



Dear Roger Clap Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 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.



We PERSEVERE.  
We ADVOCATE.  
We COLLABORATE.  
We show KINDNESS.

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 6th</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!
First Day of School	Students in Grades 1-6: Thursday, September 8th Students in K0, K1 and K2: Monday, September 12th
School Hours	School opens at 9:20am. To be marked on time, students must be in the building by 9:30am. Dismissal procedures begin at 4:00pm.
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: <a href="mailto:winningeverystudent@gmail.com">winningeverystudent@gmail.com</a> , 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: <a href="http://www.rogerclapelementary.org/summerread">www.rogerclapelementary.org/summerread</a>

Turn this over for more important information!

Open House: Our Back-to-School Night will be on Thursday, September 29, 2022 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 29.

Connecting with your learner's teaching team: Every family should receive communication welcoming their child to their new classroom by 9/8. 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.

COVID Updates:

- All staff and students will be provided one at-home test kit every two weeks. Each kit contains two tests for weekly testing. Students and staff will be strongly encouraged to test on Sunday night or Monday morning before coming to school.
- Masks are optional but recommended for the safety of our students, families and staff.
- Every classroom and common space will have an air purifier to increase ventilation.
- Rapid testing will be available for symptomatic students who opt-in to the testing program.

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.

We look forward to a terrific school year!

Sincerely,

Emma Fialka-Feldman  
Principal

