



Dear Roger Clap Families,

As the winter season is quickly approaching, Nurse Centeio and I wanted to remind everyone of a few simple practices that will help you, your families, and our community stay safe and healthy. This winter, we anticipate seeing an increase in the numbers of COVID-19, flu, and RSV. You can support your learner in staying healthy by:

- practicing good hygiene (washing hands frequently)
- refraining from touching your hands, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- having a consistent bedtime routine
- drinking lots of water

We have also included some additional guidelines below to help the community decide if they should stay home. We ask that community members experiencing these symptoms stay home for 24 hours after any symptoms of illness resolve:

- Fever — Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Students need to stay home for 24 hours after their temperature has returned to normal without any fever reducing medications, such as Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen.
- Diarrhea — Three or more loose or watery stools in a 24-hour period, especially if the person feels ill.
- Vomiting — Two or more times during the last 24-hours, especially if the person feels ill.
- Strep Throat or Bacterial Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) — Illnesses for which primary care providers have diagnosed and prescribed treatment. Students or employees must stay home 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics.



Join our school community TODAY (11/28) for our monthly Family Council (5pm) and [School Site Council \(6pm\) meeting](#) on Zoom. Share your ideas about any changes you'd like to see regarding our school's attendance, cell phone and uniform policies.



School Wide Updates:

- Order Roger Clap gear [online here!](#) The order window will be open until December 15. Families can pay directly on the site and choose to have the clothing shipped to your home or to the school address. Please reach out to Ms. Gay with any questions.
- Winter Wonderland Family Potluck on [Thursday, December 14](#): Join our Roger Clap community from 5:30-7pm for our school wide family potluck. Share a dish that is important to you/your family, connect with our community, and enjoy a meal!

In partnership,  
Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal



# BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Roger Clap Elementary School  
Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Dear Roger Clap Community,

As we quickly approach the final month of the year, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the values we share together as a community, and my gratitude to be a part of a community where our diversity is our strength. We all take our PACK values of perseverance, advocacy, collaboration, and kindness very seriously.

At the same time, our school is not immune to the pain, hurt, racism, and oppression that lives in our world. Racism impacts our school when bias-based language is used between members of our community, when we fail to take proactive steps to recruit, select and retain staff who mirror the racial & ethnic diversity and home languages of our students, and when unconscious bias impacts how we partner with families and problem solve.

I am writing to each of you to name the hurt that has impacted our students, staff, and families, and to reach out to see how we can collectively contribute to building a school culture where all are affirmed and belong.

The Clap School remains deeply committed to:

- Ensuring that our students participate in daily opportunities to build community and reflect on how our differences and identities are honored and celebrated.
- Expanding our restorative justice practices so that our community builds our capacity to problem solve and engage in healing and harm circles.
- Providing opportunities in our curriculum for students to engage in learning experiences that allow them to understand the structural, political, and historical legacies of oppression and racism, while also ensuring that we teach from an asset lens that honors the brilliance, joy, and creativity that rise out of our students' identities.
- Partnering with families to learn from their experiences and incorporate their ideas as we strengthen our school culture.

Please continue at home with your learner to help us build a community of belonging by:

- Reflecting with your learner about their day; help them see their successes and ensure they are communicating challenges with the adults at school
- Providing opportunities to celebrate ways they demonstrate PACK values at home, in their community, and at school
- Having conversations about how each person's identities are assets

In addition to your child's teaching team, please reach out to any members of our student support team if you have questions or feedback for our community.

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