

*"We are what we pretend to be, so  
we must be careful about what we pretend to be."*

**Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.**

# Grey Matters

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Let me begin by thanking Allison Warren, Assistant Principal, and Katelyn Chakarian, School Counselor, for their seamless coordination of MCAS last week. I would also like to recognize the staff of RJG for their relaxed and supportive administration of all MCAS ELA requirements. For those students who missed a session, make-up sessions for the ELA I, II, and III are scheduled through the end of this week (April 6th - 9th). The make-up session for the 7th grade Long Composition test is on Tuesday, April 7.

Today (Monday April 6) marks the beginning of the 4th term. Please be aware that students will be bringing their term 3 report cards home when we return from the April break. You'll want to be on the look out for this important information.

With nicer weather finally here, it will be important to encourage our students to remain focused for the last nine weeks of school. It is also important for students to speak to their teachers if they have any questions or concerns. The art of self advocacy is a skill for all of us to practice.

The warmer weather also has an impact on student wardrobes. The heavy coats and sweaters are being packed away and the summer attire is ready to go. Accordingly, it seems that now is a good time to remind everyone about our dress code:

In warmer weather, it is important to remember that beach attire is not appropriate for school. Even though shorts and T-shirts are acceptable, clothing which exposes midriffs as well as visible lingerie, spaghetti straps, strapless shirts, halter tops, very low cut shirts and boxer shorts should not be worn to school. Straps should be at least an inch thick. Skirts and shorts should also be an appropriate length. The student should be able to place their arms to their sides and the skirt or shorts should meet their finger tips. Although diversity is appreciated and the need for individual expression is respected, the safety and well being of students and staff is of utmost importance. Remember - respect.

Parents, guardians, please take a moment and review these above requirements with your child. Your participation and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

With the extension of daylight comes the next sessions of Track & Field and Baseball and Softball. With so many students involved, there is understandably significant vehicle traffic at pick-up time. To enhance the safety for students and parents alike, I must ask you not to double park in the front loop. In the past, there have been a few tense

moments and frightening near misses that could have been avoided, and in the interest of safety, I am trying to be proactive. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

As you are updating your calendars, please make note of some important dates:

Spring Break	April 20-24	
8th grade Picture Day	April 29th	1:00PM
7th grade Dance	May 1st	7:00 - 8:30PM
Spring Band Concert	May 12th	7:30PM
Spring Chorus Concert	May 19th	7:30PM
8th Grade Graduation Dance	June 12th	7:00 - 9:30PM

Specific to the 8th grade Graduation Dance, I am aware that I am repeating myself, but want to be sure that everyone has the same information. This dance is not a formal event, nor is it even a "semi-formal." We ask you not to indulge in fancy clothes, hairdos, and certainly no limos! At the same time, to give this event a special feel, we ask the students to avoid wearing jeans; girls are invited to come nicely dressed (no gowns!) and boys are asked to wear collared shirts. Ties and jackets are not necessary. We also encourage students to come without a date. As always, this dance is for R.J. Grey students only and we appreciate your cooperation.

Finally, I wanted to share with everyone a new and exciting fundraiser that RJ Grey has developed in partnership with the CATZ Fitness Program at Teamworks-Acton. CATZ is offering one month fitness training to any RJ Grey student, with all proceeds being donated back to the school to support its annual Project Wellness event. The program will run from April 9 through May 7, and the cost is \$10 for each session students choose to attend. We are grateful to David Jacks and CATZ for continuing to be strong supporters of the school, and offering this wonderful opportunity for our students to pursue their interest in physical activity while supporting their school initiatives. For more information, you can contact CATZ/Teamworks at [djack@catzsports.com](mailto:djack@catzsports.com) and/or call 978-369-6755 to reserve preferred training slots. Please note that there are session limits.

Have a good week.