



Monday, March 15, 2021  
Dear Roger Clap Families,

Today we welcomed back more students into our building while also continuing to ensure our students learning remotely feel connected to our Roger Clap Community. If we've learned anything from this past year - we know that school, community, and learning is not *only* tied to the walls of our building on Harvest St.

**March Roger Clap Family Event - Wednesday, March 24 from 6:30-7:30pm**

Join our entire Roger Clap Community for a virtual celebration of stories and books! Wear your PJs, listen to special guests read their favorite books (including local authors and our local BPL Librarians), and participate in oral storytelling activities designed for ALL our students. Whether you are learning remotely or in-person or both (!), we hope this is an opportunity for our community to enjoy our love for reading and storytelling together! *If you (family or child) have a story you'd like to share, please reach out to your child's teacher to sign up to read. Zoom link forthcoming!*

**Important Resources:**

- **March 2021 Grocery Sites:** A FREE bag of groceries is available at the [following BPS meal sites](#). Grocery bags consist of produce and pantry items. Grocery bags offered as a first come, first served basis.
- **Virtual Homework Helpers:** [Homework Helpers](#) will be available for K-8 students Mondays through Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. Students can visit [the webpage](#) during these time frames and help will be waiting. The Boston Public Library is also offering a [similar program](#).
- **Free Afterschool Programming Available to all students in grade 3-6:** Any students in **grades 3-6** can apply to participate in a daily enrichment and after school academic support program! Here are the [applications in all languages](#). Website: <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/k6afterschool>
- **Check out our [School wide Virtual Kindness Wall!](#)** Our school is celebrating all the ways we show kindness in-person and remotely. We will celebrate our school and this theme in our next town hall. If you have a kindness shoutout to share, please reach out to your child's teacher.

**Information about Returning to In-Person Learning**

- **COVID-19 Student Testing:** For those of you who have students returning to in-person learning, you have the option to have your child OPT-IN to free on-site COVID-19 testing. In order to participate, students must have a consent form, signed by their parent or guardian, approving them to participate in this testing. Participation is voluntary. [English Form](#) --- [Spanish Form](#) --- [Cabo Verdean Creole Form](#) --- [Vietnamese Form](#)
- Students returning for **in-person learning** should bring their computer and charger each day.

### **Information about the BPS Survey Shifting to 5-Days of In-Person Learning**

Today, the district sent a survey asking you to indicate your preference between five days of in-person learning and five days of remote learning. The deadline of all learning model change requests required to be received by **Monday, March 22**. If a request to make a change to in-person learning is received after March 22, there may be a delay of several weeks in processing the change.

- Families of students returning for 5 days of in-person learning will be provided at least a two-week notice of planned changes to their school schedules.
- If a family chooses 5 days of in-person, it is all in-person, so student's attendance only counts when they are in-person. Except, if the student is quarantining, that period of being home and learning remotely counts. If a family chooses all remote, student's attendance counts when they are remote.
- The start date to begin 5-day in-person learning has not yet been determined. Until otherwise shared by BPS, your child's current schedule (hybrid or full-remote) will remain the same.

We look forward to seeing you at our school wide event next Wednesday, March 24!

Thank you all for your grace, flexibility, and partnership as we continue to navigate the shifts to our school year.

With gratitude,

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