learning about the curriculum for the year. I spoke with many parents throughout the evening, and one of the most common themes I heard was how impressed they were with the passion of the teachers and the supportive classroom environment they have created.

During my opening remarks I spoke about our commitment to strong home/school communication. If you did not get a chance to complete and submit the **“RJG Junior High Opening Days Feedback Form”** at Back to School Night or were unable to attend altogether, we still want to hear from you. Forms can be picked up and returned to the Main Office. If you prefer, please feel free to complete the form online by going to our school website <http://ab.mec.edu/rjweb/index.html> and clicking on the survey link under the “Latest News” heading.

We had a tremendous turn out for the first 8th grade dance of the year held last Friday evening. Three hundred students spent the night laughing, dancing, and hanging out with their friends--not to mention munching on chips and cookies. As already mentioned in an earlier email, there was a moment of concern when a student became unwell and was taken by ambulance to Emerson Hospital. The parents were contacted, and one of our staff traveled to the hospital as well. The student was discharged Friday evening and is doing well.

I want to thank chaperones Carmen Camella, Jon Duclos, Mary Emmons, Jim Goodemote, Jeanne Goulet, Liza Huber, Audra Kaplan, Susan Probolus, and Denise Roadman for their assistance in making the evening safe and enjoyable for our students. I’d also like to thank parents Elizabeth Carlin, Wendy Carpenter, Keith Gutfreund, Myrna Gutfreund, and Mary Tsacoyeanes for all their help and support.

Just a reminder that Monday, October 8th, is a holiday in honor of Columbus Day.

Have a good week.