

“Seems it never rains in southern California”

Albert Hammond

Grey Matters

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While the unusually cold weather may make it seem later in the year, it is only early fall and time for our school dances and socials. On October 9, we held our first 8th grade dance. While the time was shifted to allow for our students to attend the evening football game, the 150 grade 8 students that attended had a wonderful time. Thanks go to chaperones Amanda Correia, Melissa Hayes, Christine Duncan, Mary Emmons, Liza Levitsky, Lynne Kondracki, Hye Kyung Dragone, Carmen Comella, Allan Warner, Liza Huber, Deb Rimpas, Jon Duclos, Debbie Ahl, and parents Cathy Griffin and Heather Salemme for all of their support. This coming Friday, October 23, the Student Council is hosting the first 7th grade social. Tickets are \$4 and will be sold in homeroom through Thursday. Please be reminded that tickets are not sold at the door.

As you are probably aware, flu season is upon us. The Acton and Acton-Boxborough leadership team, including the Director of Pupil Services, school nurses and school physicians are monitoring student absenteeism carefully. All R.J. Grey students with flu-like symptoms are encouraged to remain out of school until feeling better with no fever for 24 hours without fever reducing medications, such as Tylenol or Motrin/Advil.

Meanwhile, there are things each of us can do to prevent the spread of germs, and there are steps every parents can take to lower their children's chances of getting sick. If you think your child is getting sick, it is important that he/she does not go to school or other places where they might make other people sick. This would include the mall, the grocery store, sporting events, and after school programs. You may wish to call your doctor's office and let him/her know your child's symptoms and history. Your doctor will advise you whether you should come to the office to be checked. As previously mentioned, flu-like symptoms may include: fever (over 100 degrees F), cough, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose. Additional symptoms may also include body aches, feeling very tired, and sometimes vomiting or diarrhea. State and local public health officials have advised that students can and should come to school, as long as they are not sick and do not have flu symptoms.

We appreciate your continued support as we work together to reduce the spread of flu in our communities. Please be assured that teachers will provide accommodations and opportunities for make-up work for students who are out sick.

Last year, due to the new contract with the Herff Jones Yearbook Company, R.J. Grey was able to offer parents, guardians and loved ones the opportunity to place a message of support, or “advertisement” as we call it, in the R. J. Grey yearbook. We are once again offering this same opportunity. There are two ways to do this and all of the details are

outlined in the flyer attached to this message. As noted on the flyer, all interested participants must send in their payment and message to R.J. Grey by November 20 at the latest. Shhh! Be aware that these advertisements are a graduation surprise for eighth graders and therefore students have not been told about them.

We are also attaching the flyer for our new Eshare site. Eshare allows a parent or guardian in the R.J. Grey community to upload a photo that could potentially be used in the yearbook. This site can also be used to upload the photo being submitted for the advertisements mentioned above. Please read the flyer for instructions.

Please also be aware that any student who would like a yearbook in June needs to order one in advance. Yearbooks can be ordered only on two days this year: November 19 and 20 from 10:30-2:06, which is during all lunches and our grey block period. If a child would like to buy a copy of the yearbook, he/she should bring \$25 cash or a check made out to R.J. Grey Junior High to school on one of those dates.

Have a good week,

Craig

eShare

want your photos in the yearbook?

So do we!
Parents, teachers, coaches... anyone can contribute content to the yearbook staff by uploading photos directly to our website for potential use in our book.

You can share photos of field trips, sporting events, school and community activities or shots of your child and their friends and classmates that we otherwise might miss.

Provide as much detail as possible (including names and grades) for each photo, so we have all the information needed for accurate identification.

The more you share, the better our yearbook can be.
Start sharing today!

Go to: www.hjshare.com; Enter your school code: **3010959**

Locate the picture (ies) you want to upload. Click on the filename to select it. Click "Open" to upload more than one file. Click on each filename. You are asked to fill in a form. Click each thumbnail to select it, and enter information about all images. This assures that the information in the program is correct. If the photo is used, click "Submit Image Information" when you are done.

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While we cannot guarantee that all shared photos will be published, if you don't share, your great pictures can't be included.

Yearbook

— Grade 8 Family Messages!

The R. J. Grey Junior High yearbook is offering you the chance to send your love, pride, and congratulations to the 8th Grade R.J. Grey student in your life. You can purchase one of two advertisement formats to relay a message that your student will cherish forever.

Option #1: A full color, 1/8th of a page message which can include both a photograph and text is \$40. Option #1 messages will appear in the same format and size as this example.

\$40



Option #2: A one-line message which will appear on a "shout out" page in the yearbook is \$5. Example: Alex Martin! Awesome job in middle school. Work hard, play hard, and enjoy each day! Remember the overnights and the Spain trip. Soccer forever!

Please follow submission instructions on the back of this form. Please tear off this portion of the order form and return with your materials.

DEADLINE for messages is November 20th, 2009.

I would like to buy:

1/8 page message (\$40)

One-line shout out (\$5)

Purchaser's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Purchaser's E-mail: _____

Purchaser's Phone #: _____

Option # 1 instructions:

1) Choose your photograph - it may be either a digital photo or a printed photo. Photos will not be returned, so please make a copy if you need to! Also, please note that the box in which your photo will appear is vertical; while we can crop your photo to show only the necessary subject matter, a horizontal subject will not fit in this box! If your image is digital, it must be either a JPEG or TIF file and should be given to us on a CD or it can be uploaded directly to eshare, Herff Jones' photo sharing site. The address is www.hjeshare.com. You will also need to type in the school code of 3010959.

*If you choose to submit your photo through eshare, you will enter the text in the description section after you upload the photo. Please follow the directions below for text. Please make a note on your form letting us know you have uploaded to eshare.

- 2) In addition to the name, you may submit up to 35 words of text. Neatly write or type your text. Please include the student's first and last name.
- 3) Please submit your name and an email address or phone number where we can reach you in the event we have questions.
- 4) Include cash or a check for \$40 payable to: R.J. Grey Junior High School
- 5) Mail your advertisement & order form to the address below.

Option #2 instructions

- 1) Neatly write or type your text. Please include the student's first and last name. You may submit up to 120 characters (this includes punctuation) in a size 8 font.
- 2) Please submit your name and an email address or phone number where we can reach you in the event we have questions.
- 3) Include cash or a check for \$5 payable to: R.J. Grey Junior High School
- 4) Mail your advertisement & order form to the address below.

Mailing address:

R.J. Grey Junior High School
Attn: Vicki Weeks
16 Charter Road
Acton, MA
01720

Deadline: November 20th, 2009