

# BT BOCES' Virtual Learning Academy Newsletter



April 2023



Grade 3-6 Edition

## A message from the principal...



- We are excited to welcome spring! In this newsletter we give highlights on all the awesome events happening at VLA including Climate Action School events, our OSOB reading of *The Wild Robot!*, and Spirit week coming up this week!
- We are also looking ahead to the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in continuing with VLA please reach out to your home district.
- During the next couple of months 6th graders will be learning what 7th grade is like at the VLA from the current 7th and 8th graders.

Have a wonderful April, and spring break!

*Ms. Ainslie*

## Climate Action Schools Update!



We've been working on becoming experts in Climate action and Climate Change. We had two assemblies:

- Josh Enderle, from Cornell Cooperative Extension, came in to talk with us about the Broome County Landfill, how it is designed and ways to reduce refuse.
- Danielle Moyer, past graduate student at Binghamton University, came in to show their design of a living/green building for Nuthatch Hollow.

We have also been researching key vocabulary and will be sharing what we learned with our peers. From there we will be creating and publishing PSAs. More coming soon!



## Spirit Week April 3 - April 6

Monday 4/3	Tuesday 4/4	Wed 4/5	Thursday 4/6
Favorite Things Day	Drawing Day	Game Day	Movie/Pajama Day

## NYS 3-8 Testing Coming Up:

Here are the dates for the assessments. Check with your home building administration on specific district administration dates and processes.

**ELA Assessments:** April 19 - April 26

**Math Assessments:** May 2 - May 9

**Contact your home district for logistics!**



**The Wild Robot! Highlights**

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## Important April Dates to Note:

★ April 7-14 Spring Break - No school  
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# The Wild Robot!



We are deep into our One School, One Book, *The Wild Robot!* This includes reading the book, collaborating with CVLA (another NYS Virtual Academy), and our weekly trivia giveaways!

Here are some of the highlights!

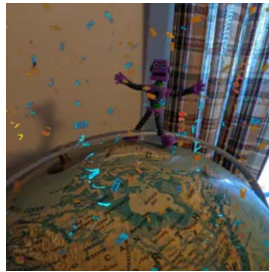
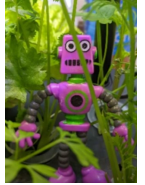
## CVLA Collaboration!

On March 9 we kicked off *The Wild Robot!* by Peter Brown with our new friends from CVLA, a virtual learning academy running out of CapRegion BOCES.

We had fun doing the robot dance, reading, predicting events from illustrations, and introducing our pen pals! During week 2 we started writing and getting to know each other.

This coming week, on April 6, we are going to meet up again with CVLA at the end of the day from 1:45-2:30!

## Tuesday Giveaways!



Every Tuesday morning we watch our trivia giveaway video with a chance to crack the code! Roz's friend 22-12-1 is the master of ceremonies and spins the prize wheel!

## Cracking the Code Winners!

- Week 1: Violet
- Week 2: Caius and Esmae
- Week 3: Violet, Alex, Caius, Nyla, Kendra

## Pen Pal Letters!

### April

<b>3 Week 5</b> Chapters 56-58	<b>4 Trivia Drawing</b> Chapters 59-62	<b>5</b> Chapters 63-64	<b>6 Midway Gathering</b> 1:45-2:00 Ch 65-67	<b>7</b> NO SCHOOL Spring Break
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<b>17 Week 6</b> Chapters 69-71	<b>18 Trivia Drawing</b> Chapters 72-73	<b>19</b> Chapters 74-76	<b>20</b> Chapters 77-78	<b>21</b> Chapters 79-80
<b>24 Week 7</b> Finish book	<b>25 Trivia Drawing</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Peter Brown Visit</b>

Everytime a correct answer is given for our daily trivia a chance will be entered into our drawing!