



# MAINE VIRTUAL ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER



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Issue 3

### Dr. Melinda Browne Head of School

We at MEVA are extremely thankful that you have chosen our school for your education. We take our responsibilities seriously and we hope to see you at our upcoming Open House/ESEA Informational Annual Meeting on December 6 at 3:00pm.

As an introduction to this meeting, we are here to help everyone and we want to see our students grow in their learning and attain the best grades that they can. MEVA receives schoolwide ESEA (Title 1A) grant funds for instructional-supports that are available to all students. Parent involvement is a huge component of our ESEA program; we are hosting dozens of team meetings every week.

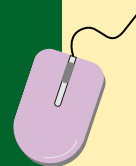
Please do not hesitate to request time to talk if you have questions about the NWEA Assessment reports we recently mailed to you and/or you believe your student needs more help. Please join us on December 6 to learn more about our school-wide programs.

As always, we encourage students to take advantage of individual and small group sessions, supported Study Hall, and daily HS HelpDesk. We are here for you and we wish each of you a peaceful holiday season.



### Important Dates

- Open House/ESEA Informational Annual Meeting December 6 at 3:00pm
- **NWEA Winter Testing Grades 7-11**
- Virtual Testing January 10, 11 and 12
- Virtual Makeup Day January 13
- End of Semester 1 January 12
- Semester 2 begins January 13
- **School Holidays**
- December 23 - January 2 Winter Break
- January 2 New Year's Day (Observed)
- January 16 Martin Luther King Day
- February 20 President's Day
- February 20-24 February Vacation



### Open House

Join us by Zoom on Tuesday, December 6 at 3:00pm for the Open House/ESEA Informational Annual Meeting. All MEVA students are eligible for Schoolwide ESEA (Title 1A) supports and interventions. We will be going over what MEVA has available for the students including MS small group meetings, the HS HelpDesk, team meetings, external credit opportunities, and self-paced classes.

Keep an eye out for the Zoom link which we will send out closer to December 6.

## Graduation Activities

Throughout the month of December (and onward), we will run the Graduation Activities Club on Thursdays from 3:00–3:50 to work on individual yearbook pages, SWAG designs, and much more. If you are an early graduate and would like to be included in 12th Grade Advisory, please email [dfournier@mainevirtual.org](mailto:dfournier@mainevirtual.org).

Start here to learn about the Yearbook/ Graduation video and Senior Swag: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYQy97LE0-g>.

Connect with your classmates and start getting pumped for graduation!

## College Registration

Registration for Spring 2023 Early College Courses at Maine Community Colleges and University of Maine System colleges is now open!

High school students may take up to 12 credit hours for free each year, including during the summer. In general, students need a 2.7 GPA to qualify.

These courses are FREE to you – MEVA covers the cost of books too! You get high school AND college credit!

Search and apply for classes at Maine Community Colleges here: [On Course for College](#)

Search and apply for classes at University of Maine System Colleges here: [ExplorEC](#)

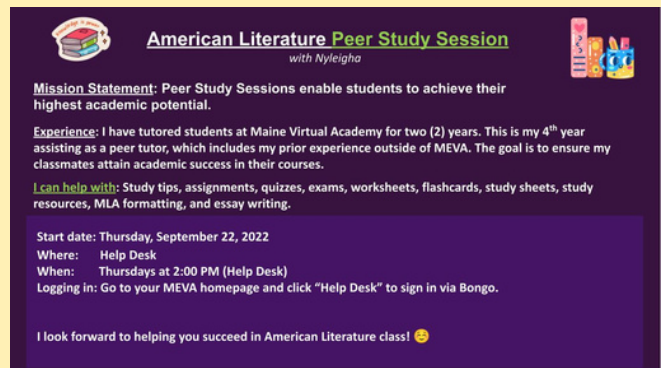
## FAFSA/FAME

Seniors and Early Graduates: For help filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), you can sign up for a free help session with FAME (Finance Authority of Maine)!

Sign up here: <https://www.famemaine.com/affording-education/pay-for-school/get-financial-aid/fafsa/fafsa-help-sessions/>

## American Literature Peer Study Sessions

11th Grade Student Nyleigha Lupercio offers peer study sessions to assist students in American Literature and help them achieve their highest academic potential. She is available every Thursday at 2pm at the [HelpDesk](#).



The image is a screenshot of a digital announcement for an American Literature Peer Study Session. At the top, it features a small icon of a stack of books and the title "American Literature Peer Study Session with Nyleigha" in a purple header. Below the title, there are three sections of text: "Mission Statement" explaining the goal of helping students achieve their highest academic potential; "Experience" detailing the student's two years of tutoring at Maine Virtual Academy; and "I can help with:" listing various academic tasks like study tips, assignments, and essay writing. A "Start date" of Thursday, September 22, 2022, is provided, along with "Where" (Help Desk), "When" (Thursdays at 2:00 PM), and "Logging in" instructions. The announcement concludes with a friendly statement: "I look forward to helping you succeed in American Literature class!"

## U.S. Military

After graduation, many of our students choose to continue their education, enter a trade, or seek employment. Others may ask, "Where do I go from here?"

The U.S. Military is made up of six branches, each with its own specific mission. Together, they offer a variety of ways to serve and more than 250 different occupations. Most Service branches have active-duty and part-time components. Part-time duty includes the Reserve and National Guard.

If the military is of interest to you, check out the [FUTURES](#) website for more information.





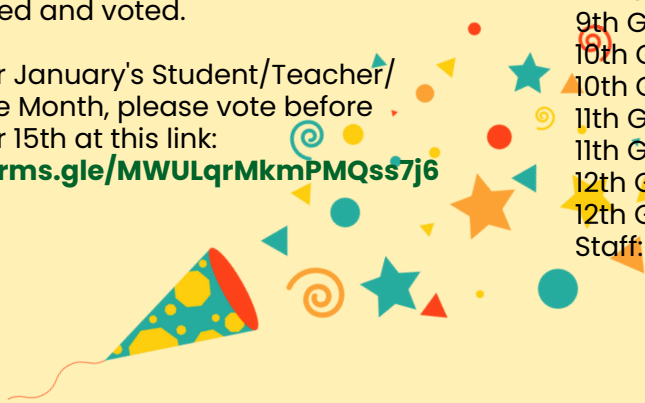
## Student/Teacher/Staff of the Month

In response to the newsletter, students reached out and suggested a Student/Teacher/Staff of the Month section -- so we did it! Thank you to everyone who participated and voted.

To vote for January's Student/Teacher/Staff of the Month, please vote before December 15th at this link:  
<https://forms.gle/MWULqrMkmPMQss7j6>

Congratulations to our Students, Teachers and Staff of the Month for December!

7th Grade Student: **Krista Sanchez**  
7th Grade Teacher: **Nicole Taylor**  
8th Grade Student: **Samuel Robillard**  
8th Grade Teacher: **Denise Harlow**  
9th Grade Student: **Zaynab Al-Qudah**  
9th Grade Teacher: **Colleen Ford**  
10th Grade Student: **Teagan Saile**  
10th Grade Teacher: **Carlotta Thompson**  
11th Grade Student: **Emelia Cyr**  
11th Grade Teacher: **Alex Campbell**  
12th Grade Student: **Makia Nastivar**  
12th Grade Teacher: **Nicole Hart**  
Staff: **Mehry Mohammadi**



## How can HelpDesk help you?

HelpDesk is where you have access to the teachers for all of your subjects. In HelpDesk we ask questions, complete homework, and conquer missing assignments. You can even access one of our student tutors. Some students may be required to attend if your teacher(s) feels it is appropriate.

Please join us and see what you can accomplish!

HelpDesk meets everyday 2:00-2:50pm

For more information, please check the **HelpDesk** content called **Students Corner** or email Nicole Hart at [nhart@mainevirtualacademy.org](mailto:nhart@mainevirtualacademy.org)

## Newsletter Ideas

Students and Teachers: please submit your newsletter ideas, photos, events, etc. to Stephanie Carter, Guidance Secretary at [SCarter@MaineVirtualAcademy.org](mailto:SCarter@MaineVirtualAcademy.org)

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# CREATIVE WRITING

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## The Green Grass Field

By Megan Rushing

A ball hit by a metal stick  
Flew across the green grass field

Past the weeping willows  
And over sand pits

Dreaming of the hole  
The ball fell short and landed on the  
green grass field

For years the ball sat peering at the hole  
As the birds sang and the geese honked

Over time the dream of the hole was gone  
Before the dream could have come true

When the desert eagle picked up the ball  
And flew over the hole  
All the ball had to do was pull away

The mighty bird dropped the ball  
straight to the bottom of the lake



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# PET CORNER

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## Finn



Academic Administrator  
Donald Fournier's pup  
Finn sleeps off some  
holiday spirit.



## Akua



Student Owen Tebbets  
enjoys the great outdoors  
with his mini Australian  
Shepherd Akua. Look at  
those eyes!

## Lady



Student Skyla Aubut's  
pup Lady enjoys  
snoozing in the  
sunshine.

