



Dr. Melinda Browne

Head of School

We are counting down to high school graduation, June 7th, and our eighth-grade recognition ceremony and last day of school on June 14th. Please finish strong as we wrap up another terrific year of academic growth and achievement. We honor all our MEVA students and their families for building and sustaining a strong learning community. Your contribution is an essential ingredient in our school's success.

Participating in state and school-based assessments, attending grade-level advisory groups, and interacting with teachers at team meetings, live class sessions, Help Desk, and Study Hub, all make a huge difference in our students' outcomes. We offer all these things to provide you with the best possible educational experience. Underlying our strong efforts are the dedicated MEVA faculty who work tirelessly to support students' progress and readiness.

We hope that you have discovered how MEVA can help you accomplish your goals. Our feature students' stories exemplify the flexibility of our virtual school model and how they have used it to open doors and pursue their interests. Feel free to schedule a time to speak with us if you would like to discuss your individual learning plan.

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 7th – Graduation Day
- June 14th – Grades Close / Last day of school.
- June 14th – 8th Grade Recognition
- June 24th – First Day of Summer Session until August 9th
- August 26th – First Day of School

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- June 19th – Juneteenth
- July 1st through 5th – Summer Session Break in classes.
- July 4th – Independence Day

MEVA MISSION & STATEMENT

Maine Virtual Academy's (MEVA) mission is to develop each student's full potential with learner-centered instruction, research-based curriculum and educational tools and resources to provide a high quality learning experience for grade 7-12 students who are in need of alternative educational options. MEVA will develop an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) with specific learning goals to meet each student's needs.

MEVA's rigorous curriculum is aligned to the eight Maine content areas, the Maine Learning Results, the Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards. MEVA will demand the highest level of accountability from our Maine-certified teachers, our educational management system and our nationally recognized provider of educational services. The MEVA Board will contract with Stride K12 for educational products and selected support services.



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024



Our graduation ceremony will be a Live Zoom ceremony held at 2 p.m. on June 7th. Please stay tuned for emails with more information about the day. GRAD BOXES have been mailed out, if you have not received, please email gdavis@mainevirtualacademy.org. Each student will receive a cap, tassel and diploma cover. If you still have a MEVA issued laptop, you will receive a return label in place of the diploma. If you do not, or have already returned your laptop, you will receive your diploma in your box. NHS materials will be distributed to those who have been inducted into NHS.

- [To purchase a matching gown click here.](#) We recommend the matte gown in emerald green.
- [To order a class ring from Jostens, click here!](#) You will need to set up an account. The yearbook will be available for sale in the spring, and turned into a video for our graduation ceremony!
- [Purchase MEVA GRAD SWAG Hoodies and T-Shirts, HERE!](#) Orders ship directly to your home. This is a fundraiser to earn money for a class gift for the graduates to be included with their graduation mailing in mid-May, such as a key chain and stickers with the student designed mascot.



GRADE 8 RECOGNITION

Everyone is invited to our annual Grade 8 Recognition on Friday, June 14th, at 11am. 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 PROGRAMING

This is a 6 week program from June 24th through till August 9th, with a break from July 1st – 5th.

- High School Credit Recovery – English, Math, Science, Social Studies & Art.
- Middle School Math and English Language Arts enrichment sessions.
- Independent Individualized and HelpDesk sessions available for personalized support.
- Live weekly/bi-weekly sessions.

Please click the link to get more information.

SUMMER EXTERNAL CREDITS

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](#)



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](#):





SUMMER READING 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](#). For additional suggestions, you can visit Maine DOE's Summer Literacy website at this [link](#). We also encourage you to visit your local public library this summer to browse and make your own selections.



MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL RECOMENDATIONS

Mrs. Pasternack's Recomendations - 7th & 8th Grade
My Louisiana Sky By: Kimberly Willis Holt

Mrs. Sroka's Recomendations - 7th & 8th Grade

If you are interested in any of these recomendations please reach out to guidance@mainevirtualacademy.org

for a list to be sent to your email.

HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL RECOMENDATIONS

Ms. Thompson's Recomendation - 10th Grade

The Munstromologist By: Yancey

Mrs. Hamilton's Recomendation's - 12th Grade

Please click the [link](#) to see the different titles.



MEVA LAPTOPS

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.

VISION SCREENING COMPLIANCE

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 and glasses covered in full, under the age of 21.



- 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.
- Additional programs or companies that support low cost or free eyecare are also listed on this [site](#).
- Greater Portland Community Health System & more information at the [link](#) provided.
- Portland Community Free Clinic For more information please click the [link](#) provided.

LAPTOP & TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

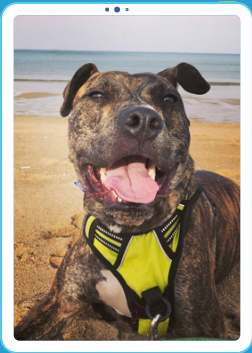
Learning virtually requires a working laptop.

If you are having ANY issues (hard drive failure, power issues, sticky keys, cracked screens, password, charger, not able to connect, etc.)

with your MEVA issued laptop, please complete the MEVA Laptop Tech form for fastest assistance. We are available Monday - Friday. [MEVA Laptop Tech form](#).

HELP NEEDED

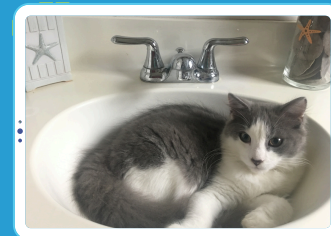
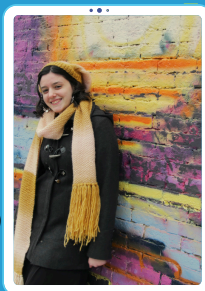
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TEACHER FEATURE

MAY- Carrie Pierce had nominated

Kylie Driscoll



Dr. Seuss

Hello! My name is Kylie Driscoll. I'm a Junior graduating this year with the class of 2024. This was my first year at MEVA. I spend most of my free time knitting and crocheting. I also like to draw here and there, whenever the inspiration hits.

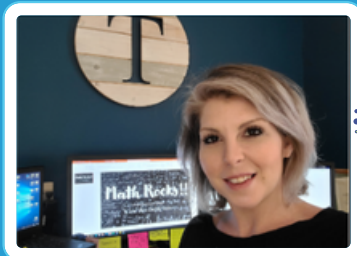
A few facts about me are:



My favorite school subject is history, least favorite is math (sorry Mr. Pranses!). My favorite thing to crochet is amigurumi (fancy word for stuffed animals made of yarn). I have two different colored eyes (brown and green). And lastly, I have 275 rubber ducks sitting in my room (I know random, it's just my weird little collection... don't ask me why :)

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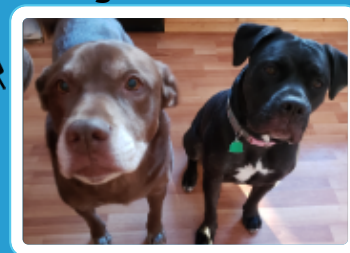
JUNE TEACHER FEATURE Nicole Taylor - Middle School Math



I've been teaching math at MEVA since December 2019, and I absolutely adore it! Working with middle school students in the realm of mathematics has been an incredible journey. We embark on adventures of discovery, embracing errors as valuable learning opportunities, and sharing many moments of laughter along the way.

Outside of my teaching role, I cherish the moments I get to spend with my family. I'm an outdoors enthusiast, who enjoys the process of making maple syrup, the serene experience of paddleboarding, the tranquility of being out on the ocean, and the thrill of ATV-ing through scenic landscapes. To top it all off, I have a special place in my heart for karaoke, where I can let my inner star shine with the microphone in hand 🎤!

Dogs: Hunt & Riz



Sophia Mercogliano



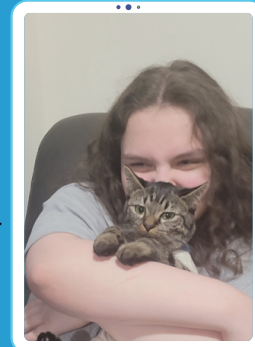
I have quite a few hobbies I love. First and foremost I love my cat Freyja, she and I are inseparable. I love family night and sister night every week when I get to watch movies or plays card games with my family.



I love all my online games, especially day of dragons. One of my other passions, is drawing. I have always been good at seeing something and drawing it free hand.



Cat: Freyja





STUDENT FEATURES

Kyle Rich: In the past year I attended SRTC in Sanford for the IT & Networking program. I was recently selected into SRTC's chapter of the National Technical Honor Society!! Meaning I met the high academic standards and my application, essay, and recommendations demonstrate that I truly reflect and uphold the values of NTHS.

CONGRATULATIONS Kyle!!



STUDENT SHOUT OUTS

WELCOMING ONE OF MAINES NEWEST Certified Nurses Assistant's.



Helana Ramon: In the past school year I attended MMTC in Waterville for the CNA program there. This past year I have learned so much having taken this class, I did participate in the SkillsUSA, however did not place. I didn't let that stop me as I continued I received student of the month and the workmanship award. The workmanship award is based off of the work that you put in toward you career, meaning it can be for outstanding performance in clinical, labs or even just book work. I have also gotten certifications as well as serve safe, mandated reporter as well as being able to obtain my PSS until I had taken my state board. I also received certifications for CPR/First Aide as well as overdose response training.

CONGRATULATIONS Helana!!

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Zinnia Bowden: Won the Certificate of Merit for achievement of 3 years of excellence in Science & Mathematics from the society of Woman Engineers.



Sadie Keef: Sadie had recently participated in the 2024 Maine App Challenge, although Sadie was not one of the top 3 winners, her submission is highlighted in the video at that link along with other students. Her app, MamasKitchen, a kitchen helper app for kitchen chores, is the first one listed in the video. " I am impressed that Sadie decided to take on this challenge and succeeded in creating and delivering her completed app. Thank you to all of Sadie's teachers who may have participated in supporting her efforts to compete in this challenge."

-Roberta Polland

STUDENT WRITTEN POEM

Our Future

By Bayley Edgerly

Our bodies we should cherish

Our souls that live on

We come, We go

Do we stay in one place or do we go

We'll never know!

A body the temple that keeps us safe

The one to keep our souls safe

The one we set in place

We look at one

Place and go to the next

Because our future is set because

We set it in place before

We are ever set.

So do we go or do we stay

We really do know

So what do you know!

Do we ever stay in place or do we go

