"Maybe reality isn't all I imagine it to be."
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Just when I resigned myself to the inevitable demise of the Red Sox, they pulled out a miracle Saturday night. Unfortunately, last night's loss ended this years' pursuit of the American League Pennant. I guess the good news is that everyone can catch up on their sleep, at least until the Celtics season begins.

This past Thursday, a power line was knocked down on Hayward Road leading to a lengthy hour power outage in our building. I mention this because throughout all the excitement, the staff and students demonstrated tremendous flexibility and calm. Teacher adjusted to working "technology free" and students maintained focus in their classes. This is just one more example of how students and staff show their commitment to the learning process. Thank you to all!

Parents and guardians, while we want to believe that every form and piece of paper sent home in your child's backpack is immediately received, I realize that this is not always the case. Accordingly, I am including a copy of a letter that was sent home last week regarding the grade eight class trip to Minuteman Regional High School:

Every fall the entire eighth grade class at RJ Grey visits Minuteman Regional High School in Lexington for a tour of the school and a chance to learn about their unique programs. This year's trip will take place on Wednesday, October 22. Our eighth graders and their teachers will leave RJ Grey at 10:00 AM and travel by school bus to Minuteman. Lunch will be provided. Following the tour, our students will return to the junior high by 2:00 PM. There is no cost for this trip.

This is a terrific opportunity for our students to learn about the curriculum at Minuteman and to see this school as a viable alternative to attending Acton Boxborough Regional High School. In addition, our students learn about the many Minuteman extracurricular programs that are available to them this year.

This upcoming Friday, we are holding our first 7_{th} Grade Social. From 2:30 to 4:00PM, RJG 7_{th} graders will have the opportunity to dance, chat, or just hang out. Tickets are on sale all week during homeroom for $4. This includes the cost of admission, a cookie and a drink. Because this is our first 7_{th} grade dance, I wanted to provide a few reminders:

- <u>The dance ends at 4PM, not 4:30PM as originally scheduled.</u>
- Students choosing to attend the dance must plan to stay for the entire event.
- We would greatly appreciate prompt pick ups at 4PM to allow everyone to get home for the weekend.

Have a good week.