



# Inside North Main

October 2020 Newsletter

Letter From the Principal ~ Mr. Coto,

Welcome to the first edition of the “*Inside North Main*” newsletter. In an effort to keep our North Main Families “in the loop” I would like to provide everyone with updates as often as I can, without flooding your email inbox! Reflecting back over the month of September I really only have one observation. It’s been a long month! That being said, we now have smiling children in our building and are about to take the next step to full A/B days and bring in more students. Everyone, including parents, teachers, and support staff have worked incredibly hard to get to this point. I truly believe it is all worth it.

What lies ahead in the coming weeks? In an effort to allow teachers time to prepare for full implementation of live instruction beginning Tuesday, October 6; Monday, October 5th will now be a remote asynchronous instruction day for students. That means on October 5th teachers will not be “meeting” with their students. Instead, asynchronous work will be posted in your child’s Google Classroom. This change to our Remote Monday schedule, as of now, is only for October 5th.

October 6-9, Tuesday-Friday we are going to take a giant step forward. Beginning on Tuesday, October 6 we will bring in all the A Hybrid students, followed by all the B hybrid students on Wednesday, October 7. All A students again on Thursday and all B students again on Friday. Of course our “D” track students will continue to come on their regular schedule and our fully remote students will continue on their regular schedule. The biggest change will be with our A and B Track students. While the full A group is live in the classroom with the teacher, the B group will also be live-streaming in when appropriate under the guidance of the teacher. Our teachers have been amazing and will continue to do what they do so well. They will direct your children through the process of “Live-Streaming” over the course of next week. This is going to be a significant adjustment, and we all need to be patient with our teachers as they navigate more students and students streaming in live!

Having our students learn from home obviously has presented some challenges. Here are some additional reminders that will help your child be successful in the coming weeks.

- Please help ensure that children participating remotely have a designated work space with minimal distractions. Just as if our children were in school, please help them be focused and engaged, and not distracted by other items such as electronic devices, games, siblings, etc.
- Children should be dressed as they would dress for attending school; and keep in mind that snack times will be structured throughout the school day.

- Remote instructional time is precious, and we ask for our families continued support in ensuring that this time is treated as it would be in a fully in-person setting even when students are learning remotely. Cameras should be on at all times, with children remaining with their device and actively engaged.
- Should you have any questions for your child’s teacher, please remember to either call or email the teacher using your email address. *Please refrain from joining a session and speaking to the teacher while children are present.* Please also refrain from using the chat feature in your child’s Google Classroom or using your child’s school email account to email the teacher.

I need to take this opportunity to say how great your children have been throughout this whole process. From wearing masks, to attending remote instruction. Our North Mainers have been great! They really have made us proud. Moving forward there will always be changes. We are constantly modifying and adapting to our changing environment. With patience and kindness we will get through this!

## Important Dates

Monday, October 5	Remote asynchronous instructional day. Work will be posted on the teachers Google Classroom.
Tuesday, October 6	All A day students will attend school (A1 and A2).
Wednesday, October 7	All B day students will come to school (B1 and B2).
Thursday, October 8	All A day students will attend school (A1 and A2).
Friday, October 9	All B day students will attend school (B1 and B2).
Monday, October 12	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day Holiday
October 23 - 31	RED RIBBON WEEK