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VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

DR. MELINDA BROWNE, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Thank you to our students (in grades 7, 8, and 10) and families for participating in a successful fall '25 in-person, state testing effort. MEVA goes to great lengths to bring our testing centers as close to your residences as possible by offering eight (8) different locations across the state. Our faculty goes out on the road to proctor, giving our eligible students the opportunity to meet familiar faces in their virtual classes and sessions. We especially appreciate our parents and guardians for taking the time to transport students to testing – we could not possibly do it without their contributions.

Despite the faculty demands, we maintained a continuous learning environment for students who were not testing, running courses, Help Desk, and support sessions, as usual. We invest heavily in our students' learning and we use all our assessment data to design Individual Learning Plans and inform our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). We look forward to celebrating our students' academic growth and achievement. We appreciate your involvement in the process. Your satisfaction is our highest priority! Do not hesitate to contact, guidance@mainevirtualacademy.org, if you would like to discuss your students' needs and programming at a team meeting. Please review our [ESEA open house](#) slide to see what we offer!

7th & 9th Grade families- please fill out the [Vision Screening form](#) if you have not already!

12th grade families- please send updated vaccine records to [Guidance](#) if you have not already!

IMPORTANT DATES

- MEVA MEETS:
November 12 9:30-1,
Ballard Center in
Augusta

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- November 11:
Veteran's Day
- November 26-28:
Thanksgiving Vacation
- December 22-January
2: Winter Vacation



MEVA CONTACTS

Use these emails for a quick response to your questions:

[Attendance](#)
[Guidance](#)
[Tech](#)

A MESSAGE FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS:

We just wanted to give a heartfelt thank you to all the middle school Learning Coaches who have really stepped up and supported their student in these first few months. We have received a tremendous amount of communication and have been able to collaborate with you to help your student feel successful here at MEVA.

THANK
you
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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.

SENIORS AND EARLY GRADS:

- It is time to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA can be accessed [here](#).
- Please take advantage of FAME (Finance Authority of Maine) FAFSA Help! This FREE resource can be accessed [here](#).
- If you are thinking of applying to college, now is the time to start the process. Please reach out to [Mrs. Tyler](#) to schedule a meeting to work on your plans for after high school.

EARLY COLLEGE

Are you interested in taking a spring early college class for FREE? You must have at least a 2.7 GPA to qualify. This is generally open to juniors and seniors and those interested should contact [Mrs. Tyler](#). If you are a freshman or sophomore and you think you may qualify, please reach out to [Mr. Pierce](#).

MEET THE NEWEST TEACHER!



MS. HILDONEN

My name is Linda Hildonen, and I am the new Special Education Teacher for Grade 11! This is my fourth year teaching, and my first year in a virtual school environment. Before I began teaching, I was an Ed Tech at the Gartley Street School in Lisbon. My interests include musical theater, Disney Movies and writing. I grew up in Lisbon Falls, and after living in other places like Brunswick and Auburn Maine, as well as Gloucester Massachusetts and San Diego, California, I have settled back in the house I grew up in.

CLUBS AT MEVA

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Coding_Club

Tuesdays at 3:00



Are you a coding pro? A total beginner? Somewhere in between?

The Coding Club is welcome to anyone and everyone who is interested!

- > Learn to code in Scratch, Python, GameMaker, and more.
- > Get help with the basics of coding and setting up projects.
- > Work on cool projects, from games to websites.
- > Collaborate with friends and complete coding challenges.

Contact Mr. Fournier or Mx. Castro to join



GARDEN CLUB!

The New Garden Club is excited to announce the launching of a Microgreen Project!



We learned about growing microgreens from seeds and how to use different mediums to grow these plants. We explored growing in reusable containers, on fabric and in rocks. Next step, we plant and observe how microgreens grow!

Garden Club meets every Wednesday at 3pm! To join, please [email Mrs. Theriault](#),

Some of Callie N's gorgeous blooms!



I AM FEELING LOST, WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

MEVA MEETS- AN IN PERSON STUDY HALL

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, November 12th 9:30am-1pm
Wednesday, December 10th 9:30am-1pm

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



WHAT IS FOX TIME?

☀️ FOX Time: Focused Support for Real Growth ☀️

At MEVA, we believe every student deserves the time and support they need to succeed. That's why we offer FOX Time—a required support block designed to help students strengthen skills in reading and math. FOX Time isn't extra busywork—it's a targeted, standards-based intervention that gives students exactly what they need to grow with confidence.

Why It Matters:

- ✓ Builds strong foundational skills for long-term success
- ✓ Provides personalized attention in small groups
- ✓ Helps students practice and grow in a supportive environment



STUDENT HELP DESK

November 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





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/>

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?

Please email it to us at newsletter@mainevirtualacademy.org



**Braiden M's Rouen
duck, Belle!**



**Some lovely sunny
flowers Callie N grew!**

