

"I would not waste my life in friction when it could be turned into momentum"

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While our 8th grade students greatly enjoyed their first dance of the year, we found ourselves competing with the ABRHS football game on Leary Field. Given two concurrent activities, our dance attendance was impacted as many students brought in parent/guardian notes to leave early. In the interest of safety, building administrators walked all students from the dance to the field, and we will make every effort not to schedule overlapping events in the future. Thanks to Debbie Ahl, Michelle Dancause, Jeanne Goulet, Liza Huber, George Roadman, and parents Chris Renzi, and Susan Miller for chaperoning the activity. I also want to thank parents Usha Patel (Coordinator), Sharon Cotnam, Patty Gallagher, Claire Picard, Elaina Kourepenos, and Christine Phillips for their assistance and support.

Ignoring the fact that the Chicago Cubs once again threw away a great season by melting down early in the playoffs, the Red Sox are still playing on with many games stretching late into the evening. This is a good thing and should not be ignored. That said, getting enough sleep is essential for having a productive school day. Whether it's taking a nap after school or simply going to bed and finding out the score in the morning, I know we are all trying to strike a balance that favors our children's physical health.

In our continued efforts to provide ways for all RJG families to be updated on important school events, activities, and announcements, we are now posting all daily announcements on our website. If you go to the RJG homepage and go to the "Communications" bar on the left, you will find the "Daily Announcements" link. It is important to note that these announcements are the same as those that are sent via Constant Contact. If you prefer one method over another, please be assured that you are receiving the same information from both sources.

Information regarding Parent/Guardian Conferences, scheduled during December and early January, will be coming out with report cards next month. While these conferences are a great way to check in on your child's progress, they can seem very short and are several months away. If you have current questions and/or concerns, please be sure to contact your child's teachers. While teachers are not routinely at their desks, they can be reached by phone or e-mail. If you would like to meet with your child's team of teachers, simply contact the RJG Counseling Office to schedule a team meeting.

Finally, I wanted to remind all our parents and guardians that my monthly "Drop-in Hour" always falls on the second Tuesday for every month. Tuesday, October 14, is coming up quickly and in light of our busy calendars, I wanted to encourage you to stop

by the office, ask questions about the school, and/or share ideas. In past years, I have had a number of great conversations with parents during this time and I look forward to continuing our dialogue. Please join me.

Have a good week.