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NEWSLETTER

DR. MELINDA BROWNE **HEAD OF SCHOOL**

At MEVA, working towards your academic growth brings us all joy! We are hoping at this point in the first semester that you are taking advantage of everything that MEVA is offering to ensure your successful learning. MEVA offers continuous support across the curriculum inside and outside the virtual classrooms. Many teachers dedicate class time to providing students with tutoring and coaching on course content. In addition to this, students may find assistance from teachers at high school Help Desk and middle school Study Hub. Overall, students can readily get what they need and experience success. However, if you would like to set up a team meeting, please do not hesitate to ask. We meet with dozens of families each week to provide individualized attention and to celebrate students' progress.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- December 21 - January 1: Winter Break
- January 15: Martin Luther King Day



IMPORTANT DATES

- Semester 1: August 28, 2023 - January 11, 2024
- January 9-11: Winter NWEA, Grades 7-11

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

MEVA has partnered with The Cook Center for Human Connection and Parentguidance.org to provide you free individualized “coaching/counseling” services for you and your family this school year. Please visit <https://parentguidance.org/> to explore the resources available to you.

Also, the Cook Center will be featuring a free mental health workshop every month, that you are welcome to attend. The school newsletter will announce the topic being featured each month, along with the links and times these live sessions will be held.

December 4th & January 8th - Mental Health Workshop Features:

1. Grief - The Healing Process After Loss - 12/4/23 - 6:30 pm. Please Register so that you can receive a recording of the workshop if you are unable to attend. Registration link: <https://cookcenter.info/Dec4MEVA>
- Parent Flyer Link: [Flyer for Parents](#) information on the Grief workshop along with the QR code to register as well.
2. Your Child’s Anxiety – 01/8/2024 at 6:30pm. where The Cook Center will discuss strategies to help parents respond to their child’s anxiety. Register now: <https://cookcenter.info/Jan8MEVA>
 - Parent Flyer Link: [Parent Flyer - Your Child's Anxiety](#)

STUDENT HELP

HS HelpDesk and MS Study Hub provides you with a direct line to your teachers across all subjects. They are readily available to assist you with questions, homework, concepts, and concerns.

HS HelpDesk meets
everyday
10:30am-11:20am
2:00pm-2:50pm

MS Study Hub meets
Tuesdays - Fridays
10:30am-11:20am
and everyday
2:00pm-2:50pm

For more information please check the Students Corner in Brightspace.

HS HelpDesk
[Ms. Hart](#)

MS Study Hub
[Mr. Sherwood](#)



FAFSA

Seniors and any juniors graduating early should complete the FAFSA to be considered for financial aid at any post-secondary institution. This is required for free community college as well. The 2024-25 FAFSA will be released in December. You can be ready by creating your Federal Student Aid Account as soon as possible as it is a process that takes some time. More information can be found [here](#).

SENIORS AND EARLY GRADS

*Please reach out to your guidance counselor to set up a time to meet to work on your plans for after high school. htyler@mainevirtualacademy.org.

*Students applying to college will need to complete the FAFSA in December. What can you do to get ready? Create your account now! More information can be found here: <https://www.famemaine.com/affording-education/pay-for-school/get-financial-aid/fafsa/filing-the-2024-2025-fafsa/>

Important links:

External Credit <https://forms.gle/GrAFU8DAKp9ypgM17>

Early Grad <https://forms.gle/gpjDVUK62Rf5vajr6>

COLLEGE SPEAKER SERIES

Dec. 4 1:00-1:50 FAME (Mila Tappan)

Dec. 11 1:00-1:50 UMA (Jeremy Bouford)

This is a Virtual Zoom presentation during our regularly scheduled advisory time at 1:00-1:50 provided by an admissions counselor from the respective school as a way to share more about majors, residential life, applications, and more. Students may join the session through the Zoom link (provided on their Brightspace calendar for the day). Any student that is not 12th grade advisory or is absent on that day will still receive recordings and follow up information after each session.



MEVA CONTACTS

Use these emails for a quick response to your questions:

Attendance@MaineVirtualAcademy.org * Guidance@MaineVirtualAcademy.org

Tech@MaineVirtualAcademy.org

To submit your pet photos, shoutouts and newsletter ideas for the newsletter, please email the [Newsletter](#).

TEACHER FEATURE

Louise Gosselin-McMillan Foreign Language



Working at MEVA:

Meva offers a very supportive environment for both students and teachers. I am very happy to be part of a team whose values of respect and kindness I share.

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Fun Facts about me:

I love the outdoors! Among other things, I like kayaking, hiking, gardening... I find deep satisfaction in eating food fresh out of the garden. I'm also an eternal learner; now an apprentice drummer.

Owen Tebbets, Class of 2025

STUDENT FEATURE

I have been in MEVA since my freshman year and have been loving every second of it! I am an outdoorsy guy who absolutely loves to hike, mountain bike, kayak, or even just play around in the yard with my adorable dog. Writing is my biggest hobby with fantasy being my favorite genre, as I love the creative freedom it gives! I like to spend a lot of time volunteering for Wolfe's Neck Center, whether I'm a counselor for their summer camp program or simply helping with festival activities, I enjoy lending a helping hand! I am part of the gaming club in MEVA but I am also part of the art club at my town's high school and will be joining their cross country team as well. I'm also having a fun time searching for the perfect college where I want to major in computer science and creative writing...and hopefully learn to ski!

