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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 '26 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 18 9:30-1,
Ballard Center in
Augusta

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- November 11:
Veteran's Day
- November 25-27:
Thanksgiving Vacation
- December 23-January
1: Winter Vacation



MEVA CONTACTS

Use these emails for a quick response to your questions:

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

TESTING AT MEVA

A HUGE shoutout to all the families who helped us make our fall testing an overwhelming success, we appreciate you all showing up at your assigned location and time!



SAVE THE DATE: Spring IN PERSON testing will be held in April for Grades 7, 8, 10 & 11 and May 8th grade only!

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:

- Juniors & Seniors: Interested in the University of Southern Maine?
 - A rep from USM will be available to meet with interested students on **November 5th at 11:20 am**. Join this [link](#) to hear more about what USM has to offer and to ask any questions that you may have.. Questions? [Email Mrs. Tyler](#)
- 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

Attention Juniors & Seniors:

Are you a strong student with a GPA of at least 3.0 looking for a challenge?

Are you interested in taking a college class for FREE second semester?

If so, please talk this over with your Learning Coach and counselor and read all the [information](#) carefully.

The registration portal will open for Community College on November 2 and University of Maine is November 6.

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, November 18th 9:30am-1pm

Wednesday, December 9th 9:30am-1pm

Wednesday, February 10th 9:30am-1pm

Wednesday, March 31st 9:30am-1pm

Wednesday, May 26th 9:30am-1pm



CLUBS AT MEVA

HELPDESK + MORNING MIX

MEVA CLUBS SCHEDULE

Find your club. Save the day. Join the fun!



TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ANIME	FISHING	VIRTUAL TRAVEL Virtual Travel meets during HelpDesk	CODING
CHESS	STAR WARS	GAMING	PRODIGY
	DRAWING ART CLUB		
	Car Club Meets During HelpDesk!		



Club times are 3pm unless otherwise noted. Check Brightspace Calendar for meeting links and updates.

I AM FEELING LOST, WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

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

🦊 What's Happening at HelpDesk? | November 2026

November is here, MEVA Foxes! 🦊 We're making great progress through the school year! As assignments and activities pick up, remember that HelpDesk is here to help you stay organized, learn new skills, and connect with your MEVA community.

🌅 Morning Mix & Fox Planner — Start your day with us Monday–Friday, 8:05–8:20 AM! Connect with other students, set your goals, and use your Fox Planner to stay on track.

💻 Tech Tips — Learn something new and make virtual school easier! Explore our Tech Tips Center to catch up on activities, practice useful technology skills, and earn badges.

🏆 Learn & Earn — There are plenty of ways to get involved! Participate in challenges, explore the Sora Super-Reader Challenge, and collect HelpDesk awards. Explore Learn & Earn.

🗨️ Students & Parents — We Want Your Feedback!

We're looking for ways to improve the MEVA Brightspace Homepage—the landing page you see when you log in to Brightspace, not our public school website!

Please take a few minutes to tell us what's working and what we could improve.

🦊 Student Homepage Survey — Students who complete the survey can earn a special HelpDesk badge!

👤 Parent Homepage Survey — Parents and guardians, your feedback matters too!

Want to take another look before responding? Visit the MEVA Brightspace Homepage.

🐾 Could YOUR Pet Be Our Next Homework Helper? Send your favorite pet photo to nhart@mainevirtualacademy.org for a chance to have your pet featured as a HelpDesk award!

🦊 November Fox Reminder: Every small step counts! Stay curious, keep trying, and remember that asking for help is a strength.

👉 Visit the HelpDesk Homepage

