



Dear Roger Clap Families,

This year we will be participating in a screening using the Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System, 2nd Edition (BIMAS). The BIMAS is a tool used to measure social, emotional and behavioral functioning in our students. Teachers and parents answer 34 questions for each student. This gives us universal data across the school that can be used for progress monitoring, planning interventions and support plans for students.



The BIMAS is used throughout the district as part of the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Model (CBHM) initiative, which integrates tiered supports and services within the school community to promote positive school climate, social and academic success for students. As part of this model, data collection helps school teams focus and tier their efforts to meet the needs of their students.

For more information please contact the school psychologist, Paige Mulry at [pmulry@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:pmulry@bostonpublicschools.org). If you do not want your child to participate in this, please return the attached form (on back).

#### Cell Phones & Electronics Clap & BPS Policy

The use of cell phones for any purpose including telephone calls, text messaging and other functions (including smart watches) is not permitted at any time on school grounds unless authorized by the school leader for educational purposes. Students can not text/call their family on their personal device during the school day and may not check their phones to receive calls or texts. *Students must wait until they are on the school bus to use their cell phone.* Families may call the school at anytime to ensure a message is communicated to their child.



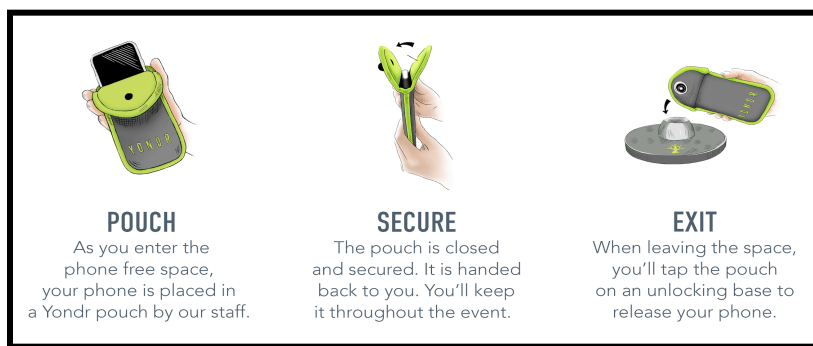
At school, students are expected to:

- ensure their cell phone is not visible during the school day and turned off
- give their technology to a member of the teaching team to hold, and/or
- follow the classroom rules regarding technology

Grade 5 & 6 only: Students in grades 5 & 6 will be required to use Yondr pouches (see below). Students will store their device in the pouch and it will be unlocked at dismissal.

Consequences for Violating the Cell Phone Policy may include:

- Cell phone is confiscated and returned at the end of the day
- Student is required to drop off their phone at the main office daily
- In-person family meeting
- Family is required to pick up the cell phone
- Repeated violations of this policy may be subject to additional disciplinary action



#### School Wide Updates:

- THIS WEEK → Thursday, October 24: Harvest Fest 5:30pm - 7pm (RSVP!)
- THIS WEEK → Friday, October 25: Town Hall - Dollar Dress Day - PJ Day, & October Birthday Day
- Tuesday, October 29: School Site Council Meeting at 6pm on Zoom



In partnership,  
Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal



Roger Clap Elementary School 2024-2025 School Year

Dear Family Members,

Together with families, it is our mission to support the well-being of all of our students. One of the ways we hope to do this is to learn more about our students' social, emotional, and behavioral skills through the use of a school-wide screening assessment. Our school-wide assessment is the BIMAS-2, which has 34 questions about a child's skills in the following areas: Social, Academic, Attention, Negative Affect (such as coping with stress and sadness), and Conduct (such as acting out behavior).

The following will be used at our school this year:

- Teacher Rating Form (completed by teachers)

Ratings will be completed in mid-November.

Parent and family involvement in this process is vital and valued. You know your child best, and we welcome your feedback or other information you'd like to share about your child's strengths and needs. Please feel free to reach out to Mikaila Christopher at 617-635-8672. The information you share along with screening data helps us to understand the needs of all our students and to make effective whole school plans.

If you would like more information about the school-wide assessment and the other supports we have at our school please call or email Mikaila Christopher [mchristopher@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:mchristopher@bostonpublicschools.org). If you want your child to participate in screening, you do NOT need to return this form.

If you do not want your child to participate in school-wide screening, please use the boxes below and return this form to school. Or email your request to [mchristopher@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:mchristopher@bostonpublicschools.org).

Thank you,

Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal of Roger Clap Elementary

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I do NOT want my child to participate in the BIMAS Teacher Rating Screener.

X\_\_\_\_\_ (family signature)