



Katahdin Team Fall Newsletter/Update

Important Dates:

Thur, Sept 19:

Grade Check after 1PM - teacher need grades & HOW scores current and up to date before the 1PM grade check

Sat, Sept 21:

9:00-11:00 in the MCMS Cafe' - Band Instrument Demo Day

Mon, Sept 23:

NWEA Testing
8:00-8:15 Advisee time
8:18-10:29 NWEA TESTING
10:32-11:35 1B
11:38-12:03 Lunch & Activity A
12:05-12:29 Lunch & Activity B
12:32-1:17 Tutorial & Chorus
1:20-2:23 2B
2:25-2:30 Advisee time

Tue, Sept 24:

NWEA Testing
8:00-8:15 Advisee time
8:18-10:29 NWEA Testing
10:32-11:35 3B
11:38-12:03 Lunch & Activity A
12:05-12:29 Lunch & Activity B
12:32-1:17 Tutorial & Band
1:20-2:23 4B

Mon, Oct 7: Flu Shot Clinic

Thur, Oct 10:

8:30-10:30 Student Photos by Lifetouch
order forms will be available by the end of Sept - for your child to pick up from the Info Table located in the hallway outside the main office. More information will be posted here at a later date with directions to order photo packages online.

Fri, Oct 11: No school for students / Staff workshop day

Mon, Oct 14: Holiday - NO School

Fri, Oct 25: 11:40 student dismissal / staff workshop

Thur, Oct 31: **Happy Halloween** - costumes are allowed with NO Gore/NO Masks/ NO inappropriate for school clothing / Face Paint is OK only if we can still recognize the student.

A Note from Ms. Cleveland:

Ms. Cleveland's *People of Maine* class is off to a good start. We're learning about the historical and current Wabanaki people in Maine. This informational reading we're working on now will provide the basis for a narrative writing project we'll look to complete before the end of the trimester. We've also re-established our weekly routines of Vocabulary.com, Whooo's Reading, and added in some work with a software program called Freckle - an adaptive ELA practice program.

This Friday, September 20 is my last day at MCMS. I'm moving to Richmond Middle School and will be taking up my teaching practice there. It has been a privilege and an honor to work with the Katahdin students and team for the last two years. For the transition, I've written lesson plans for the next few weeks. Interviews for my replacement are happening Wednesday, Sept. 18. I imagine there will be an update from Mrs. Pelletier shortly after those interviews are complete and a teacher is hired. I've spoken to the kids about how opportunities come at unexpected times and, after thoughtful reflection, they should follow their hearts and intuition to make a thoughtful decision. I will sorely miss all the wonderful connections I've made here and wish you all the best as this school year unfolds. Please feel free to reach out to me at my personal email below if you'd like to ask questions or be in touch.

Much love and gratitude,



~ Ally Cleveland
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An update from Mr. Aspinall:

In Mr. A's "Maine Plants & Animals" class, students are learning how to make Keynote & Google Slides presentations, as well as properly citing sources from the internet. After choosing a particular plant or animal, students are building a basic Keynote to share with the class, allowing each student to learn something different about a variety of plants and animals. Next week the class will be learning about animals that no longer exist in Maine (wolves, caribou, and mountain lions), how Mainers attributed to this, as well as animals that are now endangered and what we can do to keep their numbers from dropping.

In Mr. A's "Maine Govt & History" class, students are learning about early Maine explorers (Champlain, Verrazzano, John Popham, etc...), where they sailed from, the impact they had on native populations and how they changed Europe with what they discovered. Next week students will be learning about Maine's early days, and how regular people lived, what they did for work, and the ruling government at the time.

A message from Mrs. Pelletier:

In Mrs. Pelletier's Math classes we are well underway. Students completed pre-assessments to check their prior knowledge of the standards to be taught this trimester. Each group has jumped in to the units creating Mathematics Binders(to help organize their work, getting comfortable with Google Classroom and KHAN Academy. KHAN Academy is an online practice of the content being covered in class during the week(all KHAN work is due each Friday and practice problems must be an 80 or better). Students can try practice problems as many times as they wish and the system holds on to their best score. The transition to MS can be tough for some with regards to work completion and time management- If your child is struggling to complete work at home- I host Activity B(2nd lunch)Team Based Study Hall time in my room - Please encourage your child to sign up- or email me(or your child's advisor) if you would like them to join.

Note: *If your child is struggling to know "what HW they have or frequently say NO Homework", please encourage them to show you their Google Classroom and look at work discussed there as a starting point!

Homework Help Sessions (Wed's & Thur's)

Homework Help Sessions generally happen each Wed & Thur

Space is limited - sign up by 1:15 each Wed & Thur in the Learning Commons

Homework help sessions provide a time & place for students to receive "teacher requested" homework help from the homework help staff member.

- 1. Teacher must request the session**
- 2. Parent permission is required**
- 3. Student must sign up by 1:15-space is limited**
- 4. Parent must arrange for pick up promptly at 4:30 (or before)**

Limited to 10 students per session - first come - first served basis

Parents can reach their child during the session by calling the Learning Commons at 685-3128 ext. 1164