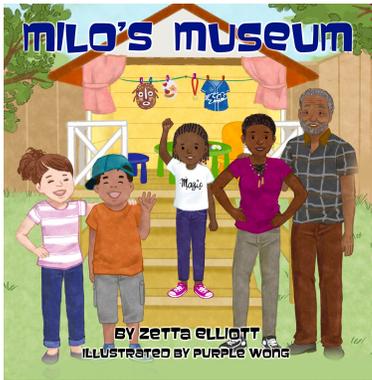


Dear Roger Clap Families & Community Members,

This week we are launching the first school wide read! Since August, our staff have been working with staff from [Little Uprisings](#) to evaluate the texts and experiences our students are engaged with to ensure that the Roger Clap student and staff experience builds towards an anti-racist and inclusive culture. *Little Uprisings* is a Boston-based organization that develops partnerships with school systems that have a commitment to making racial justice an everyday occurrence. Their work is actively anti-racist, brave and Black affirming. It is not limited to looking at justice through a lens of oppression, but seeks to broaden one's lens to center Blackness as a beautiful and endlessly rich source of experience, knowledge, and inspiration.



The text "Milo's Museum" was selected as an opportunity to ensure access for all of our learners, build a shared experience for the entire Roger Clap community, and provide specific ways to engage our community in topics of identity, justice, anti-racism, and advocacy. Next week, every student will go home with a copy of the text so you can share in this school wide read. In January, stay tuned for how each classroom will showcase their learning!

At the end of the week, we hope you can talk to your learner about this text by asking them:

- Who is Milo? Why does she create a museum?
- What are your prized possessions? What objects reveal your strengths? Have you ever won a trophy or prize?
- Talk to the elders in your family. Ask them to share photographs and heirlooms that tell a story about your family (an heirloom is something precious that gets passed down from one generation to the next). Has your family ever migrated from one place to another? What objects help you celebrate your family's culture(s)?

BPS Mid Year Survey: Please share your voice! If you need support accessing the survey - please reach out to our family liaison, Ms. D at 617-635-8672..

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 Emma Fialka-Feldman
 Principal

School Wide Events:

- Family Voice: Join our community on Zoom on TONIGHT - Tuesday, December 13 for Family Council (5:30pm) and School Site Council (6pm).
In our November SSC meeting, we discussed our next steps for building our Outdoor Learning Spaces. If you want to be part of the planning of this work, including more frequent meetings, please join us at this SSC to schedule specific dates and times that we can meet as we prepare for our next phases of planning and construction.
- Picture Day Makeup: Wednesday, December 14
To order please visit: CLIXNE.COM/ORDER; Enter Code: RCISFall22
Directions: *If your learner was not photographed in November, is a new student to our school, or if you were not happy with your initial photographs, please have your child ready for the picture day makeup on Wednesday, December 14. If you were not happy with your pictures, please return the prints with your learner on this picture day.*
- Dress Up Day & December Birthday Celebration:
Friday, December 16th is our next schoolwide dress up day! Wear any workout or sports gear! Any students with birthdays in December are invited to bring in a treat.
- Popcorn Day: Thursday, December 22 is our next schoolwide Popcorn Day.



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Dear Roger Clap Families,

The winter season is upon us, we would like to remind our students, families and staff of the importance of maintaining a safe, healthy, and welcoming school environment for all. In addition to COVID-19, a number of cases of Influenza A and RSV, along with other prevalent winter illnesses have presented. We share a responsibility in protecting and maintaining the health of our students, staff, and community.

Preventing the spread of illness for you and your family begins with everyday key practices, such as:

- staying up-to-date with your vaccines,
- staying home when sick,
- testing for COVID-19 before gathering with family and friends,
- wearing a well-fitted mask while experiencing any symptoms, covering your nose and mouth especially while coughing, and
- hand washing.

It is important to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or shirt sleeve when coughing or sneezing.

You can join our community for our Winter Vaccine Clinic next Monday, December 19, 2022.

The Roger Clap Elementary School welcomes you to our Covid-19 family vaccination event on *Monday, December 19, 2022*. You can find us in the *Science room on the 2nd floor* from *12pm-4pm*. We will be offering \$25 gift cards to all BPS students and siblings (21 and under), staff and one caregiver who are vaccinated (Covid-19 only). Join us in our goal to keep our community safe and our kids in school!

We will have all Covid-19 vaccinations including all doses and manufacturers available! [Sign up here](#) or use this QR code →



In order to help reduce the risk of spreading these illnesses we will be encouraging mask use throughout the building. Students can attend school with a slight cough as long as they are not experiencing multiple symptoms. Any student who has cold-like symptoms will be encouraged to wear a mask until symptoms resolve.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me! I can be reached at ebarroscenteio@bostonpublicschools.org.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Centeio, School Nurse, Roger Clap Elementary | Boston Public Schools