



Dear Roger Clap Families & Community Members,

We wish all in our community a happy and healthy start to 2022! We know that the start of this particular year brings a range of emotions. Our community is here to support you, your student, and your family during this transition.

Below are several COVID-19 updates regarding the health and safety measures we're taking:

- [Air Ventilation and Filtration](#) - Windows will be kept open at all times to allow for air ventilation and all indoor spaces are equipped with HEPA filters for filtration. Families should dress their children in warm clothing since 1) classroom windows will remain open for ventilation; 2) recess and some classes will take place outside. If anyone needs winter clothing, please feel free to email our Family Liaison.
- [Seating Charts](#) - Consistent seating arrangements with corresponding seating charts in classrooms and the cafeteria are designed to mitigate COVID-19 spread and allow for efficient contact tracing.
- [Roger Clap Visitors](#) - Visitors and families are no longer allowed in BPS school buildings (with the exception of clinical and programmatic partners, before/after school program services; persons making needed deliveries to the schools; and Facilities department contractors). Family conferences will be held remotely, via Zoom or phone and families. Families picking up students and/or resources from the school should ring for the main office and wait for a staff member outside the front entrance.

#### Family Resources:

- Food Resources: Check out the Neighborhood Food Action Collaborative for FREE food resources: <https://www.vitalcxns.org/food>
- Winter Clothing: If anyone needs winter clothing or any other resources, please feel free to email Deidre DeGraffenreid, our Family Liaison at [ddegraffenreid@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:ddegraffenreid@bostonpublicschools.org) or call the school between 9:30-4:20 to speak with Ms. D. No questions asked outside of what you need!
- Roger Clap Siblings New Student Registration/Assignment : Do you have a child who is approaching school-age and ready to be enrolled in K0, K1, or K2 for next year? Please mark your calendars for the priority registration dates to ensure you receive sibling preference placement at the Clap. For more information about school choice and student registration/assignment, please visit the [BPS Welcome Services website](#).

#### School Wide Updates:

- ***School Site Council & Family Council***: Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, January 11 from 5:30-6 for Family Council (connect with other families) and from 6-7pm for School Site Council (learn about the budget for the 2022-2023 school year and the launch of the Parent Mentoring Program!)
- ***Parent Mentoring Program in partnership with St. Stephen's Youth Program***: Parent Mentors will receive a stipend of \$14.50/hour for the 10 hours a week they are in person. Parents as mentors work one on one and in small groups with students in a consistent classroom. No other previous experience is required, and all parents will be provided the training necessary (in English, Spanish, Cape Verdean Creole, and/or Vietnamese). Be on the lookout for the application coming soon!

In partnership,  
Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal