



Sunday, June 13, 2021

Dear Families,

As we enter the final week of the school year, I hope you, your child, and your family take time to celebrate the incredible accomplishments from this past year. Navigating multiple online platforms, pivoting to the various schedules of hybrid, remote, and in-person, and building powerful partnerships with our staff and students, are just some of the ways our Roger Clap students have demonstrated their creativity, perseverance, and community. Thank YOU for making this historic year possible!

This family letter includes:

- Logistics for closing the school year
- Schoolwide events this week
- Summer Learning Opportunities
- Preparing for the Fall

**Logistics for closing the school year:**

- **Collecting Technology:** 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:** All students have received (or will receive through the mail) their summer reading text. When students return to school in the fall, all students will engage in a shared experience around the text. Additionally, we have a Youtube Playlist of Roger Clap Staff (including our new staff for the 21-22 school year) reading sections of the book. We hope this is one way to continue to build a community of readers over the summer and help your student and family get to know their new teachers! [Visit our School website in the coming weeks for direct links to the Youtube Read Aloud videos.](#)
  - K0 students will read Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall in preparation for K1.
  - K1 students will read I Love My Hair! by Natasha Anatasia Tarpley and E.B. Lewis in preparation for K2.
  - K2 students will read Katie Woo Tries Something New by Fran Manushkin in preparation for Grade 1.
  - Grade 1 students will read Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons & Marshmallows, Book 1 by Asia Citro and Marion Lindsay in preparation for Grade 2.
  - Grade 2 students will read J.D. and the Great Barber Battle by: J. Dillard in preparation for Grade 3.
  - Grade 3 students will read Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliot (First in a Series) in preparation for Grade 4.

- Grade 4 students will read The Magical Reality of Nadia By Bassem Youseff in preparation for Grade 5.
- Grade 5 students read Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome in preparation for Grade 6.
- Grade 6 students will read Flying Lessons and Other Stories by Ellen Oh in preparation for Grade 7.
- **Report Cards:** Families will receive their student's final report for the school year by the end of this week (through email). Report Cards are one of many ways that our school communicates with families about your student's progress. Please reach out to your student's teacher with any questions.
- **BPS Spring Family Survey is Open:** Visit [www.bostonpublicschools.org/climatesurvey](http://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](#) | [العربية](#) | [Cabo-Verdiano](#) | [中文](#) | [Français](#) | [Kreyòl Ayisyen](#) | [Português](#) | [Soomaali](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#)

#### Final Schoolwide events:

- **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!
  - 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.
  - Pick up on both days begins at 1:30pm.
  - Students taking BPS Transportation will arrive at their bus stop around 2.5 hours earlier than typically scheduled.

#### 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 <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.

#### Preparing for the Fall

- **School Calendar for the 21-22 School Year:** Please [see the most up to date calendar](#) for the 2021-2022 School year. September 9, 2021 is the first day of the school year for students in Grades 1-6. September 13, 2021 is the first day of the school year for students in K0-K2.

- **Uniform:** In the fall, please ensure your student adheres to the Roger Clap Uniform Policy: Navy blue or white collared shirt with or without Roger Clap logo.
- **Transportation Requests:** The deadline to submit alternative transportation requests and sibling ridership requests to BPS Transportation is August 1, 2021, in order to guarantee consideration for the first day of school in September. Latest information can be found at <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/8279>.
- **Updating Address Changes:** If your address has changed, please reach out to the BPS Welcome Center (617) 635-9046 to update your address. The Roger Clap can NOT make these changes in our system.

We hope that this summer provides you and your family opportunities to unplug from Zoom, reconnect with family and friends, engage in the BPS Clap Summer read, and enjoy the warmer weather! We look forward to seeing you and your family back in September.

With gratitude,

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P.S. Please don't forget to [share your feedback here!](#)