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Dear Roger Clap Families,

Family Conferences start soon (October 23 - November 3)! 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** (including your learner!) 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
- o Goals you'd like the school, student, and family to work on this fall Please reach out to your child's teaching team to sign up.

The following are days that the teachers are available all day to participate in conferences:

Oct. 23-Grade 6	Oct. 24-Grade 2	Oct. 25-K2	Oct. 27-Grade 5
Oct. 30-Grade 4	Oct. 31-Grade 1	Nov. 2-Grade 2	Nov. 3 -K0/K1

November 1 is a Sibling Conference Day. If you have multiple children at the Clap and want to have the conferences for ALL your children on one day, please reach out to Mrs. DP.

School Wide Updates:

- Popcorn Day: THIS WEEK THURSDAY 10/12 is our first Popcorn Day. If you are a family member interested in volunteering between 9am-11am, reach out to Mrs. DP! Send your learner in with \$1 to help raise funds.
- FAMILY VOICE NEEDED: Each BPS school has a new Inclusion Planning Team (IPT). The team's purpose is to ensure that all students specifically students that have an IEP or 504 Plan and/or students who are English Language Learners have access to high-quality curricula and create an inclusive environment that fosters academic achievement. There are 3 meetings scheduled on Fridays from 8-9am (10/20, 11/17, 12/15). Reach out to Mrs. DP if you are interested in participating.
- <u>Tuesday, October 23</u>: School Site Council (6pm) & Family Council (5pm) on Zoom. During the School Site Council we will hear from...
 - Zachary Houston, Assistant Director for ABA/Office of Special Education at BPS
 - Rachel Duffy MS, BCBA, LABA, Clinical Coordinator, South Shore Autism Center
 - Learn about our ABA services at the Clap this year!
- <u>Friday, October 27</u>: Dollar Dress Day PJ Day, Town Hall & October Birthday Celebration Day

In partnership, Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal







