



## Newsletter November 2020

### Message from Mr. Alexander, Principal

Dear Parent,

During the week of 11/2-11/6, your child will take a MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA® on a computer or tablet. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals with students.

MAP Growth tests are unique, and it adapts to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject and have the same starting performance level. Each school year, students in grades 2-6 will take the test three times a year. Following each testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](http://NWEA.org/familytoolkit).

\*\*Parents of remote students should not assist during NWEA testing beyond helping students get on the program.\*\*

### Message from Mrs. Belanger, Dean of Students

We are off to a great start this fall with all of our new procedures! Thank you again for being so flexible as we have adjusted and tweaked to make it the safest possible routine for all of our students. ☺

Students have been doing very well with in person learning and making many adjustments. Our focus going forward is to build on that in person success and help them transfer those good habits to their Remote Days of Learning. Remote learning is so challenging for EVERYONE!! We are launching "NO EXCUSE NOVEMBER" as part of our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports – PBIS. Please continue to help your child establish a solid and organized learning plan for remote days. The best skill they are going to learn this year is taking Responsibility for their own learning – we can thank 2020 for this great life skill!

As always, please reach out to classroom teachers or myself for extra support or questions -

**NO EXCUSE**  
**NOVEMBER**  
 Getting your work **DONE** matters!  
 Rewards are coming for 80-90 and 100% completion  
 of ALL school work

**November 2-6**

**Monday- Crazy Colored Clothes- How many different colors can you wear?**

**Tuesday - Red/White/Blue Day - Show your Patriotism on Election Day**

**Wednesday - PJ Day - Stay in your pajamas all day long!**

**Thursday- Hat Day**

**Friday - Crazy Hair /Red & White Day**

### From Nurse Bonnie

Please remember to have your dental forms returned with MaineCare numbers on them (for those of you who have it in order to qualify) by November 10<sup>th</sup>! Please review the Augusta School Department covid-19 guidelines page each day to prevent the spread of infection. If you need one please let me or your child's teacher know and we will send one. This year is unlike previous years and there are certain symptoms that we have to dismiss children for that previously they may have been allowed to remain in school for. If you have any questions feel free to call me to discuss. If your child is out with a respiratory illness we ask that you get an alternate diagnosis letter from your pediatrician (i.e.: URI, asthma, allergies...). Thanks and stay well!!!

### Important Dates

- 11/2 – No Excuse November Begins
- 11/2-11/6–NWEA testing grades 2-6
- 11/4 - No School (Teacher Professional Development Day)
- 11/11 - No School Veterans Day
- 11/25 - No School Workshop Day
- 11/26-11/27 No School Thanksgiving Break