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## ESEA ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

### Dr. Melinda Browne Head of School

*At MEVA, we demonstrate our commitment to parent/Learning Coach participation by hosting dozens of team meetings each week to review students' academic progress and to make programming adjustments as needed. We send weekly messages that keep all our families informed about their responsibilities within the MEVA community. Annually, we provide a meeting to outline MEVA's ESEA/Title schoolwide student supports, such as Middle School and High School Help Desk, and to answer any questions about how to access these resources and more. We provide a list of the important ESEA/Title program components for your information:*

*Annual Meeting – We encourage parents/Learning Coaches to attend our scheduled annual meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd, 4:00 pm, via Zoom (link to be published), which will present information about MEVA's Title I program and discuss our Parent Involvement and School-Parent Compact. The meeting will be recorded, and the recording link and materials will be distributed.*

*MEVA's Parent Involvement and School-Parent Compact – Parents/Learning Coaches, staff, and students share the responsibility for student academic achievement. MEVA's ESEA/Title I policies are posted on our website.*

#### Important Dates:

*August 26th - January 16th: Semester 1  
October 7th - 11th: In - Person MEA  
State Testing  
October 23rd @4PM: Annual Informational  
ESEA Meeting*

#### MEVA Holidays:

*October 14th: Indigenous Peoples' Day  
November 11th: Veterans' Day  
November 27th - 29th: Thanksgiving Break  
December 23rd - January 1st: Winter Break  
January 20th: Martin Luther King Day*

*Parent/Learning Coach Surveys –We collect and utilize feedback from parents/Learning Coaches and students to improve our programming and to inform our annual ESEA/Title I comprehensive needs assessment and grant application. We administer the Panorama School Climate Survey annually in March.*

*ESSA Dashboard – MEVA's ESEA school performance results for the prior year are linked to our website.*

*MEVA Parent/Legal Guardian Handbook – MEVA consolidates information about our school and ESEA/Title I programming within our handbook.*



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*Annual Parent Notice/Right to Request Teacher Qualifications – The annual letter is posted here.*

*Progress Reports and State Testing Results – MEVA mails students' progress reports at the end of the semesters, as well as the applicable NWEA and state testing results. Assistance with technology and /or navigating MEVA's systems is available by emailing Tech.*

*MEVA's Program of Studies.*

*MEVA Teacher Professional Development Suggestions – Do you have any recommendations for MEVA Teacher professional development? Please email me, with your ideas. Thank you.*

*Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want to set up a meeting. We are here to assist you!*

## **UPDATE ON MEVA CLUBS**

*If you are interested in joining a MEVA Club this year, please choose up to 3 selections from the list at this link. If a club you are interested in is not listed, it is because we do not have a teacher moderator for it yet. We will add to this list as we find more moderators. Remember, you need to be signed into your school Google account to be able to access the form.*

## **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):**

*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 2025-26 FAFSA will be released in December.*

*Sign up for text/email alerts and you will be entered into a drawing for \$1000 Future Fund Scholarship! Sign up here: FAMEmaine.com/join*

## **ANNUAL ESEA VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE**

*Join us by Zoom on Thursday, October 23rd at 4:00pm 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, MS Study Hub, team meetings, external credit opportunities, and self paced classes. Keep an eye out for the Zoom link which we will send out closer to October 23rd.*

## **FALL VIRTUAL NWEA UPDATE**

*Thank you to all students who completed their virtual NWEA testing during September! This data is incredibly important as we plan individualized instruction for each student. Your hard work is appreciated!*

## **IN-PERSON FALL MEA TESTING**

*The MEAs for Math and Reading, Fall IN-PERSON state testing for 7th, 8th and 10th grade begins October 7th. Keep watch for your site assignments, they have been sent out to everyone from MEVA Testing. Please check spam if not found in your inbox. If you still did not receive it, please reach out to Ms. Emery. The assessment will allow us to measure student's progress towards grade-level proficiency.*

## **Seniors and Early Grads**

*Seniors and Early Grads: Your Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Tyler, is scheduling meetings with all seniors and early grads to start planning for after high school. It does not matter where you are in the planning process – she is here to support you! Please email Mrs. Tyler with you and your learning coach's availability over the next couple of weeks. She looks forward to working with you!*

## TEACHER FEATURE : Mrs. Boucher

### My Career at MEVA:

*This is my 8th year at MEVA. I have worn many hats here. From teaching MS science, HS Math, HS Career Planning and now MS Math, as well as Special Education. I absolutely love teaching here and love all the students. MEVA is a special place to work and learn.*



### A Little About Me:

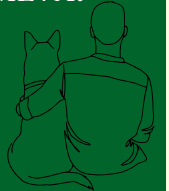
*I have been married to my husband Douglas, for 12 years. We have a 14 yr old son who is entering his Freshman year. We love spending time traveling, outdoors, camping and four wheeling. We have 2 cats and a dog.*

## STUDENT FEATURE :

### Charles Kimball

### My Time at MEVA:

*My name is Charles. I'm in the eleventh grade. I've been at MEVA for 3 years. MEVA got me out of a horrid situation with the school I used to attend. I'm truly thankful for it. I wouldn't be a somewhat functional human without MEVA.*



### A Little About Me:

*I live in a border town. The border to Canada is a 5 minute walk. I enjoy spending time with my dog, he's old, so he requires a lot of care. But he's cute. So its worth it.*

## MEVA CONTACTS:

*Please use these emails for a quick response to any questions you have:*

*Attendance: [Attendance@mainevirtualacademy.org](mailto:Attendance@mainevirtualacademy.org)*

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