



NORTHGATE INTERMEDIATE

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Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

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Dear Families,

I would like to take this time to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! My name is Andre Jones and I am very excited to be your child's principal for this year. I assure you that I will work with you to ensure the best education for your child in a positive learning environment.

- **The First Day of School for our Virtual Online Experience is Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

I would first like to express my sincere admiration to all the parents who took on multiple roles during this pandemic. To immediately take on the responsibility of educator for distance learning in March is a testament to the dedication and commitment you have for your family. Although this was not an ideal situation for you and your family, the routines and procedures you implemented helped keep your child engaged and on task no matter what anyone says. Our goal for this school year is to meet your child where they are at academically as well as socially so when we do transition back to the building in the near future, they are able to transition seamlessly and continue to make gains.

I know we are all disappointed that we will not start the school year in the traditional manner. Unfortunately, we will not have our traditional Back to School Night and other events like the first day of school in the building and taking that popular photo in the morning of your child's new school outfit and book bag before they walk to school or catch the bus. I still encourage parents to take that photo with your child and include their student/office space.

In order to ensure the best for your child I will hold myself, the staff, parents, and students to the highest expectations. As a parent you are your child's first and most important role model. Your attitudes, words, and actions shape your child's beliefs about his/herself and their potential in life. Your child's educational future depends on us working side by side to create an educational experience at Northgate Intermediate 4/5 ES that carries them through life.

Virtual Back to School Night:

Our virtual Back to School Night is scheduled on **Tuesday, September 1st from 6 pm to 7 pm.** This time will be used to introduce new staff, share important dates, and answer any questions you may have. The link to access the event will be shared on the automated dialer which will direct you to the school website.

Parent-Teacher Orientation:

An orientation will be scheduled with your child's teacher to become acclimated to the classroom norms, become familiar with assessment windows, to get to know your teacher and to learn how you can support your student's online learning program. The online link to access the orientation will be shared on Class Dojo.

Attendance:

It is so important that your student logs into their learning platform every day. This will prevent your student from earning an incomplete for the quarter, being at risk for retention and increase their likelihood of keeping up with their grade level peers.

Class Dojo:

Classroom Dojo will be Northgate's virtual parent communication tool this school year. Each teacher will create a Classroom Dojo account and will send every parent an invite. Important information, parent meetings, and updates will be shared using this portal.

Chrome Book and Curriculum Distribution:

Student curriculum materials will be distributed from September 2nd to September 9th. These are consumable materials for your child to use at home as they participate and engage in the online lessons the teacher will be using this school year. This will also be a time for your child to sign out a chrome book if they do not have one or to return a chrome book that may have been signed out at the end of last school year. Teacher packets may be included with these materials. More information will be shared on the school's automated dialer.

CALENDAR FOR 2020-2021: A copy of the District Traditional Calendar is included with this letter. Specific dates of special events occurring at Northgate Intermediate will be given to parents via school newsletter, parent reminders, phone dialer, and on the school website.

Your child's teacher of record this school year is:

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to working with you this year. Please know that I am always here for you and your child! Feel free to call me at **614-365-8815** or email me at **ajones4766@columbus.k12.oh.us** if you have any questions. Here is Northgate Intermediate's website: <https://www.ccsok.us/NorthgateIS>.

Sincerely,

Andre Jones
Principal