



Dear Roger Clap Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are excited to begin an excellent year as members of our Roger Clap WOLF PACK.

Our core values highlight who we strive to be as a community. We know that learning and growing requires that we stick with (and seek out!) challenges, use our resources to advocate for ourselves and our community, partner with others, and demonstrate kindness as we problem solve and celebrate successes. These core values are a reflection of our hopes for each member of our community - students, families, and staff. At the Roger Clap, we recognize that in order to become excellent readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, artists, athletes, musicians, and friends, together we must support our young people in developing these values.

Below is important information for the beginning of the school year:

Back to School Ice Cream Social	All students are invited on <u>Tuesday, September 5th</u> from 4:00-5:00pm at the Roger Clap Playground. Come get the SCOOP on our staff, students, and families! Get supplies & meet the staff and students you'll be learning with this year! (If it rains, we'll meet indoors)
First Day of School	Students in Grades 1-6: Thursday, September 7th Students in K0, K1 and K2: Monday, September 11th
School Hours	Arrival: School opens at 9:20am. To be marked on time, students must be in the building by 9:30am.
	Dismissal: Dismissal procedures begin at 4:00pm. In order to ensure a safe dismissal procedure <u>please do not pick up</u> your student(s) between 3:30-4pm. Early dismissals can lead to complicated dismissal routines for our community.
Before/After School Program	Winning Every Student runs our before and after-school program. This program will begin the first day of school for students who are pre-enrolled. Hours are: <i>Before school</i> : 7:30-9:20 and <i>Afterschool</i> : 4:10pm-6:00pm Questions: Contact: Eric Shelton, Executive Director email: winningeverystudent@gmail.com , phone: 857-540-8977
Dress Code	The uniform consists of: Navy Blue Pants/Skirts and White or Navy Blue Shirt.
Summer Learning	Take time to enjoy the BPS Summer Read. Your child will be engaging with experiences about the content of the book when they return. You can find the texts here: www.rogerclapelementary.org/summerread

Turn this over for more important information!

Open House: Our Back-to-School Night will be on Thursday, September 28, 2023 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.



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.

Connecting with your learner's teaching team: Every family should receive communication welcoming their child to their new classroom by 9/7. This will be the first of many opportunities for families to share your hopes and dreams for your child this school year!

Transportation: Students who are eligible for BPS Transportation should have already received information about your child's AM and PM bus. If you have any questions you must contact 617-635-9520 or schoolbus@bostonpublicschools.org. Unfortunately, the Roger Clap staff can't make any bus changes. All changes are completed through the central office.

Our Roger Clap Staff: I am thrilled to welcome back our returning staff and share updates about new additions to our school community! Please see attached staff list.



Forms to Return (enclosed in this mailing)	<u>Emergency Contact Form:</u> Return the <u>GREEN</u> form asap <u>Walking Field Trip Form:</u> Return the <u>BLUE</u> field trip form so your learner can participate in field trips throughout the year that are within 1-mile radius of the school.
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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.

We look forward to a terrific school year!

Sincerely,

Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal

To stay connect with Roger Clap Elementary School,
visit our social media platforms:

School Website			
			



Visitor, Arrival & Dismissal policy



Visitors

We welcome families into our school! Families are an integral part of supporting our community as guests, volunteers, and audience members for celebrations. In order to ensure the safety of our community:

- All visitors MUST sign into the office immediately upon entering the school.

VISITOR

Name _____

Visiting _____

Date _____

- All visitors will receive a Roger Clap Nametag so that staff know they have checked in the office.

- Visitors *can* not be in a classroom without checking in the office. A member of the office will escort the visitor to the specific space if a visit was previously arranged.
- Visitors can arrange to be a guest in a classroom by calling the school/staff member ahead of time.

If a family is interested in speaking directly with a specific staff member, please call the school ahead of time to ensure the staff member is available for a meeting.

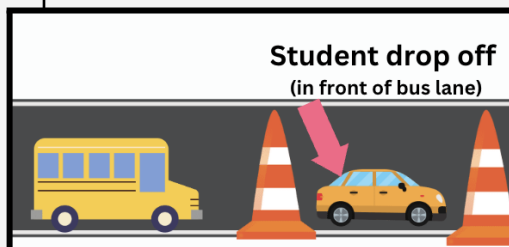


Arrival (9:20-9:30)

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. Students must be picked up between 4:00-4:20. Any students picked up before 4pm, must have a doctor's note so the early dismissal is marked as excused. Excessive early dismissals can lead to an attendance meeting with school staff. When students leave before 4pm (even sporadically), they miss significant academic instructional time.

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

Roger Clap Staff List - 2023-2024 School Year

Grade/Team	Staff
K0/K1	Andria Headley & Roberta Udoh
K2	Ulana Ainsworth, Farah Wong* & Dawn Baker
Grade 1	Peyton Costa, Farah Wong* & Gabby Boyd
Grade 2	Erin Flanagan, Sarah Moore* & Caroline Ambris
Grade 3	Dania Lezama, Kenneth Rosenthal* & Iram Akhtar
Grade 4	Tamia Daniel, Erin Rua* & Luisa Fernandes
Grade 5	Jennifer Teixeira, Viki Vale*, Derek Roman, & Fleming Barrows-Akers
Grade 6	Katherine Hepburn, Sarah Moore*, & Malik Wallace
Specialists	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> Connie Cummings (Art) Maralene Zwarich (PE & Health Education) </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> Dean Martin (Science) Keshia Koech (Librarian) </div> </div>
*Learning Specialists	Erin Rua, Farah Wong, Kenneth Rosenthal, Sarah Moore, Viki Vale
Schoolwide Support	Carolina Castillo-Carbona (Special Education Coordinator) Brittany Duke (Home for Little Wanderers - School Based Clinician) Elizabeth Barros Centeio (Nurse) Mikaila Christopher (School Psychologist) Susan Lovett (Social Worker)
Food & Nutrition	Ana Moreta (Cafeteria Manager) Myra Matthew (Lunch Monitor) Maria Casiano (Lunch Monitor)
Office Team	Deidre DeGraffenreid (Family Liaison) Tawanda Gay (Secretary) Emma Fialka-Feldman (Principal) Genet Mehari (Instructional Coach)
Facilities	Brendan McIntosh (Daytime Custodian) Lew Smith (Evening Custodian)

To reach our staff please call the main office at: 617-635-8672