



Sunday, April 11, 2021

Dear Roger Clap Families,

Given that winter report cards were recently shared, please consider attending this special Parent University Course for the Roger Clap Community **this TUESDAY April 13 from 5-6:30p via Zoom**. "*What Should I Look for in my Child's Literacy and Mathematics Education*" presented by Stacie Withington and Nonye Obiora, BPS Elementary Program Directors for English Language Arts and Mathematics specific to the Roger Clap Community. Zoom Link: <https://k12-bostonpublicschools.zoom.us/j/83180538408> If you need translation for this event, please reach out to the office (617-635-8672) or your child's teacher.

As we prepare for the shift to 5-days I want to share a number of updates to ensure that on Monday, April 26th we start strong.

- **Schedule:** Starting on Monday April 26th students will either participate in 5-days of in-person learning *or* 5-days of remote learning. **Classrooms will share revised learning schedules with families by 4/15.**
- **Transportation:** For students who take a school bus to school, new bus assignments will be given to families over spring break. Students will now have a consistent schedule. There will be no A or B bus days. Families can reach out to the BPS Transportation hotline (617-635-9520) to ask any questions about bus assignments.
- **Arrival/Dismissal:** Bus students will continue to use the main doors for arrival and dismissal. Walkers/Pick up students will use the playground door for arrival and dismissal. Please ensure your child arrives between 9:20-9:30am. You can pick up your child no earlier than 4pm (between 4-4:10).
- **Breakfast, Lunch, Snack, & Mask Breaks:** Where possible classrooms have maintained 6ft of distancing. In these classrooms, students will continue to have breakfast, lunch, snack and mask breaks. Where classrooms are able to maintain 3ft of social distancing, we will utilize both indoor and outdoor spaces for breakfast, lunch, snack, and mask breaks to ensure that when masks are off - students are 6ft apart.
- **Families must sign a consent form in order to participate in Free COVID-19 Testing:** Every BPS student learning in-person is eligible for free, confidential weekly COVID-19 testing at their school. The test used is a gentle swab in the front of the nose. Students in grades 2+ will perform the swab themselves, if able. Help us keep the BPS community safe! To learn more, [watch this video](#). **Online Consent Forms** [English](#) | [Español](#) | [العربية](#) | [Cabo-Verdiano](#) | [中文](#) | [Français](#) | [Kreyòl Ayisyen](#) | [Português](#) | [Soomaali](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#)
- **Safety Protocols:** In partnership with our Roger Clap Superstar Nurse, Ms. Centeio, we will continue to practice safety protocols including hand washing, social distancing, and mask wearing. Please reach out to Ms. Centeio at [ebarroscenteio@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:ebarroscenteio@bostonpublicschools.org), if you have any questions.

The Roger Clap will have an **early release day on Wednesday 4/14** with all synchronous instruction for students **ending at 12:00 p.m.** The remaining school day hours are allocated for educators to make adjustments to their classroom spaces in preparation for 5 days in-person beginning 4/26.

While there are some new logistics to accommodate this shift, the WHAT and WHY of school remains the same. Our Roger Clap staff continue to ensure our students grow as learners and friends ending the school year ready for the next grade!

We recognize that a shift in the final weeks of the school year adds new challenges for both families and staff. We continue to appreciate all the ways we show grace, community, and understanding to each other during these times.

With gratitude,

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