

*“If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is a compromise.”*

**Robert Fritz**

# Grey Matters

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Each year, the RJG administrative team reviews our Building Evacuation Plan, created by RJG staff in collaboration with the Acton Police and Fire Departments. This plan includes emergency procedures for building evacuations as well as for emergency procedures where evacuation is not required (“Shelter in Place”). To ensure that our safety procedures are current and appropriate, administrators, staff, and students practice all procedures during the first few months of school. As ongoing evacuation drills help ensure that everyone is ready in case of an emergency, we will continue to teach our students the various emergency procedures we have in place and to offer practice opportunities throughout the year. RJG school safety is paramount in all our minds and preparation is a key component.

The RJG “Picture Retake Day” is this Wednesday, November 19. Parents and guardians: If your child was absent on picture day or forgot to place an order, this is your chance to have his/her picture taken and/or to order copies if you would like them. To order pictures, forms can be picked up in the front office and both the order form and your payment must be submitted to the photographer on Wednesday. If your child had pictures taken but would like a retake, the original portraits must be returned on Wednesday and submitted directly to the photographer.

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, seven students on 8 Green have volunteered to read their “This I Believe” essays during the morning announcements. These essays reflect their personal philosophies about life and insights that have shaped their daily actions and decisions.~ I have been extremely impressed with their writings and commend their courage for sharing their thoughts.

Please be aware that students will be bringing report cards for Term 1 home this week and you’ll want to be on the lookout for this important document. In addition to reviewing the grades, please let us know if there are any errors in your child’s demographic data (i.e. spelling of names, correct address, etc.). Questions regarding grades should be directed to each specific teacher. Demographic corrections should be directed to the RJ Grey main office.

It is important to note that a Parent and Guardian Conference Request Form will be attached to the report card. Conferences will be held on December 4, 11, and January 8, from 11:30AM - 2:30PM. Please identify your preferred date on the request form, the teachers with whom you wish to meet, and return the form to the Main Office as soon as

possible While conferences are scheduled on a first-come-first-serve basis, every effort will be made to accommodate your specific request regarding conference times.

As a reminder, my November Drop-in Hour is scheduled for this Tuesday evening from 6-7PM. Please feel free to swing by to share a thought, concern, or just to say hello.

Have a great week.

Craig