



Tuesday, March 30, 2021  
Dear Roger Clap Families,

As we close out March and look forward to BPS' return to 5-days of in-person instruction or 5-days of remote instruction starting April 26, I am excited to share how we are here to ensure that we provide your student(s) with opportunities to grow their own identities and sense of self. We know this past year has been full of challenges we did not predict. While in partnership with families, our staff have worked creatively and collaboratively to ensure students continue to grow - as readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, artists, athletes, and friends. This will continue as we shift to 5-days of in-person instruction with some new additions!

#### **New Partnerships for Spring 2021:**

- All students (K0-Grade 6) will participate in [BalletRox](#). Students will receive 1 class per week for the remainder of the school year. BalletRox provides structured dance programs for young people in Boston Public Schools with pathways to mastery of dance and development of leadership skills.
- All students (K0-Grade 6) will participate in various "virtual" field trips and performances from [Young Audiences](#). Virtual Learners artists will join our classrooms to share their passions for art with our students. Staff have identified connections among their performances and current themes we are studying in our school.
- Our oldest students (Grades 5 & 6) will participate in boat making through [Community Boat Building](#). Students in-person and remotely will receive a multi-week intensive in the spring to construct individual model boats.
- Students (Grades K0-Grade 4), along with our PE Teacher, Mr. Francois, will be engaging in activities through [Navigation Games](#). Through orienteering, kids will have a unique opportunity to experience the outdoors in a way that enhances positive feelings around the outdoors and promotes environmental stewardship. We will be hosting an evening event for our community later in the spring to welcome both our in-person and remote learners to participate in these engaging activities.

**As we use these partnerships and shift to 5-days of in-person learning some schedules will change. The Wednesday schedule will change as students have increased opportunities to engage in whole class core instruction. Please be on the lookout for communication *before* Spring Break regarding these changes.**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- [March Town Hall](#) - TOMORROW - Wednesday, March 31st at 10am. We will be celebrating KINDNESS as a community and hearing from some guest speakers about how they show kindness in their work. [Here is the Zoom link to join](#).
- No School - Friday, April 2 (no school for in-person or remote instruction)
- School Site Council & Equity Roundtable - Monday, April 5 at 6pm - [Zoom Link](#)

- Spring Recess - No School - April 19-23
- Monday, April 26 - K0-Grade 6 students return for 5-days in-person learning or 5-days full remote instruction (family preference).

### **Reminders & Resources**

- **Winter Report Cards** will be sent to families by the end of this week. The report card is one tool to help students and families know where a child is in relation to grade level expectations standard. Please reach out to your student's teaching team to share questions and concerns.
- **Sleep Resources:** Given the challenges of this school year, we wanted to share some resources that can help support your child in [bedtime routines](#) and [sleep hygiene](#).
- **Free COVID-19 Testing in Schools:** 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. Families must sign a consent form in order to participate. 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](#)

Take a moment to see the incredible Roger Clap artwork highlighted in [this BPS video](#)! Boston Public Schools 27th Annual Youth Arts Month Exhibition is currently online and features student artwork from over 20 BPS schools. The Clap School artwork starts at 10:32 and features artwork from 55 Clap Students. Thank you to Ms. Cummings and our families for ensuring our students deepen their love for art during these past months!

We look forward to an exciting filled Spring for our community!

With gratitude,

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