

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

Will Rogers

Grey Matters

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Tonight, Tuesday, October 13th, I will be holding my monthly drop-in hour from 6PM~7PM. As always, please feel free to swing if you'd like to say hello, or share any thoughts or ideas.

Some families may receive interim (hard copy) reports this week. An interim report does not necessarily mean a failing grade and sometimes, an interim report can be sent home to communicate good news! In general, however, interim reports are typically sent home mid-term when changes in behavior or performance need to be communicated. Should you receive an interim report and have related questions, please contact the classroom teacher directly.

I wanted everyone to be aware that our recent Back to School Night at RJG was a wonderful evening. The building was jam packed with excited parents and guardians navigating the halls, meeting their children's teachers, and learning about the curriculum for the year. Please look for a special edition of Grey Matters this week on the feedback we received from our Opening Days of School Feedback Form.

There is a new fall fundraiser here at RJ Grey! We have decided to partner again with a local company, Greenx3 ("green times 3"), to offer several new products, all customized with the AB logo. When you purchase products during this fundraiser, 40% of the gross sales will go directly to RJ Grey. For this fundraiser, we are highlighting the following three products:

1. AB coffee mug
2. Two choices of Fair trade coffee, named by RJ Grey staff: The RJ Grey Morning Fog Cutter, a bold dark roast or the Colonial Blend, our decaffeinated option.
3. AB reusable bag

Whether you select a stainless steel coffee mug instead of disposable cups, buy the fair trade coffee to help protect small farmers and villagers from chronic poverty, or choose a reusable bag to reduce the estimated 1 trillion bags that are consumed worldwide annually, know that your Greenx3 purchase is caring for the earth and its people! Good for your family, RJ Grey, and the earth.

Participation is easy and takes just a few minutes. Go to <http://www.greenx3.com/rjgrey> and purchase your customized products by 8:00 pm, Friday, October 16, 2009.

Questions? Contact info@greenx3.com. Thank you for supporting RJ Grey and caring for the earth!

A program on bullying prevention will take place on Tuesday, October 20th, from 7 to 9 PM in the auditorium of the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School. The evening will include a presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Englander, a student produced video, and a panel discussion including professional staff from the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District. There will be time for questions and answers. Dr. Englander, a professor of psychology, is the founder and director of the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC). She is an author and frequent speaker on the topics of bullying, including cyber bullying. In addition, Dr. Englander has trained teachers, administrators, parents, community groups, and students.

The program, Strengthening Schools through the Prevention of Bullying, is sponsored by Pupil Services, and co-sponsored by the Community Alliance for Youth (CAFY), the Acton-Boxborough SpEd PAC, and the Acton No Place for Hate Committee. The target audience is parents and guardians of elementary and junior high students, but all those interested are welcome to attend. For further information, contact Sal Lopes, No Place for Hate Committee Chair at 978-263-4178 or sal.t.lopes@gmail.com

Finally, please be aware of the Acton Family Flu Clinic Day (flyer below, next page) sponsored by the Board of Health in collaboration with the Acton and Acton-Boxborough Schools. This clinic will provide seasonal flu vaccine while families are in their cars. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to stay healthy during flu season!

Have a great week.

Craig

Acton Family Flu Clinic Day

Sponsored by:

Acton Board of Health
Acton Public Health Nursing Service
Acton Public Health Department
Acton Medical Reserve Corps
Acton and Acton-Boxborough
Regional Schools



The purpose of this clinic is to provide seasonal influenza protection to all ages of citizens in Acton.

The vaccines will be provided while people remain in their cars to provide an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) drill for the participants. Having people remain in their cars provides “social distancing” to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. This is a method of dispensing medications that might be required in an emergency situation and all towns are encouraged to practice. We appreciate your willingness to join us and see this as an opportunity to help yourself and your town.

The following forms of vaccine will be available:

Flu Vaccine

Ages 6 mos. and above, including pregnant women.

Flu Mist Inhalant

Ages 2-49 years who are healthy.

Date: Saturday, October 24

Time: 9-12 PM

Acton Highway Department

14 Forest St. (off Minot St.)

Seasonal flu vaccine will be available for adults and children aged 6 months and up.
Charge: \$20 per person, \$40 per family. Medicare recipients are free of charge.
No one will be turned away due to inability to pay.

Questions: Call 978-264-9653