



Dear Roger Clap Families,

Today we welcomed our 1st to 6th graders for the 2023-2024 School Year! Our students jumped into our WOLF PACK with joy, love, and curiosity. They began sharing their hopes and dreams as learners and community members. Students explored how they will grow as readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, artists and friends. They asked questions, learned new routines, and discussed the themes they will be exploring in their content areas. They used our new bathrooms and played on the new games painted on our playground area!

Our staff returned last week as we engaged in multiple days of professional development as adult learners. We explored what it means to *continually build an anti-racist and inclusive community* and how to ensure that each student and family has a *strong sense of belonging* - as learners and community members. We reflected on how we want our learning spaces to feel and how our students help co-construct these environments.



As a full inclusion school, we deepened our understanding of co-teaching practices to ensure that all students thrive as learners. This is work we are committed to doing and we are honored that you will be part of this work with us.

**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! Learn more about these opportunities at our Back to School Night on Thursday, September 28.
- 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.

Reminders:

- Emergency Contact Form: Please return the GREEN Emergency Contact Form asap.
- Walking Field Trip Form: Please return the BLUE field trip form so your learner can participate in field trips throughout the year that are within 1-mile radius of the school.
- School Dress Code: The Roger Clap is a mandatory uniform school. The Elementary Uniform consists of: Navy Blue Pants/Skirts and White or Navy Blue Shirt. Please reach out to our Family Liaison, Ms. D for any support we can provide. (617-635-8672)



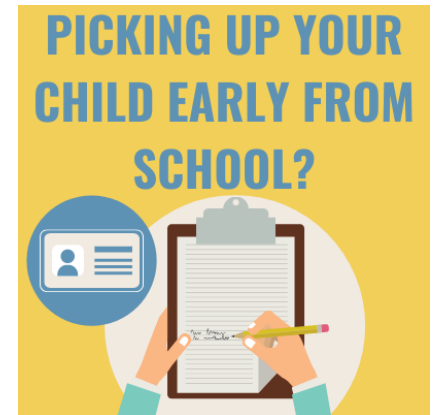
REMINDERS for STUDENT SAFETY

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.

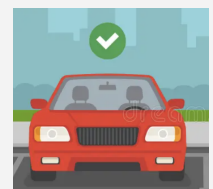
Students must arrive between 9:20-9:30 to be marked present. If a student arrives after 9:30 am, it is expected that there is a doctor's note to excuse their tardiness, otherwise they are marked tardy.

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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