



Dear Roger Clap Families,

In partnership with families, our school aims to provide the support to each family to ensure that your learner is able to be at school each and every day. Our school wide goal is to have a 94% daily attendance rate. Last Thursday, March 9th was one of our highest days of attendance this school year with over 97% of students in school. Please continue to reach out to Ms. D to let us know how we can support your learner. **At this time our average attendance rate is only 90.7%.** We need your support to help increase this percentage and ensure our school is on track to meeting our BPS goals!

Here are a few ways you can support your learner's attendance:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.

- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to our teachers, social worker and other families for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?



of kids with good attendance in K and 1st
(missed 9 or fewer days both years)



of kids with at-risk attendance
(missed more than 9 days both years)



of kids chronically absent in K or 1st
(missed 18 or more days one year)

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days

WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **New Clothing:** If you haven't already, complete the attached apparel order form to ensure your learner(s) receive the appropriate sizes for our new Roger Clap clothing! Return by THIS Friday (3/17).
- **Winter Report Cards & Family Conferences:** Reach out to your learner's teachers to schedule a family conference for the end of March. All Winter report cards will be passed out at this meeting.
- **Popcorn Day:** 3/20 is our next Popcorn Day. If you are a family member interested in volunteering between 9am-11am, reach out to Ms. D! Send your learner in with \$1 to help raise funds for our end of the year events!
- **Family Council & School Site Council:** 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.

In partnership,
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