

Dear Roger Clap Families & Community Members,

We are excited to invite you to our Annual Back to School Night THIS Thursday, September 29 from 5:30-7pm. At Back to School Night families and students can expect to:

- Share their hopes & dreams for the school year
- Learn about the experiences students have in the classroom
- Meet with Roger Clap Staff & Community Partners
- Engage in leadership opportunities to help make our school a better place for all
- Eat Pizza!



Parking can be difficult so we're sharing some tips with you about how to ensure we respect our neighbors and city parking codes.

- You can park anywhere along Harvest St., Boston St, or Dorchester Ave.
- The Red Line MBTA (Stop Near UMass) or Bus #16, 17, and 18 are nearby
- Please do NOT park the driveways of our neighbors

At Back to School Night, you'll be able to sign up for your child's Fall Family Conference (starting in October). During the Fall Family Conference, you'll get to learn about your child's progress, share your concerns and excitement, hear from your child's teachers, and engage in goal setting with your child and their teaching team. *Please save your individual check-ins for a phone call and/or the Fall Family Conference.*

School Wide Updates:

- *Clap Parent Mentoring Program in partnership with St. Stephen's Youth Program:* Clap Parent Mentors will receive a stipend of \$15.25/hour for the 10 hours a week they are in person. Parents as mentors at the Clap 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). Parents must attend the full Training Week (Oct 10 - Oct 14 from 9:30 am-12:30pm) and commit to being part of the program for the whole school year, the hours are 9:30am-11:30pm, M-F. [Please apply ASAP.](#)
- *Birthday Celebration Day for August & September Birthday:* **Friday, September 30** To create a joyful and healthy classroom community, which prioritizes time spent teaching and learning, our school implements the following policies for classroom birthday celebrations. On 9/30 all students with August and September Birthdays will be honored where treats, activities, and/or special read alouds are enjoyed. Families are welcome to bring in items for this special day.



In partnership,
Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal