



MAINE VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



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Dr. Melinda Browne Head of School

Congratulations on successfully completing the school year virtually! Besides making progress academically, you have built twenty-first century skills such as communication, collaboration, and flexibility, in conjunction with applying your technology literacy. We are pleased to report that based on our Spring '23 NWEA results, and Accuplacer scores, MEVA students have achieved phenomenal growth this school year, in math, reading, and language usage, and have showed readiness for college and careers.

As you transition into summer, we encourage you to take a MEVA self-paced class and/or engage in summer reading, for continued learning and progress. In addition to these activities, if you take part in summer volunteer work, employment, or travel experiences, you may be eligible to earn external credits for your time and efforts. Please reach out to our guidance department for more information about this unique opportunity to earn credits by exploring your interests and aspirations.

We value our partnerships with your parents and Learning Coaches, and we enjoy involving them in your education. We truly mean what we say, when we recognize that our success as a Maine public charter school is directly related to their support. We believe that consistent attention to our students and their families sets our community apart. We look forward to getting to know you better by collaborating with you.

Important Dates

- June 2 Graduation Day
- June 9 Last Day of School
- June 9 8th Grade Recognition
- June 20–August 4 Summer Session
- August 28 First Day of SY 23–24
- **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
- June 19 Juneteenth
- July 3–7 Summer Session Break
- July 4 Independence Day

No matter what your grade level, we invite you to attend our high school graduation ceremony on June 2nd, and our eighth-grade recognition on June 9th. We look forward to having you there.

MEVA Laptops – Keep or Return?

If you are graduating this year or transferring to a new school in the fall, laptops are due back by June 16th. The Tech Department will send you a prepaid shipping label. If you do not receive one, please contact tech@mainevirtualacademy.org.

Anyone returning to MEVA next school year, please keep your laptop through summer and into next school year. If your laptop has any issues, please complete the **MEVA Laptop Tech form**.



Congrats Class of 2023!

- Graduation is June 2nd at 2pm. Check your email for the Zoom link.
- Grad boxes have been mailed. If you have not received it, please contact gdavis@mainevirtualacademy.org.
- Graduates: Laptops are due back no later than June 16th. Check inside your diploma cover for the prepaid shipping label. We will not mail out diplomas without first receiving MEVA's laptop and charger cord.
- For early graduates who recently applied, diplomas will be mailed in August. Contact guidance@mainevirtualacademy.org if you need a letter for employment.
- MEVA Senior SWAG is available for sale! Hoodies and t-shirts in sizes S-5XL:
<https://www.bonfire.com/meva-grad-swag/>
- You can purchase regular MEVA T-shirts at this link:
<https://www.bonfire.com/meva-staff-and-students/> and hoodies here:
<https://www.logosoftware.com/shops/MEVA/sweatshirt/category.php>
- To order a class ring from Jostens, [click here!](#) You will need to set up an account to order and purchase a ring. Use the Promo Code: OFFER40 to take \$40 off HS Class Jewelry.
- To purchase a matching gown [click here](#). We recommend the matte gown in emerald green. Use the Promo Code: CSS1023 to take 10% off the gown (\$2.50).
- Yearbooks are now available for purchase on Lulu.com. Click [here](#) to purchase an 8"x8" soft cover photo book for \$24.57. Yearbooks ship directly in 3-5 business days!



Transcript Requests

Transcripts are often needed for college and technical school applications, sports, military and employment. Maybe you just want a copy for your records. Please make requests using this link:

<https://forms.gle/DvvarTV4odM2iRXA7>.

Grade 8 Recognition

Everyone is invited to our annual Grade 8 Recognition on Friday, June 9, at 11:00am. A Zoom link will be emailed soon! It is a chance for us to recognize each individual by naming them in front of the school, awarding several students for their success, and viewing a personalized slideshow created by our students. We hope you can join us as we cheerfully send them off to high school!

Summer Programs

Summer programs are available to students to help with maintaining and improving upon their math and reading skills. Please contact the guidance department if you are interested in enrolling.

- Middle School – Summer Language Arts Enrichment
- Middle School – Summer Math Enrichment
- MS/HS – Art Enrichment
- High School – Math Enrichment Intervention

Dr. C's Anime & English

Dr. Chapdelaine is offering a self paced Anime class which runs from now until August 11th. High school students and select 8th graders qualify. Dr. C's self-paced English classes also run until August 11th. If you would like to grab some quick course credits in English sign up TODAY! Want to do a unique project or graduate early? We are happy to design independent study projects that match your interests. For more info, email guidance@mainevirtualacademy.org.

Summer External Credit

Are you traveling this summer? Are you working or volunteering? Do you have extensive experience outside of school? Complete the External Credit Form so your guidance counselor can review it. Your hard work may qualify as credit! **MEVA External Credit Form**

Summer Reading Recommendations – OPTIONAL

Summer is a great time to read a good book! Several of our teachers have offered some of their favorite titles which are available in our digital library SORA at this link:

<http://www.soraapp.com/welcome>. For additional suggestions, you can visit Maine DOE's Summer Literacy website at <https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/content/ela/initiatives/literacyforme/summer>.

We also encourage you to visit your local public library this summer to browse and make your own selections.

Middle School Level

Ms. Bosk's recommendation:

- The Pendragon Series by D. J. MacHale

Dr. Chapdelaine's recommendations:

- Primer by Jennifer Muro
- Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

High School Level

Ms. Bosk's recommendation:

- The Caraval Series by Stephanie Garber

Dr. Chapdelaine's recommendations:

- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
- Long Way Down: The Graphic Novel by Jason Reynolds

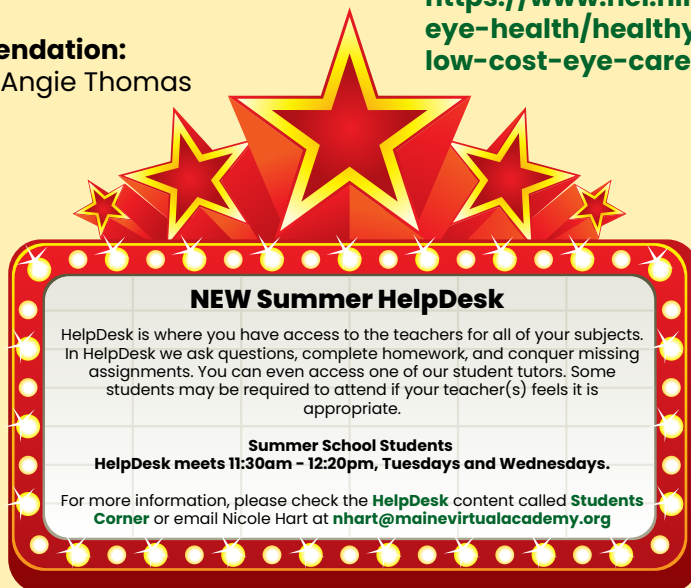
Ms. Coelho's recommendation:

- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Vision Screening & Resources

The MDOE requires schools to conduct vision screenings and/or refer students to vision screenings who are in grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. MEVA audits students in the 7th and 9th grades to ensure screenings were conducted either in the previous school or by private effort. We are requesting MEVA parents/legal guardians of 7th and 9th graders to please complete the survey (if you haven't already done so) to update the status of your student's last vision screening: **Vision Screening Form**. If your student is overdue for a vision screening and/or you need financial assistance to cover glasses, see below for resources that may be able to help!

- Students who qualify for MaineCare can have their exam covered and glasses covered in full, under the age of 21.
- Greater Portland Community Health System
<https://www.greaterportlandhealth.org/about>
- Portland Community Free Clinic
<https://pfcme.com/>
- Maine Lions Club services a variety of areas throughout the State of Maine for eyecare/glasses assistance. Click the link to apply or request assistance
<https://www.minelions.org/mlshf>
- Additional programs or companies that support low cost or free eyecare are also listed on this site
<https://www.nei.nih.gov/learn-about-eye-health/healthy-vision/get-free-or-low-cost-eye-care>



CREATIVE WRITING

D-Day (June 6, 1944) By Megan Rushing

Originally designated for June 5th, 1944, but due to weather conditions was delayed till the following day, D-Day (the "D" standing for "Day") was when thousands of troops from the United States, Great Britain, and Canada landed on five beaches known as Utah, Omaha, Gold, Sword, and Juno. D-Day began at 6:30 p.m. June 6th, 1944.

As the U.S. landing at Omaha didn't go according to plan due to German weapons left intact from previous bombings and weather conditions forcing them to start further back than what was originally planned, this cost thousands of troops their lives. Eventually, around five and a half hours later, all five beaches were beginning to be taken by the allied forces. Five days later, with all beaches securely under the allies control, troops began to slowly make their way further into Normandy, France, which they gained control of around two and a half months later. This allowed them to liberate Paris from the Germans in August of that same year.

D-Day left many of the troops that were involved dead, wounded, or missing, the exact number is unknown but is assumed to be around 10% of all combined forces. D-Day marked the beginning of the end as it led to Germany taking a huge loss, eventually causing them to sign the unconditional surrender on May 8th, 1945, also known as VE-Day. D-Day is still considered some of our finest hours.

Visit these websites for more information:

- <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/topics/d-day-and-normandy-campaign>
- <https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/06/world/d-day-invasion-explainer-intl-gbr-scli/index.html>
- <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-48513108>
- <https://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/d-day>

Juneteenth by Megan Rushing

Not unlike many countries around the world, in the United States, slavery, or the act of forcing people to do unpaid labor, was not always illegal. That changed with the Emancipation Proclamation issued by former President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863. This proclamation freed all slaves in the Confederate States.

The process of spreading the news took two years, eventually ending when thousands of Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas, on June 19th, 1865, freeing over two hundred thousand enslaved people. This day was celebrated by what were then, now former slaves, who immediately took advantage of their new freedom. June 19th, or Juneteenth, spread around the country and has been longly celebrated by descendants of former slaves. As of 2021, Juneteenth has been recognized as a national holiday.

Visit these websites for more information:

- <https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth>
- <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/historical-legacy-juneteenth>

Treasure Trove by Elias S. Drayton

One rainy day when I was counting raindrops I was bored out of my mind. I got a great idea to call my friend Stubby. Stubby is my best friend that has been in my life for years. We have been on so many adventures together I was hoping he would come over and plan a vacation with me.

As I was sitting in my apartment, I was thinking of places to go. I started to daydream about what it would be like to go to Costa Rica. In the midst of it the doorbell interrupted me as I was flying in a hot air balloon.

Click [here](#) to continue reading Treasure Trove!

ART DEPARTMENT

**DarkLord
Art - Best
Personal
Artwork
By Ben
Bing**



PET CORNER

Ms. Carter's 



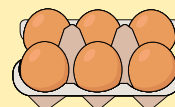
Left to right from the top: Ginger, Bits, Pretty, Trouble, Bernie, Cali, Grandcat Nala and Granddog Bindhi!



Ms. Davis' Chickens



Chickens are really smart and they are fun to watch. Besides white, their eggs can range in color from brown to light blue-green. Chickens love to eat ticks!



CONGRATULATIONS

Student/Teacher/Staff of the Month

Congratulations to our Students, Teachers and Staff of the Month for June! 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 this year!

7th Grade Student: **Benjamin Bing & Madelynn Knox**

7th Grade Teacher: **Chelsea Osgood**

8th Grade Student: **Rayven Ferry & Wyatt Roy**

8th Grade Teacher: **Denise Harlow & Lauren Sroka**

9th Grade Student: **Megan Rushing**

9th Grade Teacher: **Nicole Hart**

10th Grade Student: **Gabrielle Jones, Jacob Keniston & Charles Veilleux**

10th Grade Teacher: **Tony Pranses**

11th Grade Student: **Nyleigha Lupercio**

11th Grade Teacher: **Lauren Lugdon**

12th Grade Student: **Elaina Ladner**

12th Grade Teacher: **Alicia Uth**

Staff: **Stephanie Carter & Gina Davis**

SHOUTOUT!

Congratulations to the following students who took on a major challenge this year!

- **Lindsey Bartman**
- **Erin Norbert**
- **Emilie Robbins**

These students prepared artwork all school year and just recently submitted this work to be scored for potential college credit as a part of Advanced Placement 2D Art & Design exam. This is an incredibly challenging and involved endeavor. They should be commended for their hard work and dedication. We are so proud of them!

Thank you to Ms. Uth and Ms. Bosk for all of your work with these students!

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

Congrats!
"You did it!"
2023



Newsletter Ideas

We are happy to highlight the successes of MEVA Students throughout the Summer! Please send your newsletter ideas and shoutouts to SCarter@MaineVirtualAcademy.org.