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VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

DR. MELINDA BROWNE, **HEAD OF SCHOOL**

May at MEVA is a time to celebrate all that we have done during the current school year. We are focused on ensuring that all our students achieve their expected growth in math, reading, and language usage, as measured by our local NWEA MAP, administered virtually. We also follow Maine's directive to do the Maine Through Year and Science assessments, which we give in person at multiple locations around the state.

As you know, we depend upon our students and parents/Learning Coaches to support our assessment efforts. Thank you from the entire MEVA team for helping us reach ninety-five percent (95%) on local and state tests. We use all our student growth, achievement, and proficiency data to provide individualized academic programming for our whole school. We believe that our fine-tuned approach that emphasizes students' learning accomplishes MEVA's mission and vision

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 5th, 6th, 7th- NWEA testing (Virtual)
- May 11th -12th MEA Science (8th grade only- IN PERSON)
- May 27th- our FINAL MEVA Meets of the year!
- **JUNE 5th- GRADUATION, 2pm via ZOOM**
- **JUNE 12th- 8th Grade Promotion, 2pm via ZOOM**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- May 25th- Memorial Day



MEVA CONTACTS

Use these emails for a quick response to your questions:

[Attendance](#)

[Guidance](#)

[Tech](#)

ELEANOR SEAMON, SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE



Hello! I'm Eleanor Seamon, the 2026 class representative, and this is my second year at MEVA. I've had an inspiring and enjoyable experience here with all my wonderful teachers and kind classmates. Thank you guys so much; I appreciate you. I've loved every silly and serious moment equally, and I've learned lessons from both. If I'm not in a Bongo classroom, I'm probably staring into space with paper in hand and dreaming up plans, dancing my heart out, bopping to music, or laughing with an awesome friend or relative. Thank you for everything you all have given and taught me. I can't wait to grow more! Oh, yes... I love my cats. :)

ALEXSANDER AIZHA-ROUSSY, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Alecxsander Aizha-Roussy makes history as the first student nominated to serve on the Maine Virtual Academy School Board, bringing with him an exceptional record of academic excellence, leadership, and service. Ranked first in his class with a 4.37 weighted GPA, Alecxsander has challenged himself through rigorous coursework, including multiple AP, honors, and dual-enrollment classes, while consistently modeling integrity and dedication. As President of the National Honor Society, a HelpDesk mentor and tutor, and an active peer advocate, he has demonstrated a deep commitment to supporting students academically, socially, and emotionally. His experience as a camp counselor, STEM teaching assistant, and community volunteer—along with his thoughtful, respectful approach to collaboration—has earned the trust and praise of faculty across disciplines. Articulate, empathetic, and dependable, Alecxsander represents the very best of MEVA's student community and will provide an informed, authentic, and principled student voice to the School Board.



A NOTE FROM THE SENIOR TEAM

REMINDER: ALL WORK MUST BE TURNED IN BY MAY 15th to have your name announced at Graduation!

Congratulations on all of your success this school year! Our time together is quickly coming to a close even with the long month of March winding on. Trust us, the next couple months will flash by before you know it!

With that in mind, we know how important it is to start planning for graduation. Our graduation ceremony will be a **Live Zoom ceremony held at 2 p.m. on June 5th**. Using the Zoom Event platform, we will be able to maximize attendance with a 1,000 person platform to ensure that you can invite the relatives and friends of your choice. We will email the ceremony link prior to the event.

By Mid-May, we will be mailing out a graduation package that includes your cap (feel free to decorate it), tassel, diploma, diploma cover, and NHS Materials (if applicable). If you have not already, please complete the senior exit [survey](#) to help us ensure your box gets to you.

We will have information about how to purchase the yearbook in late April after we finish finalizing it and getting it ready for publication.

MEVA GRAD. SWAG is Now Available for purchase, [HERE!](#)

Orders ship directly to your home. SWAG will be available all semester. T-shirts and hoodies include the class motto and original artwork from a MEVA senior. Sizes are available in XS-4XL. The shirts are high quality and true to size.

Now is the time to work with your teachers to ensure that you are on track to graduate in June. PLEASE NOTE: All work must be submitted by May 15th to ensure you will pass all classes and graduate. We cannot wait to celebrate your accomplishments at our ceremony in June. And, please be in touch with anything you need!

Your Senior Team

SENIORS AND EARLY GRADS:



- If you have not met with Mrs. Tyler about your plans for after high school please reach out by [email](#) to schedule a meeting. Even if you don't know what you want to do, we can help!!
- Let us know what colleges/post-secondary programs you've been accepted to by filling out the survey linked [here](#). We are so proud of you!
- MEVA GRAD. SWAG is now available for purchase, [HERE!](#)

JUNIORS

Attention MEVA Juniors:

Spring is the time to start planning for your senior year and beyond! Please schedule a meeting with your school counselor, Mrs. Tyler, with this [link](#). If your parent/guardian/learning coach would like to attend please invite them! I look forward to working with you all!

SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

- Are you a strong student looking for a challenge?
- Are you interested in taking a college class for FREE in the Summer?
- If so, please talk this over with your Learning Coach and counselor and read all the [information](#) carefully.

VACCINE AND VISION COMPLIANCE:



SENIORS: If you have not, please email your most recent Immunization documents showing a second dose of MCV4 to [Guidance](#).

JUNIORS: You will need a booster of MCV4 Prior to starting 12th grade, if you have already received this, please email your shot record to Guidance

7th and 9th graders: if you have been to the Eye Doctor in the last year, please fill out our [Vision Screening](#)

MEVA MEETS- AN IN PERSON STUDY HALL

Many of you may know me as Gina, or Ms. Davis, I send a LOT of communications to you weekly, answer your phone calls and technology requests, call to bug you for updated information occasionally or text and call to confirm your students presence at our in-person testing, among other things! What most do not know, is that I too, have a student at MEVA! She has attended almost every single MEVA meets since we started them about a year ago, and this is what I have to say, as a parent, about the MEVA Meets program!

“MEVA Meets is bridging the gap between Virtual and Brick and Mortar schools, the in-person you (and your student!) may need from time to time, with the safety and flexibility of virtual schooling. My student can accomplish in 4 hours at MEVA Meets what would take a week (and whole lot of nagging) at home. Dr. O'Grady is such a valuable part of this, she is the caring, compassionate teacher who doesn't judge, even if your student has fallen behind, but instead, quietly helps them make a plan of action to catch up and gets them excited about their progress”

I hope to see some of your students at one of our upcoming MEVA Meets!

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

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, May 27th 9:30am-1pm

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.

TESTING- WHERE AM I GOING?

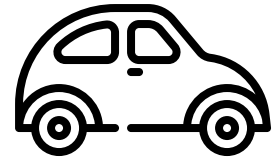
Testing is an incredibly important part of MEVA's culture, we rely on testing to tell us where to focus extra teaching efforts, as well as securing vital funding to be able to make MEVA the best of the best! Testing at MEVA is **MANDATORY**, however we work hard to ensure it is a smooth and painless 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 =



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 **VIRTUALLY** on your computer!

MEA TESTING =



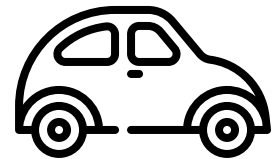
MEA testing is for grades 7, 8, 10 and 11 and happens 2 times a year, in October and April/May. This test is **IN PERSON**, however we set up test sites all over the state to bring testing closer to you! Locations include: Saco, Lewiston, Augusta, Farmington, Bangor, Houlton and Presque Isle.

I-READY TESTING =



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 =



MSAA testing is for Specific students in grades 7, 8 and 11 and happens 1 time a year, in March. This test is **IN PERSON**.

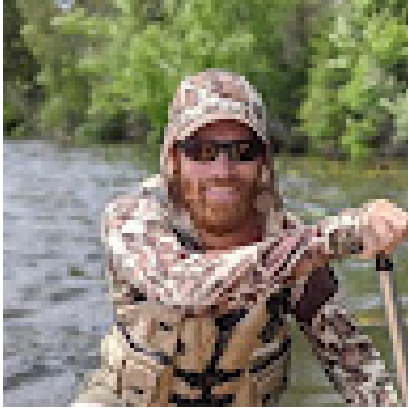
ACCUPLACER TESTING =



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

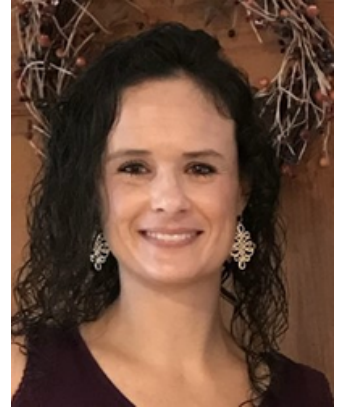
I AM FEELING LOST, WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

MEVA SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES:



MEVA has two school counselors who are trained to support all students in their academic, career/college, and social/emotional needs. If a student is in need of support, please reach out.

Mr. Pierce- Grades 7-10-
dpierce@mainevirtualacademy.org
Mrs. Tyler- Grades 11 & 12-
htyler@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
- For more info, please email Mrs. O'Grady or Mr. Corbett



STUDENT HELP DESK

May is here, and that means the school year is almost over—great job so far! 🌸 As things wrap 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: 10:30 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

