



# MAINE VIRTUAL ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER



October 1, 2022

Issue 1

### From Dr. Browne Head of School

Welcome back to school! Everyone has been very busy these past several weeks. I want to remind you to take advantage of all the opportunities that MEVA has to offer. We are here to help and support you.

Take charge of your education, surround yourself with wisdom, and move ahead with determination. It's going to be a great year!



### Successful Learning

If you are having any school issues, struggling in the virtual environment, or have barriers to learning – let us know! Please send a message to your guidance counselor explaining what's going on and they will set up a meeting to help chart a path to success.



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### Important Dates

- FAFSA is available starting October 1
- ACCUPLACER testing continues through the end of October
- **NWEA Fall Testing Grades 7-11**
- Virtual Testing October 4, 5 and 6
- Makeup Day October 7
- **School Holidays**
- October 10 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- November 11 Veterans' Day
- November 23 – 25 Thanksgiving Vacation
- December 22 – January 1 Winter Break

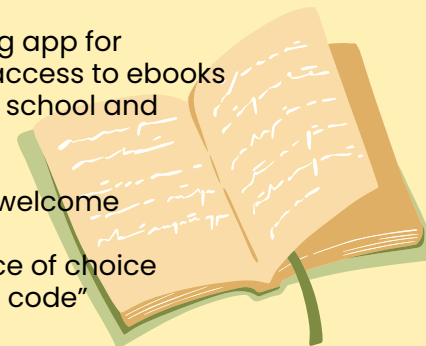


### SORA

SORA is the student reading app for OverDrive. SORA provides access to ebooks and audiobooks from your school and public library.

<http://www.soraapp.com/welcome>

1. Download Sora to device of choice
2. Click on "I have a setup code"
3. Enter: meva
4. Click "Get Started"
5. Sign in with your MEVA Google account



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## School Clubs

- Tuesday - Anime & Debate
- Thursday - Gaming & Drama
- Friday - Prodigy & Creative Writing

## Technical Issues?

If you are having any issues with your MEVA issued laptop, please email our tech support team.

[TECH@MaineVirtualAcademy.org](mailto:TECH@MaineVirtualAcademy.org)



## Laptop Audit

We are conducting our MANDATORY laptop inventory. Please help us maintain our inventory by taking this short survey. Participation is mandatory even if you don't have a MEVA laptop. Please log in to your [@mainevirtualacademy.org](mailto:@mainevirtualacademy.org) email account to gain access to the form.

<https://forms.gle/78Y9Benvm12FoB9c8>

## FAFSA

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college starting October 1st!

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

## FAME

For help filing the FAFSA and general financial aid support, please check out the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) at

<https://www.famemaine.com/affording-education/pay-for-school/get-financial-aid/>

## Attendance

Please make sure your Learning Coach logs daily attendance. Students need 5 hours and 30 minutes of logged time per day.

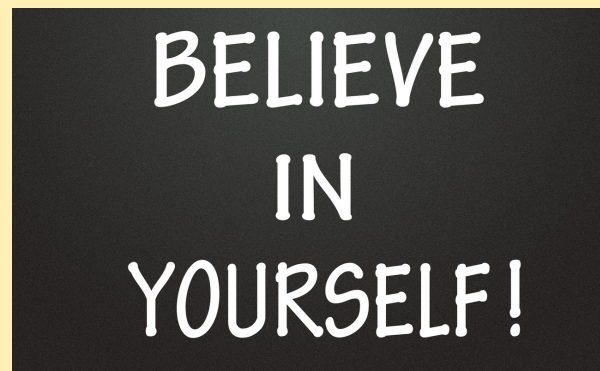
If you are going to be absent for 2 or more consecutive days, please have your Learning Coach send an email to let us know.

[Attendance@MaineVirtualAcademy.org](mailto:Attendance@MaineVirtualAcademy.org)

## Missed Classes?

Things happen and sometimes you miss the live class. The great thing about MEVA is all classes are recorded and you are able to watch them at your convenience.

All students at MEVA should be able to achieve perfect attendance!



## External Credit Form

Are you working or volunteering? Do you have extensive experience outside of school? Your hard work may qualify as credit! Use the External Credit Form to let us know what you are up to.

<https://forms.gle/ctXQoJpsb4DbdG7s9>

## ACCUPLACER Testing

ACCUPLACER testing is virtual and required for all graduating students and will continue through the end of October. Check your calendar for your scheduled session.

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## Early Graduation Steps

If you are thinking about graduating early, reach out to your Guidance Counselor to create a plan. We offer 5-steps to help put your graduation goals in action.

1. Email your Guidance Counselor.
2. Have your LC write a letter in support.
3. Schedule the ACCUPLACER testing.
4. Email Dr. Browne for her approval.
5. Complete the Early Graduation Form.

Once you get your plan setup, the next step is getting to work! For more information, check out the MEVA's Early Graduation Steps flyer by clicking [here](#).

## College Plans?

Seniors, if you are thinking about applying to college, now is the time to start narrowing your list of colleges and begin applications. College Board has a wonderful college search tool that can be found at

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>.

Please reach out to your school counselor if you need any help with this process.

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# JUST FOR FUN...

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## Snack Attack: Pumpkin No Bake Cookies

- ¼ cup pumpkin puree
- ¼ cup unsalted butter
- 2 Tbsp. milk
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup 1 minute oats
- 2 cups old fashioned oats
- ¼ tsp. pumpkin spice
- 1 pinch salt
- ¼ tsp. vanilla extract



1. Add the pumpkin puree, butter, milk and sugar to a small pan and warm over medium heat. Bring to a simmer, then boil for around 1 minute. Remove from heat.

2. Meanwhile, add both your old fashioned oats to a bowl. Add the pumpkin spice and salt, and mix through.

3. Add the vanilla extract to the pumpkin-butter mixture and then add it to the bowl with the oats. Mix well.

4. Take spoonfuls of the mixture and press together with your hands just slightly to form into a somewhat flat ball. Set on the prepared baking sheet and allow to cool.

DID YOU KNOW?

### MAINE

Maine was a district of the state of Massachusetts until 1820.

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## Newsletter Ideas

Please submit newsletter ideas and events to Stephanie Carter, Guidance Secretary  
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