



Dear CLCS Families,

Welcome to 5th and 6th grade! I am so thrilled to meet all of you and to come together as a learning community when school begins on August 29th. I will be your child's Humanities Teacher this year, and I look forward to working with you on many exciting units of study. In ELA we will read many short stories, poems, and novels, and also immerse ourselves in various genres of writing. In Social Studies we will explore timelines, geography, and the important role of the Boston Harbor Islands in American History. Of course, the *Learning Through Music* curricular model will be integrated into each unit, as well as community building activities to further the social and emotional learning that will be happening each and every day.

Since I am new to Conservatory Lab, I would like to tell you a bit about myself. I recently moved here from New York City, but I am originally from San Francisco, CA. I have been having a wonderful time exploring Boston this summer and getting to know this wonderful city! In my spare time I love to ride my bike, watch baseball, and read. For the past three years, I have been a 6th grade teacher at the Bronx Studio School for Writers and Artists in New York City. During that time I also earned my Masters Degree in Special Education at Hunter College, CUNY. Prior to that, I earned my Masters Degree in History at San Francisco State University and my Bachelor's Degree in History at the University of California Santa Cruz. Even though I have graduated from school, I am always learning, and I look forward to continuing my academic and professional development with you this year!

During the school year, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am available both by phone (617.254.8904 ext. 303) and by email (bgapp@conservatorylab.org). The best times to reach me are in the afternoon between 12:45 and 2:00, or after 3:15 PM.

As a community we have many great things to look forward to and I thank you for your ongoing support of your child's academic success. I look forward to meeting you soon and working closely with you this year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bry Gapp
5th & 6th Grade Humanities Teacher