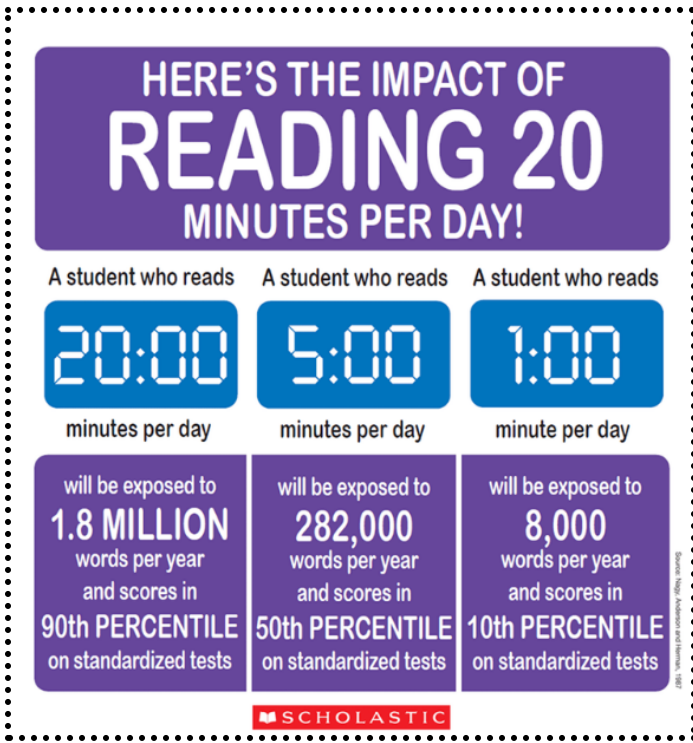




Dear Roger Clap Families,

Research shows us that one of the most important ways we can support the growth of our students is by building strong home-school learning partnerships where students read 20 minutes per day. [Join us TONIGHT at 6pm for School Site Council on Zoom](#) to give your feedback on the upcoming roll out of the Roger Clap Home-School Reading Expectations. We would love your feedback on how we can strengthen our students' love for reading!



On Thursday, March 23 at 7pm, Families with students in Grades 3, 4, 5, or 6, join us for a [30 minute Zoom](#) providing

an overview of the upcoming MCAS tests. Learn what your student can expect on these testing days, how you can do to support your learner and what you can do to address the range of emotions that students may experience. Students in Grades 3-6 will be participating in MCAS on the following dates (Make up days are scheduled throughout the testing windows).

ELA: Grade 3 (April 4th and 11th), Grade 4 (April 3rd & 10th), Grade 5 (April 4th & 11th), & Grade 6 (April 5th and 12th)

Math: Grade 3 (May 9th and 16th), Grade 4 (May 8th and 15th), Grade 5 (May 9th and 11th), Grade 6 (May 10th and 17th)

Science: Grade 5 only (May 16th and 18th)

Upcoming Events & Reminders

- Family Council & School Site Council: TONIGHT → 3/21 Families & Staff will meet on Zoom to participate in Family Council (5:00pm) and School Site Council (6pm).
- Town Hall, March Birthday Celebration Day & Color Day: 3/31 is the day for a number of monthly events. Town Hall will be celebrating PACK winners at 3:25pm. Classrooms will celebrate March Birthdays. Stay tuned to see what color your learner's class votes for to wear on 3/31.
- New! Running Club!: Check out information for students in Grades 1-6 for the launch of our Roger Clap Student Running Club starting in April on Mondays & Wednesdays after school!
- Family Potluck Save the date for April 13 from 5:30-7pm for our Schoolwide Community Potluck event!



In partnership,
Emma Fialka-Feldman
Principal, Roger Clap Elementary



Roger Clap 3rd Grade MCAS Schedule

MCAS Subject	Session 1	Session 2
ELA April 4th & 11th	2-2.5 Hours	1.5-2 Hours
Math May 9th & 16th	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

Testing starts each day at 10:00. Please ensure students arrive at school on time. Students that arrive after the test session has begun will not be admitted into the testing space. Students will then need to take a make-up test on another day.

Untimed Students will test online using school Chromebooks. The Massachusetts Department of Education has given estimated times for each session reflected above in the calendars. Students will have the time they need to complete the assessment.

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4th Grade MCAS Schedule

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ELA April 3rd & 10th	2-2.5 Hours	1.5-2 Hours
Math May 8th & 15th	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

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5th Grade MCAS Schedule

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ELA April 4th & 11th	2-2.5 Hours	1.5-2 Hours
Math May 9th & 11th	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours
Science May 16th & 18th	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

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6th Grade MCAS Schedule

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ELA April 5th & 12th	2-2.5 Hours	1.5-2 Hours
Math May 10th & 17th	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

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