



Dear Roger Clap Families,

**JOIN US
ON
ZOOM**

TONIGHT (Tuesday, March 26 at 6pm), families with students in Grades 3-6, may 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

—> Learn what you can do to support your learner and how 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 2 & 9), Grade 4 (April 2 & 9), Grade 5 (April 3 & 10), & Grade 6 (April 4 & 8)
- Math: Grade 3 (May 2 & 14), Grade 4 (May 7 & 14), Grade 5 (1 & 8), Grade 6 (May 6 & 13)
- Science: Grade 5 only (May 13 & 15)



Interested in the Roger Clap's Spring Running Club?
Look for the attached permission slip to sign up your learner for a weekly 4-5pm free running club on Tuesdays starting in April!

Upcoming Events:

- TONIGHT - 5:00 - March Family Council Meeting on Zoom
- TONIGHT - 6:00 - March School Site Council Meeting on Zoom where families can learn about Spring MCAS & provide feedback about our school's Snack & Wellness Policy.
- Friday, March 29 - No School
- Thursday, April 4 - Raising Awareness on Social Media & Online Safety at 4:30 in the Cafeteria [Learn about how you can address cyberbullying and challenges on social media]
- Friday, April 12 - 8:30am - Coffee & Tea with School Family Council & Principal



In partnership,
Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal

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3rd Grade MCAS Schedule

MCAS Subject	Session 1	Session 2
ELA April 2 & 9, 2024	2-2.5 Hours	1.5-2 Hours
Math May 2 & 14, 2024	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

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4th Grade MCAS Schedule

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ELA April 2 & 9, 2024	2-2.5 Hours	1.5-2 Hours
Math May 7 & 14, 2024	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

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5th Grade MCAS Schedule

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Math May 1 & 8, 2024	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours
Science May 13 & 15, 2024	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

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6th Grade MCAS Schedule

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ELA April 4 & 8, 2024	2-2.5 Hours	1.5-2 Hours
Math May 6 & 13, 2024	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

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