



MAINE VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



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Issue 4

Dr. Melinda Browne Head of School

Happy New Year!

And just like that, the first semester is coming to an end. Keep a lookout for report cards. You should see those in the mail by the end of January.

The winter administration of the NWEA will be held on January 10–12 with a makeup day on the 13th. If you have any questions please reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** or **Mr. Fournier**.

We will start sending out Re-Registration information at the end of January. These communications will provide details including Portal open dates and step-by-step information on how to complete your Re-Registration for fall SY23–24. Seats will only be open to returning families for a short period of time.

Everyone has worked so hard to get to this midway point in the school year. If you have any barriers to learning, need help completing assignments, etc., reach out and say something. MEVA offers many resources through the Guidance and Technical departments, as well as the HelpDesk and MS Study Hall. We are here to help you succeed!

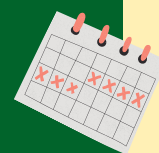


Important Dates

- **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



Re-Registration

Re-Registration is opening soon for the 2023–2024 School Year!

MEVA's annual Re-Registration period starts in mid-February. Keep a look out for school communications that will be sent to you at the end of January and early February. These communications will provide you with details on Portal open dates, Open House, Re-Registration Help Sessions, Course Information and Step-by-Step info on how to complete your Re-Registration for fall. Seats will only be open to returning families for a short period of time, before seats are open to the public.

We look forward to having you back again next school year!

Art Competition Due 1/1

Art teacher, Ms. Bosk is sponsoring a Holiday/Seasonal Ice Cream Art Competition. All entries are due by January 1st. For more details see below.



Holiday/Seasonal Ice Cream Art Competition!

Use Any Materials to create an ice cream artwork that is themed after ANY HOLIDAY or SEASON!

The Top Two most Creative Artworks, Chosen by Ms. Bosk, Will Win a Fun Prize!

How to Enter: Email your Drawing to Ms. Bosk by Jan. 1st!

Winners will be announced after Winter Break!

Prizes will be mailed by Ms. Bosk soon after announcement!

NWEA Winter Dates

The winter administration of the NWEA will be held on January 10–12 with a makeup day on the 13th. This gives you an opportunity to see how much growth you have made so far this year. If you have any questions please reach out to **Mrs. O'Grady** or **Mr. Fournier**.

LCs Log Attendance

The Learning Coach logs the student's attendance. This is different from your student logging onto Brightspace and attending classes. This is a unique responsibility placed on the MEVA Learning Coaches, which we reviewed extensively during Orientation.

Please log into your student's Brightspace account, on the green bar click on Parent/Student Corner, review and enter their attendance, 330 minutes, for every date in gray that the student was present. MEVA observed the following holidays which can be left gray: October 10, November 11, 23, 24, 25. To record an absence use 0 minutes.

We understand there are challenges in completing attendance by cell phone. Please let us know if you need assistance: Attendance@MaineVirtualAcademy.org.

Graduation Activities



2023 Graduates!

- Please remember to sign the DocuSign Form sent to you if you'd like to participate in the yearbook.
- Early graduates, please complete your individual page in the yearbook before you finish up this semester. See the emails with tutorial videos!
- The Graduation Activities Club meets Wednesdays from 3:00– 4:00pm!
- Early graduates will receive email updates in the second semester about our Zoom graduation ceremony on June 2nd at 2 pm, including how to purchase a gown, class ring, yearbook, and 2023 SWAG (hoodies and t-shirts).

AmeriCorps NCCC

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?"

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a National Volunteer Service. Young adults volunteer to serve directly with nonprofit organizations to tackle our nation's most pressing challenges. Every year, more than 250,000 individuals enroll to serve organizations making a difference in communities across America.

AmeriCorps NCCC provides a living allowance, education awards, professional development, and Alumni networking. After successfully completing your term of service, AmeriCorps members are eligible to receive the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award.

For more information, please visit their webpage:

<https://americorps.gov/members-volunteers>.





January Student/Teacher/Staff of the Month

Congratulations to our Students, Teachers and Staff of the Month for January! You have been recognized by your peers, teachers and school faculty as a standout individual. Great job!

Thank you to everyone who participated and voted.

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

7th Grade Student: **Emiline Cournane**
7th Grade Teacher: **Lauren Sroka**
8th Grade Student: **Emersyn Williams**
8th Grade Teacher: **Lauren Sroka**
9th Grade Student: **Kye Keniston**
9th Grade Teacher: **Colleen Ford**
10th Grade Student: **Josiah Drayton**
10th Grade Teacher: **Anthony Barletta**
11th Grade Student: **Abigail Heathcote**
11th Grade Teacher: **Alex Campbell**
12th Grade Student: **Skyla Aubut**
12th Grade Teacher: **Carla Hamilton**
Staff: **Heather Tyler**

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Technical Issues

If you are having any issues (hard drive failure, power issues, sticky keys, cracked screens, etc.) with your MEVA issued laptop, please email our tech support team at

TECH@MaineVirtualAcademy.org.

Successful Learning

If you are having any school issues, struggling in the virtual environment, or have barriers to learning - let us know! Please send a message to your guidance counselor explaining what's going on and they will set up a meeting to help chart a path to success.

Mrs. Tyler (A-K)

HTyler@MaineVirtualAcademy.org

Mr. Pierce (L-Z)

DPierce@MaineVirtualAcademy.org

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

Newsletter Ideas

Please submit your newsletter ideas, photos, events, etc. to Stephanie Carter, Guidance Secretary at SCarter@MaineVirtualAcademy.org.

PET CORNER

Kirby



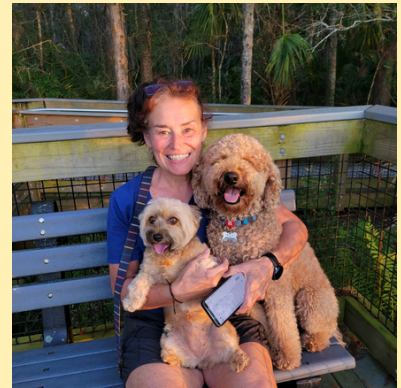
Skyla Aubut's pet fish swimming laps.

Shasta



Ms. Hamilton's dog gets a snowday.

Deli & Bogey



Ms. Vitagliano and her pups enjoy daily walks.

Quincy



Sam Robillard's kitty resting in the sunshine.

Major & Bailey



Ms. Dearborn's pups are great listeners.

Gracie Sue



Helena Cochran's puppy changed from brown to white as she got older.