

“Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.”

Carl Jung

Grey Matters

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I hope everyone enjoyed the lovely weekend weather. As you look ahead this week, please be sure that the RJG Back to School Night is highlighted on your calendars. We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00PM.

Specific information regarding the evening is as follows:

At 6:30 PM, Mark Hickey will meet with parents of Band students in the band room to review his Performing Arts program.

At 6:45PM, I will be meeting with 7th grade parents in the Blanchard Gym to talk about the philosophy of our school, general communication practices, and the developmental, academic, and social needs of our students. I hope this presentation will provide you with some important information as to how RJG is designed to meet the needs of young adolescents and how we can work together and support one another during this important time.

From 7-9:00PM, parents and guardians are invited to follow their child's schedule and meet their child's teachers. In each class, parents will listen to a brief presentation by the teacher regarding classroom practices and the curriculum being covered for the year. During this evening, teachers are not available to answer specific questions about individual children. Should you have questions and/or concerns, please schedule a separate time when both you and the teacher can meet to address them. They will be happy to do this.

During Back to School Night, the 7-Red Team will be selling AB sweatshirts, flannel pants and flannel boxer shorts. Proceeds will be used to benefit those in need. Sweatshirts are \$25, T-Shirts are \$10, and the boxer shorts are \$15. Checks should be made payable to "RJ Grey Junior High School" and cash will be accepted throughout the evening. If the merchandise runs out, orders will be taken. Thanks for your support!

In addition, the PTSO will have the School Directory available at Back-To-School Night. The directory is free with their PTSO donation of \$35.00 so please bring your checkbook!!!

As part of the Back to School Night program, we did want to remind you to park only in designated parking spaces. The Acton Police Departments works very hard to insure our safety and will be vigilant to ensure clear emergency access to our building and the

campus at large. To avoid being ticketed or towed, please be sure to find a designated parking space in one of the following parking lots:

- *The RJG Parking Lot – adjacent to Charter Rd (west side)
- *The Parker-Damon Parking Lot - adjacent to Charter Rd (east side)
- *The High School – north of RJG at bottom of Charter Rd
- *Kmart – across Route 111

I want to remind everyone that we are still looking for parents/guardians interested in taking a more active role in our school by joining the RJG School Council. The school council is comprised of a school administrator, teachers, and parents who are responsible for assisting the principal in identifying the educational needs of students, reviewing the annual budget, and formulating a school improvement plan and educational goals. At RJ Grey, our school council participants will also play an important role in meeting the requirements of our building based Health Advisory Council, an important element of the district's Wellness Policy.

This year, two parents or guardians of 7th graders are needed for participation on the RJG School Council. Interested candidates should submit a short paragraph about themselves by noon (12PM) on Wednesday, Sept. 30th for the ballot and voting will take place at Back-to-School Night on September 30th. Write-ups should be sent to PTSO Co-Chair Chris Renzi at: chrisrenzi@comcast.net or Principal Craig Hardimon at chardimon@mail.ab.mec.edu.

The first eighth grade social is Friday, October 9 from 2:30-4:30. Note: This is different from what is on the calendar--the time was changed so that eighth graders might attend the home football game that evening. Tickets will be sold in homerooms beginning Friday, October 2 and ending Thursday, October 8. Tickets will not be sold the day of the social. Tickets are \$4.00, and students who attend should plan to stay for the entire social.

The first seventh grade social is Friday, October 23 from 2:30-4:00. Tickets will be sold in homerooms beginning Friday, October 16 and ending Thursday, October 22. Tickets will not be sold the day of the social. Tickets are \$4.00, and students who attend should plan to stay for the entire social.

Homeroom representatives will collect box tops for education in homeroom beginning October 2. The first deadline is December 1. Our goal this year is to raise enough money to buy a Smart Board and a recycle container for the cafeteria. Please send in box tops if you have them!

Have a good week,

Craig

