

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Dear Families,

As we near the final weeks of the school year, we hope you will find opportunities to join our community in celebrating and honoring the incredible determination, perseverance, and creativity our students have shown this year. Please share your feedback about the school year here.

## This family letter includes:

- Logistics for closing the school year
- Classroom & Schoolwide events in June
- Summer Learning Opportunities

## Logistics for closing the school year:

- <u>Collecting Technology:</u> Unless students are attending summer programming, all BPS computers and chargers must be returned by Monday, June 14. This will provide our school the opportunity to inventory our supplies and make necessary repairs to ensure a strong start in the fall. Thank you for your cooperation. If you are not able to drop off your BPS Laptop, please reach out to your child's teacher or the main office to make other arrangements.
- **Summer Reading**: Starting the week of June 7th, students will receive their summer reading book. We are excited to participate in the Boston Public School District Wide Initiative **One Book One Grade Summer Reading Together 2021** to encourage pleasure reading and foster a culture of readers. We hope to foster motivation and further cultivate a culture of reading as we continue to build independent readers at the Clap. Students will explore the summer reading book at school, receive their own copy to keep during their end of year celebration day (or a copy will be mailed), and videos of current and new Roger Clap staff reading the text will be made available as well. Students will engage in projects around the text when they return in the fall.
- BPS Spring Family Survey is Open: Visit www.bostonpublicschools.org/climatesurvey to access the BPS Family Survey. Provide feedback on the following topics: Cultural Awareness and Action, Family-School Communication, Overall Perception of School, Principal Effectiveness, School Outreach & Student Needs. Only 10% of our families have participated so far. Your family feedback and survey data will be integral to ensuring the Roger Clap School continues to build stronger and more effective family-school partnerships. English | Español | <a href="Español">Español</a> | <a href="Español">Español</a>

## Classroom & Schoolwide events in June:

 Monday, June 7 at 6pm: Final Monthly School Site Council & Equity Roundtable Meeting for the 20-21 School Year: Learn about end of year celebrations, hiring updates, a parent mentoring program, share your voice and feedback for the school year, and help us identify equitable ways

- to return, recover and reimagine at the district and school level with the additional COVID-19 Federal district-based funding. Significant additional funds are being made available and we have the opportunity to identify how to use them! Zoom Link
- Classroom Celebrations: Grade level teams are planning special ways to have students celebrate their learning, honor their growth, and share their accomplishments with their community and family. All events will be held outside and BPS social distancing protocols will be followed. Students learning remotely are welcome to join us in-person for these events.
  Additionally, teams will continue to celebrate both our in-person and remote learners. Please save the dates below:
  - o 6/10 K0/K1/K2 End of Year Celebration 10-11am
  - o 6/10 5/6th End of Year Celebration 2-4pm
  - o 6/11 3rd Grade End of Year Celebration 10-11am
  - o 6/11 2nd Grade End of Year Celebration 12-1pm
  - o 6/11 4th Grade End of Year Celebration 2-3pm
  - o 6/11 1st Grade End of Year Celebration 3-4pm
- **Schoolwide Celebrations:** All events will be held outside and BPS social distancing protocols will be followed. *Students learning remotely are welcome to join us in-person for these events.* In-person and remote students can participate in our Week of Fun activities. Each day has a specific theme for all students to participate in!
  - o June 14 Theme: Sports Day (Wear any sports apparel) (Games Led by Mr. Francois)
  - June 15 Theme: Hat Day/Wacky Hair Day (Art activities led by Ms. Cummings)
  - June 16 Theme: Color Day (Wear anything BLUE to celebrate the Roger Clap community) (Science activities led by Mr. Martin)
- Early Release Days
  - June 17 & June 18 are both early release days. The school day ends at 1:40pm.
  - June 18th is the final day of the 20-21 School Year.

## **FREE Summer Learning Opportunities for Students**

Boston Public Schools is currently identifying students for summer learning opportunities based on student support needs in ELA, math, science, and social emotional learning as well as interest from families. Families are now able to rank their summer learning program choices. For details by program, visit <a href="https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/6667">https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/6667</a>. You can click the "Apply Now" link to start the application. Please reach out to your children's teachers or Ms. Dunbar, our Instructional Coach (<a href="mailto:sfoster3@bostonpublicschools.org">sfoster3@bostonpublicschools.org</a>) if you have any questions.

Whether your student(s) has been learning in-person, remotely, or both this year - we hope you and your family will participate in the many activities we have planned to end the year with joy, community, and reflection! Don't forget to <a href="mailto:share-your feedback-here">share-your feedback-here</a>!

With gratitude,

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