



Thursday, May 13, 2021

Dear Families,

As we near the final 5 weeks of the school year, we remain committed to ensuring that students have multiple opportunities to celebrate their learning, reflect on the progress they have made, and begin to set goals for how they will continue to grow in the Roger Clap community next year.

This family letter includes:

- Upcoming school wide events in May & June
- Information about MCAS
- Summer Learning Opportunities

#### **Upcoming School Wide Events in May & June:**

- **Friday, May 14 or Saturday, May 15 at 8pm** - As we deepen our partnerships to infuse more movement and dance programming, consider joining us for this special opportunity with Abilities Dance Boston. Abilities Dance Boston presents **Firebird ballet live streamed** from the Wimberly Theatre on May 14 + 15 at 8:00 pm, disabled and nondisabled artists from across the country will infuse their artistry into this innovative ballet. Free tickets for the Roger Clap community can be found here: <https://ticketstripe.com/adbfirebird2021> (click "Free tickets for any who need it")
- **Thursday, May 20 at 6pm:** From the *BPS Office of the Superintendent: Natalie Diaz Ake, Elementary School Superintendent*: "We will launch the Principal Screening process on May 20, 2021 @ 6:00 pm at the School Site Council Meeting which is open to all members of the community. At this meeting, we will have a representative from our Office of Family and Student Engagement help us kick off the process. During this session we will share information about the Principal Screening process and we will elect both the BTU and Family representatives to the Principal Screening Committee. We hope you are able to join us to help set the path forward for the Clap community! [Zoom Link](#) (Meeting ID: 880 7181 5385). Translation will be provided in both Spanish and Vietnamese. If you have any questions, I can be contacted at [nake@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:nake@bostonpublicschools.org) and at 857-204-6363."
- **Wednesday, May 26 from 4:30-6pm: Schoolwide Opportunity for BOTH in-person and remote students:** Join [Navigation Games](#) for a socially distant family event at Moakley Park. Arrive anytime between 4:30-6pm to explore the park following activities students have learned around the topic of orienteering! No prior experience is required! (Rain date: June 2). Families can arrive to participate as early as 4:30 and as late at 6pm.
- **Monday, June 7 at 6pm: Final Monthly School Site Council Meeting for the 20-21 School Year.** Learn about end of year celebrations, hiring updates, a [parent mentoring program](#) and share your voice and feedback for the school year. [Zoom Link](#)

**Information about MCAS for Roger Clap Students Grades 3-6**

-The MCAS testing time for students is significantly reduced this year. Students will take only one portion of the subject test. More information on MCAS subjects tested in each grade and specific testing time is posted on the [grade testing schedule](#). The state expects that all districts will administer the state assessments to all students during Spring 2021.

-Students who learn in person will take the MCAS tests at school, while students who continue to learn remotely will take the test at home, using a browser-based version of the MCAS tests. **Roger Clap Students in Grades 3-6 will be taking MCAS during May 24 - June 4.**

-Students who do not participate in MCAS testing will not receive MCAS scores or a MCAS Parent/Guardian Report. Your child's grades and grade level will not be affected if they do not take the MCAS in grades 3-6.

-Additional information on state assessments can be found at [bostonpublicschools.org/assessments](http://bostonpublicschools.org/assessments). Please reach out to your student's teacher if you have questions.

### **FREE Summer Learning Opportunities for Students -- Apply by May 15 to be in the lottery!**

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 <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/6667>. 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 ([sfoster3@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:sfoster3@bostonpublicschools.org)) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to seeing you - in-person or remotely at one of the many events we have for our community in May and June!

With gratitude,

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