



Dear Roger Clap Families & Community Members,

Family Conferences start next week (October 25 - November 5)! This year one of our school's priorities is to **strengthen family-school partnerships so each student can engage in productive struggle to grow their identities as *academic and confident* learners**. As we deepen our family-school partnerships, we recognize that how we talk about a student's academic and social/emotional progress is an opportunity to shift from parent-teacher conferences to **student-family-staff conferences**. Family Conferences provide **all team members** with the opportunity to reflect together on the start of the school year and set goals for the winter. To prepare for this conference please begin to:



- Think about your child's strengths and areas for growth
- Goals you'd like the school, student, and family to work on this fall

School Wide Updates:

- **Celebrating Birthdays:** Celebrating birthdays with classmates is something many students and staff enjoy. 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. To make sure that every student is celebrated, all student birthdays for the month will be celebrated on the same day. The last Friday of each month will be the Birthday Celebration Day. In case of school cancellation due to inclement weather, the celebration day will be held the following Friday
 - October 29, November 19, December 17, January 28, February 18, March 25, April 29, May 27, June 17 (June & July birthdays)

Reminders:

- **Morning Drop Off:** Students may NOT be dropped off earlier than 9:20 unless a parent/guardian is supervising the student in the playground. There are no Roger Clap Staff available to supervise students before 9:20am. If you would like to have your student enrolled in the before school program please contact Eric Shelton, winningeverystudent@gmail.com, 857-540-8977.
- **Absences:** When a student is absent, upon return the family must submit a note which is either from a Doctor or Parent/Guardian and it must include:
 - day/s absent,
 - reason for absence and
 - contact information. In partnership,

"Sick or Illness is not an excuse for a note". The family must bring a note upon the return of the student.

In partnership,

Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal