



Dear Roger Clap Families,

Our school is finally full with all of our students back - from our youngest learners in K0/K1 to our oldest learners in Grade 6! As we work with BPS to address transportation challenges, I wanted to share a few resources.



- App: Families can utilize the "Where's my School Bus" site to track individual buses. The site works on cell phones.
- Call Center Hotline: Anyone can call our hotline at 617-635-9520. Customer Service Representatives are available from 6am-7pm, Monday through Friday, to assist callers.
- Chat: Anyone can chat with a Customer Service Representative on our [website \(https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/transportation\)](https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/transportation) or through our [Support Portal](#) (by clicking the blue bubble in the bottom right corner). Customer Service Representatives are available from 6am-7pm, Monday through Friday, to assist anyone who reaches out via the chat
- Students and families can also email us at schoolbus@bostonpublicschools.org and they will receive a response within 24-48 hours.



SAFETY INFORMATION

If there is a change in your child's dismissal plan, please notify the office (not your child's teacher) by 3:30pm. Teachers are doing the important work of teaching. If teachers receive texts and/or calls from families during the school day about urgent information such as pick up/drop off information, it can greatly impact the safety of our dismissal time.

School Wide Updates:

- Your VOICE: Help us build a strong family-school partnership through our [Parent/Family Council & School Site Council!](#) No prior experience is required!!
 - Do you want to support the growth of our school?
 - Do you have ideas about how best to ensure our school is successful for students, families, and staff?
 - Learn about a family leadership position by completing the form attached.
- [Back to School Night - Thursday, September 28, 2022 from 5:30-7pm](#): This is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, share your hopes and dreams for your child(ren), and learn about the curriculum, expectations, and opportunities for the school year. Your presence really matters. Please mark your calendar and save the date. More details will be shared soon.
- [Clap Parent Mentoring Program in partnership with St. Stephen's Youth Program](#): Clap Parent Mentors will receive a stipend of \$17-\$17.50/hour for the 12+ 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). Please complete the attached form if you are interested!

In partnership,
Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal



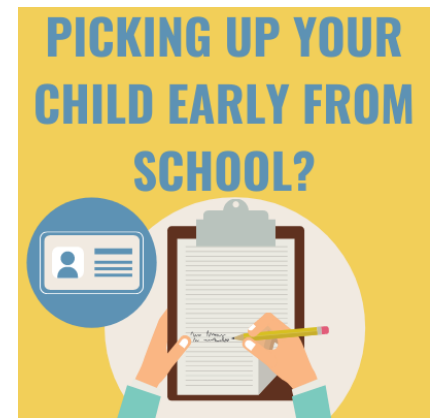
REMINDERS for STUDENT SAFETY

We have several policies that we consistently follow in the interest of student safety. Your child's safety is our top priority!:

- Families must CALL the main office in order to make a dismissal change. In an attempt to be prepared for any emergency that may arise, please be sure to list the names of people your child can be released to on the Emergency Form.
- Please make every effort to refrain from early dismissals for students. Early dismissal is disruptive to the entire community and to your child. When students leave early they are missing instruction and missing out on opportunities to build positive peer relationships and grow with their community.

- In the event you must pick your child up early and to maintain a smooth, safe and orderly dismissal, you must pick your child up by 3:30pm. I respectfully ask that you arrive at the Clap no later than 3:30pm to pick up your child. Any families that come after 3:30pm will have to wait on the playground to pick students up as students will not be released after 3:30pm until the start of dismissal. Walker dismissal will begin at 4:00pm. This will allow all staff and students to complete the academic period and arrive at dismissal locations in

our building. As a reminder, the instructional day does not end until 4:00pm. Please give your child the opportunity to engage in a full day of learning.



Arrival (9:20-9:30)

In order to ensure a safe and respectful arrival please review:

- Cars may NOT stop in the middle of Harvest St. to have their child hop out of the car.
- Cars MUST be in park for their child to exit the vehicle.
- Cars MAY pull up to the space between the orange cones above the bus lane (the entrance to the parking lot) to drop off their students.
- If a family member is walking their learner into the building, they must enter through the main doors (not playground doors). The family member must check in with the office staff if they have a prior appointment to visit a classroom. The family member will wait in the office until an office staff member can escort them to the classroom.

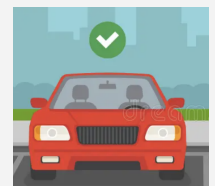
Students must arrive between 9:20-9:30 to be marked present. If a student arrives after 9:30 am, it is expected that there is a doctor's note to excuse their tardiness, otherwise they are marked tardy.

Dismissal (4:00-4:15)

In order to ensure a safe and respectful dismissal, please reviews:

- The staff member will have a clipboard with the child's name and the family must sign out their child.
- Families must pick up their learner from the grade's designated spot on the playground.
- Students will not use the playground until dismissal has ended at 4:20.
- Cars may NOT stop in the middle of Harvest St. to have their child hop in the car.
- Staff will no longer escort children to their family's vehicle.
- Cars MUST be parked.

During inclement weather, families must walk to the playground doors to check out their learner.



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