



MAINE VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back from February vacation! Save your seat for next school year! March 8th is the Close Date for Re-registration. After that unconfirmed seats will be opened to the public.

We've included a link to our SY21-22 ESSA Dashboard that is now available for public view. This source details how our school is doing on multiple measures.

We are rolling out the new Middle School Study Hub. The MS Study Hub offers our 7th and 8th graders a place to gather to meet with teachers, work on assignments, and seek assistance whenever needed.

The spring NWEAs are virtual and scheduled for May 2-4. These tests are very important in tracking students' post-pandemic learning progress.

The MEAs will be in-person this year. If you have any barriers to in-person testing such as transportation, now is the time to let your Guidance Counselor know so we can assist in working out a solution.

Finally, if you are interested in Summer School, let your Guidance Counselor know.

SY22-23 Re-Registration

- Parent Portal opens February 27-March 8
- Keep an eye on your email with anything titled "MEVA Re-Registration".
- Students who are on track for graduation in June or earlier, still need to go into the portal and click "not registering".

Important Dates

- March 8 **Re-Registration** Close Date (unconfirmed seats are opened to the public after this date)
- May 2-4 NWEA Spring Virtual Testing
- May 15-19 MEA **In-Person** Spring Testing Grades 7, 8, 10, Math/ELA Open
- May 22-26 MEA **In-Person** Spring Testing Grades 8, 11, Science Open
- June 2 Graduation Day
- June 9 Last Day of School
- June 20-August 4 Summer Session
- **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
- April 17 Patriot's Day
- April 17-21 April Vacation
- May 29 Memorial Day
- June 19 Juneteenth
- July 3-7 Summer Session Break
- July 4 Independence Day



If you need assistance or have questions pertaining to Re-Registration, feel free to jump into one of our Re-Registration Helpdesk Sessions. Live Re-Registration Helpdesk Session Dates: (Links will be sent to everyone in the "MEVA Re-Registration" e-mail, these links will be sent out periodically as well.)

- Session 3: March 2nd 7-7:30pm
- Session 4: March 7th 12-12:30pm
- Session 5: March 7th 7-7:30pm

New Middle School Study Hub

The new Middle School Study Hub meets Monday-Friday at noon. 7th and 8th graders who are not currently enrolled in a class during that time can join any session. The MS Study Hub offers a place to gather to work on assignments and quizzes. There will be teachers available who will:

- Help you when you run into a problem.
- Help to provide you with clarification.
- Meet with you when you require a one-on-one or small group session.
- Set up small groups and/or one-on-one sessions.
- Give you a quiet place to work.



ESSA Dashboard

The ESSA Data Dashboard is now LIVE and available to the public. The ESSA Data Dashboard can be accessed at this link: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/dashboard>. You will be prompted to select a Maine school district. You will find Maine Virtual Academy on the drop down menu.

In accordance with ESEA Program Assurances, MEVA disseminates ESEA and LEA Report Cards via the school's website. The ESSA Dashboard indicates that MEVA's strengths are our expanding Teacher Workforce and Instructional Support Staff (Ed Techs). MEVA's attendance, safety, state assessment results, and four-year graduation rate are also noteworthy for our virtual school. MEVA's June 2022 four-year graduation rate is 95.7%.

As a high-performing public charter school, MEVA is engaged in continuous school improvement, informed by feedback from our stakeholders. We are focusing on strengthening our state assessment participation outcomes by providing families and students with individual support.

Spring NWEAs

The Spring assessment window is soon approaching, plan now to complete your Spring NWEAs May 2-4.

It is critical to evaluate and track student learning progress, especially as we strive to fill gaps post-pandemic. The NWEAs allow us to see the growth that each individual student has made and to plan an individualized path for them the following school year.



Save the Date: In-Person MEA Testing

The Through Year Assessment for Math and Reading, the new MEAs through the Maine DOE, will be held the third week in May. This assessment is administered to all students in 7th, 8th, and 10th grade. The assessment will allow us to measure student's progress towards grade-level proficiency.

The Science MEA will be held the last week of May and is administered to all students in 8th and 11th grade. We depend on your participation to help show our schoolwide progress towards grade-level proficiency on both MEAs.

Stay tuned for more information about a testing site near you and everything you need to know about in-person testing!

- MEA In-Person Spring Testing Grades 7, 8, 10, Math/ELA Open May 15-19
- MEA In-Person Spring Testing Grades 8, 11, Science Open May 22-26

How can HelpDesk help you?

HelpDesk is where you have access to the teachers for all of your subjects. In HelpDesk we ask questions, complete homework, and conquer missing assignments. You can even access one of our student tutors. Some students may be required to attend if your teacher(s) feels it is appropriate.

Please join us and see what you can accomplish!

HelpDesk meets everyday 2:00-2:50pm

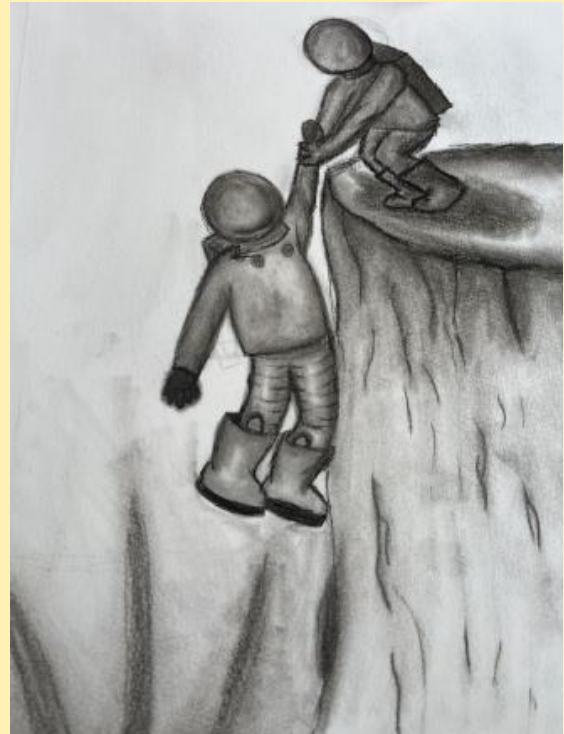
For more information, please check the [HelpDesk](#) content called [Students Corner](#) or email Nicole Hart at nhart@mainevirtualacademy.org

Graduation Update

- Our graduation ceremony will be a Live Zoom ceremony held at 2 p.m. on June 2nd.
- Please stay tuned for emails with more information about the day.
- To purchase a matching gown click [here](#). We recommend the matte gown in emerald green.
- To order a class ring from Jostens, click [here](#)! You will need to set up an account.
- The yearbook will be available for sale in the spring, and turned into a video for our graduation ceremony!
- Create an Individual Yearbook Page: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSS5Xo6I7M8>
- 2023 Yearbook Template: <https://www.canva.com/design/DAFMUdSbXV4/ys9K8W628fk6N9LEkIBHfw/edit>
- Design Grad.SWAG: <https://youtu.be/l40exvVfsHI>



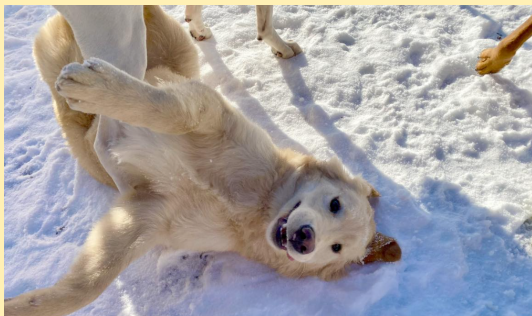
Tianna Seidell's Art



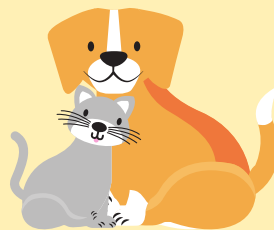
Topic: Alien Kids - Lost
Tianna drew what she was imagining as she was reading.

PET CORNER

Chase



Madison Tiner's pup loves the snow and sledding. He also loves going on walks and is protective of Madison.



Danni and Snickers



Angie Harvey's kitties catnap together.

Newsletter Ideas

We are happy to highlight the successes of MEVA Students. Send your newsletter ideas and shoutouts to SCarter@MaineVirtualAcademy.org.



MEVA's Semester 1 Honor Roll

Congratulations to our
Honor Roll Students!
Great job!

Highest Honors 3.7-4

A. Adamo
L. Agayoff
L. Al-Qudah
Z. Al-Qudah
F. Bard
A. Bickford
A. Boucher
P. Boucher
Z. Bowden
M. Boynton
B. Bragg
L. Buck
I. Butler
H. Cochran
J. Cooper
E. Cournane
A. Cullen
E. Cyr
J. Darling
D. Davidson
C. Devoe
E. Duhaime
B. Dykstra
E. Flavin
K. Foster
K. Gallagher
K. Gillotti
D. Gordon
M. Gordon
A. Grahn
J. Gray
K. Gray
G. Hawes
T. Hemond
A. Horn
L. Hoskins
K. Keniston
I. Kimball
T. Kinder
A. King

P. Kline
H. Kory
E. Ladner
N. Lupercio
B. Mackie
L. Mantsch
J. Merrill
L. Morin
A. Murphy
C. Nadeau
A. Newton
R. Nichols
E. Norbert
C. Norwood
A. Ortega Arriaga
R. Parker
J. Pearson
N. Pongratz
I. Radford
L. Robinson
W. Roy
A. Savard
M. Schriver
E. Seaberg
T. Seidell
M. Shaikh
O. Tebbets
N. Trask
W. Traynor
C. Veilleux
L. Ward
E. Williams
N. Williamson
D. Woodbury

High Honors 3.3-3.69

E. Burgess
D. Colbath
E. Crafts
K. Danforth
C. Drost
H. Fancher
E. Foss
Z. Gibbons
D. Guerrette

B. Hall
P. Hardy
A. Heathcote
K. Jackson
C. Joseph
S. Keef
A. Keniston
J. Keniston
R. Keniston
S. Keniston
C. Kinder
A. LaMarche
K. Laslie
K. LeBreton
P. Martinho
E. McAndrew
E. Munro
A. Nason
M. Nastivar
A. Pearl
B. Rea
D. Reaves
E. Robbins
E. Shankland
I. Shedd
D. Shorey
K. Skillings
H. Sousa
O. Sylvester
E. Teets
S. Vallance
E. Wasel
T. Watt

Honors 3-3.29

A. Adamo
L. Bartman
K. Davidson
K. Doane
E. Drayton
A. Duso
M. Gallant
J. Green
A. Hansen
O. Harris
S. Johnson
E. Libbey
S. Mclean
S. McNeish
I. Morales
M. Moyano
J. Pitcher IV
S. Robillard
B. Rogers
E. Rolfe
M. Rushing
K. Sanchez
J. Sapienza
E. Stuart
R. Swihart
W. Tenney
B. Thibeault
D. Walker
S. Watt
Q. Webb
J. Zakian

Mid-Maine Technical Center's Honor Roll

Congratulations to MEVA students who
received honors recognition for their
concurrent tech school studies!

- Jadon Green who received High Honors in Construction Technology.
- Ava Rossignol who received Honors in Early Childhood Education.