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MAINE VIRTUAL ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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. You can view our **Program of Studies** to see what courses are offered. 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 22nd at 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. All MEVA students are eligible for Schoolwide ESEA (Title 1A) supports and interventions including MS small group meetings, MS and HS HelpDesk, team meetings, external credit opportunities, and self paced classes. The meeting will be recorded, and the recording link and materials will be distributed. Keep an eye out for the Zoom link which we will send out closer to October 23rd.

Important Links:

ESEA/Title I Policy
ESSA Dashboard
Parent Student Handbook

IMPORTANT DATES

- MEA testing (IN PERSON) Oct 6,7,8,9 (see email for more infomation)
- Open House: Oct 22 @ 4pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- October 14: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- November 11: Veteran's Day
- November 26-28: Thanksgiving Vacation

MEVA CONTACTS

Use these emails for a quick response to your questions:
Attendance
Guidance
Tech
To submit your pet photos, shoutouts and newsletter ideas for the newsletter, please email the **Newsletter**.

A Message about Child Find

Discovering Every Learner's Potential: MEVA's Child Find Initiative MEVA's Child Find program identifies and supports students who may benefit from special education services or targeted interventions. This initiative ensures every learner receives the support they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. If you suspect your student may have learning differences or challenges, or if you have questions,

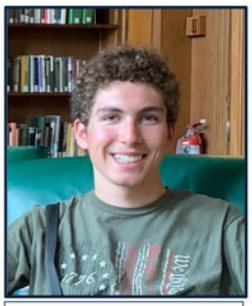
For further assistance, please reach out to: **Lena Vitagliano,** Special Education Administrator, you can call me at **603-785-2021.** Together, we can help your learner reach their full potential and set the stage for their success!

Seniors and Early Grads:

Please reach out to your guidance counselor, **Mrs. Tyler**, to set up a time to meet to work on your plans for after high school.

Students applying to college will need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The 2026-27 FAFSA will be open for applications on October 1, 2025.
How To Prepare for the 2026–27 FAFSA® **Form**:

- Prepare now so you can complete the 2026–27 FAFSA form as soon as it's available. Here are some ways you can get ready:
- Create a StudentAid.gov account (if you don't already have one).
- Learn about the documents you may need to fill out the FAFSA form.
- Determine your dependency status and whether your parent(s) or spouse will be required to contribute information on your FAFSA form.
- If you're a dependent student, use the Who's My FAFSA Parent? wizard to identify which parent(s) will be a required contributor on your form.



MEVA NHS Club

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

President

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Class of 2027

Are you a MEVA Scholar?
Do you Enjoy Helping Others?

If 'Yes'! MEVA's NHS 'Club' could be for You!

MEVA's National Honor Society (NHS) is MORE than just a 'Club' @ MEVA.
Membership is an Honor & Looks Great on any College or Job Application!

Open to just MEVA High School Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors,
it is an Advancement Opportunity every student should consider at some point.

If you have Community Service and/or Leadership Experience
& have a Good Academic Standing - YOU should Consider Applying for Membership.

For APPLICATION INFORMATION reach out via MEVA email to MEVA NHS Faculty Advisors:
Mr. Corbett: MEVA English Support Teacher
Ms. Ford: MEVA's History and Geography Teacher

If interested - Don't Delay! **Application Deadline is October 22nd!**

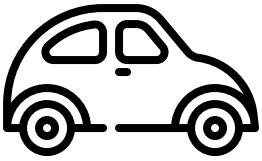
Looking forward to seeing some of you soon!

TESTING- WHERE AM I GOING?

Testing is an incredibly important part of MEVA's culture, we rely on testing to tell us where to focus extra teaching efforts, as well as securing vital funding to be able to make MEVA the best of the best! Testing at MEVA is MANDATORY, however we work hard to ensure it is a smooth and painless process for all! That said, it can get confusing as to where and when testing will take place. Please read below to learn more!

NWEA TESTING = home

NWEA testing is for grades 7-11 and happens 3 times a year, in September, January and April. This test will take place from the comfort of your own home, on your computer!

MEA TESTING = 

MEA testing is for grades 7, 8, 10 and 11 and happens 2 times a year, in October and April/May. This test is **IN PERSON**, however we set up test sites all over the state to bring testing closer to you! Locations include: Saco, Lewiston, Augusta, Farmington, Bangor, Houlton and Presque Isle.

I-READY TESTING = home

iReady testing is for grades 7-11 and happens 2 times a year, in January for mid-year enrollees and April. This test is VIRTUAL and will take place during Math and English classes.

MSAA TESTING = home

MSAA testing is for grades 7, 8 and 11 and happens 1 time a year, in March. This test is VIRTUAL.

ACCUPLACER TESTING = home

Accuplaces testing is for Seniors and anyone wishing to graduate early! Testing happens VIRTUALLY throughout the year, and is scheduled directly with Dr. O'Grady!

MEET THE NEW TEACHERS

MS. TERRELL- SPECIAL EDUCATION

Hello, my name is Amy Terrell. I am excited to be joining MEVA with 10 years of experience in special education. Supporting students and helping them succeed has always been my passion.
When I'm not working, you can usually find me outside - gardening, camping, hiking, fishing, or paddleboarding. I also love music and spending time with my kids and cats.
I'm looking forward to the new school year!

MS. BEAULIEU- SPECIAL EDUCATION

My name is Erica Beaulieu. I am excited to be joining MEVA. I have been an Elementary General Education teacher in the public school system for the past 4 years and have moved into Special Education. My favorite things to do in my free time are gardening, walking, painting, crafting, cooking and sightseeing. I have lived in Maine my whole life and live in the town I group up in with my family.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all.

EVERYONE HAS A TALENT-AND WE WANT TO SEE YOURS.

Whether you sing, dance, juggle, act, tumble, tell jokes, or play an instrument—the 2025 K12 Talent Showdown is your chance to show off what makes you shine.

No fancy stage needed. Just your heart, your hustle, and a camera.

Entries must be submitted by November 17th, 2025!
See Stride website for details:
https://enrichment.k12.com/talent-showdown/

I AM FEELING LOST, WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

MEVA MEETS

MEVA Meets- an IN PERSON study hall for the Virtual School!

MEVA Meets provides students with the opportunity for in-person assistance with classwork or overdue assignments, or simply to connect with their peers. We invite you to join us at the **MEVA office.**

Location:
Ballard Center
6 E Chestnut St.
Suite 230
Augusta, ME 04330

Upcoming Dates:

- **Wednesday, September 10th 9:30am-1pm**
- **Wednesday, October 29th 9:30am-1pm**
- **Wednesday, November 12th 9:30am-1pm**
- **Wednesday, December 10th 9:30am-1pm**

For further information, please contact us at guidance@mainevirtualacademy.org.

STUDENT HELP DESK

October is here, and that means you're well into the semester—great job so far! 🎉 As things pick up, we want to remind you that HelpDesk is still here to support you every step of the way. Whether you're feeling confident or a little overwhelmed, HelpDesk is a place where you can:

✅ Get help with homework, projects, or tricky concepts
✅ Work independently in a quiet, focused environment
✅ Ask questions in real time with teachers from every subject
✅ Meet with Fox tutors who get what you're going through
✅ Use the Writing Center for essays, reports, and more
✅ Stay organized with our daily Fox Planner (check your calendar!)
✅ Earn awards for showing up and staying engaged!
🕓 HelpDesk Hours:

- High School: 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM
- Middle School: 2:00 PM

If you haven't stopped by in a while (or ever!), we'd love to see you. Even if you don't need help, it's a great time to catch up, stay ahead, or just knock out some assignments.
You've got this—and we've got you.
See you soon at HelpDesk!
— Your MEVA Teachers
Questions? nhart@mainevirtualacademy.org

WHAT IS FOX TIME?

FOX Time (Focused Opportunities to eXpand Learning) is a required support block at MEVA designed to help students strengthen their skills in math and reading. It's not a punishment or extra work—it's targeted support built to give students what they need to succeed.

Who Attends?
FOX Time is required for:

- All middle school students
- Students scoring below the 40th percentile on NWEA
- Students who are more than two grade levels behind on i-Ready

Why It Matters:
FOX Time gives students personalized instruction, helps close skill gaps, and builds confidence for long-term success.

Student Expectations:

- Attend all scheduled FOX Time sessions
- Participate actively in lessons and activities
- Approach FOX Time as a helpful tool, not a setback

Questions? Contact Dr. O'Grady at cogrady@mainevirtualacademy.org

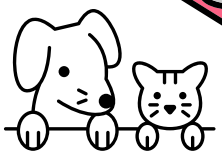
MEVA MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

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.

STUDENT SHOWCASE CORNER!

We love celebrating and showing off our amazing students! Do you have:

- Any art work?
- Writing pieces
- Photography
- Pets
- Anything else cool you want to share?

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