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MAINE

VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

DR. MELINDA BROWNE, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Please note that we welcome your feedback about our proposed ESEA grant application, which we propose to dedicate to supplementary (virtual) classroom instruction in math and reading. Our public comment period is open until June 16th, 2026. Email me (mbrowne@mainevirtualacademy.org) if you have any suggestions about how money should be used to support MEVA students' learning and teacher professional development.

We are counting down to high school graduation, June 5th, and our eighth-grade recognition ceremony on the last day of school on June 12th. 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, and Help Desk, all make an enormous 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 achieve your goals. Our featured 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.

Thank you to all families who helped get their students to in-person testing!

IMPORTANT DATES

- **JUNE 5th- GRADUATION, 2pm via ZOOM (Shortened day)**
- **JUNE 12th- 8th Grade Promotion, 2pm via ZOOM (Shortened day)**
- **June 12th- Last day of school!**
- **June 22nd- First day of Summer Session**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- **June 19th- Juneteenth, office closed**



MEVA CONTACTS

Use these emails for a quick response to your questions:

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

2026 GRADUATES!

Z Al-Qudah

A Albee

M Anderson

S Arthur

S Arthur

T Arthur

N Atwood

C Barclay

N Baud

V Bell

S Beltran

R Besterfeldt

B Betancourt

G Billings

E Bishop

C Blomgren

J Bobbin

L Boucher

S Bower

F Brigham

B Brown

E Burgess

A Burnham

A Burns

E Card

V Casey

C Cherniske

A Child

J Chiott

K Chretien

A Coover

S Cournane

S Davis

J Donahue

R Dowling

E Drayton

W Dube-Gray

T Durham

P Dye

A East

S Eastman III

H Fancher

K Farris

C Fernandez

R Ferreira-Dupont

R Gagner

V Gagnon

B Gallagher

A Gasc

A Gerry

K Gilgorri

K Gilgorri

A Glidewell

W Gold

M Gordon

A Gridley

E Guzman

T Haines

J Hamilton

K Hampshire

A Hansen

A Harvey

A HAYWARD

T Hemond

E Hill

M Hinegardner

Z Hinton

C Jaramillo

G Kaplan

J Kear

K Keniston

R Keniston

D Khoury

C Kimball

V Kline

H Knight

H Kory

S Landry

A Lane

C LaPerriere

J LaRose

G LaVerdiere

A Lebrasseur

M Litchhult

N Lorom

R Mains

A Mains

A Majewski

A Matson

Z May

M Menard

O Mills

M Mills

K Mudgett

C Nadeau

H Nevells

M Nunez

J O'Brien

I Ouellet

J Patterson

B Peacher

A Perreault

A Phillips

T Pierce

S Rankin

J Remington

A Robbins

J Rodriguez

W Roy

S Russell

J Sapienza

S Saucedo Burke

A Schaefer

E Seamon

J Seamon

I Shedd

S Sparling

D Spaulding

M Stoddard

A Switter

E Sutherland

A SUTTON

M Sylvia

P Taylor

B Tedesco

K Theriault

D Thurlow

S Tompkins

T Tower

D Tucker

J Tuttle

M Vereen

N Waite

M Waldbauer

C Walker

T Watt

K Welch

J Williams

J Willy

L Wood

D Wright

Class of
2026



Graduation at MEVA is virtual, via ZOOM. We do it virtually to be inclusive of all our families, as we have students from Kittery to Madawasks! A link to join the ZOOM ceremony will be emailed shortly!

So, what does the graduation ceremony look like?
Anything you want!

Here are some ways families choose to celebrate their grad:

- With a party and LIVE STREAM the ceremony
- A party held on a weekend day where they stream the recording
- From your living room with friends and family (we give you the link ahead of time so friends and family from afar can watch too!)
- On a break at work or from your car

However you choose to join us, we are SO PROUD OF YOU!

We don't require your camera to be on, however we LOVE to see all the Grads and their family and friends, so if you are comfortable, please show us your faces one last time!



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A NOTE FROM THE SENIOR TEAM

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.

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.

JUNIORS

Your Senior Team

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

Attention Sophomores & Juniors:

- Are you a strong student looking for a challenge?
- Are you interested in taking a college class for FREE in the Fall?
- If so, please talk this over with your Learning Coach and counselor and read all the information below carefully.
- Classes are filling up quickly, so reach out to your counselor ASAP.

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.

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](#)

SEARCHING FOR ARTISTS TO JOIN GT ART!

Meet other Artists! Laugh! Have Fun!

Enjoy Art? Excited to make art? We want passionate artists of all levels that want to learn and play.

EXPECTATIONS:

- ✓ ATTEND LIVE Class Session Every WED. 2pm
- ✓ Complete Bi-Weekly Challenges
- Practice skills and techniques,
- ✓ creative challenges, Share your art with the group!
- Submit at least 1 work of art for
- ✓ Mid-Year and End of Year Art Show

HOW TO APPLY:

- ✓ Choose 1-2 works of art you've created that show us the type of art you LIKE to create
- ✓ Create a work of art with any materials that falls under the THEME: Being a Teenager
- ✓ Agree to do your best to meet our expectations



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APPLY NOW

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 13

Photograph & email Your Art to:

- ✉ auth@mainevirtualacademy.org
- ✉ Isamson@mainevirtualacademy.org