

BT BOCES' Virtual Learning Academy Newsletter

April 2024

3-6 Edition

A message from the principal...

- We are super excited to announce our first annual VLA STEAM Fair. Showcase is May 23rd. See more details to the right.
- As a reminder we follow the BT BOCES calendar. It is linked below for your reference
- 3-8 NYS Assessments are coming up in April and May. Your home district should have reached out to you with dates and times for these assessments. Please communicate to them with your plans for your student to take or otherwise. Also communicate to your teacher if missing school due to taking the tests, they will mark it with an excused absence.

Happy Spring! 🌸

Ms. Ainslie

VLA STEAM FAIR

ON MAY 23RD SHOWCASE YOUR CREATIVITY AND SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY!

SCIENCE What can be tested?

TECHNOLOGY What tools can be used?

ENGINEERING What can be built?

ART What can you imagine?

MATHEMATICS What can be measured?

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP BY APRIL 12TH](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

April Assemblies Coming Up:

April 17 1:15-2:00 Magic Show!

April 25 10:00-10:30 Mr. Grabenstein Author Visit
Art Shows!

May 16 7:00-8:00 VLA Art Show Gallery Opening!

May 30 6:00-7:00 NYS Virtual Art Show Gallery Opening!

VLA Talent Show!

June 7 1:00-2:30

VLA Contact Information

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VLA Virtual Office

The VLA Virtual Office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30-11:30am and 12:30-2:30pm. Stop by with any question you have or just to meet the team!

[Enter Zoom Link HERE.](#)

Come in We're **OPEN**

March Highlights

Important April Dates to Note:

March 29 - April 5 Spring Break, No school
April 24 PM PL 3-6 no PM Classes

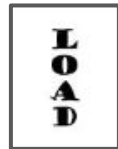
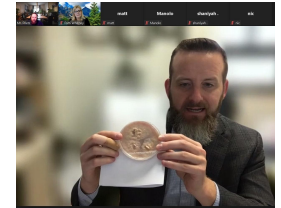
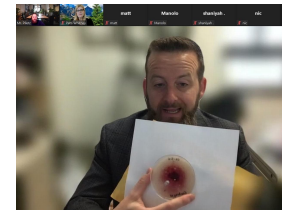
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[Virtual Learning Academy Website](#)

Highlights from March!

6th Grade Visit with Dr. Hirsch

6th Graders in VLA got a chance to meet Dr. Hirsch of the University of Kentucky. Dr. Hirsh is a Professor of Plant Pathology and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Agricultural Biotechnology, College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment. He taught 6th graders about plant microbes and how plants fight them off. For example, we learned about how apples will turn brown to protect themselves from attacking microbes. Dr. Hirsch showed actual growing fungi that hurt local crops in the Kentucky area. He also showed students a microbe that infects corn and prevents it from growing correctly.

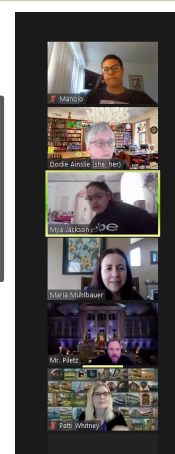
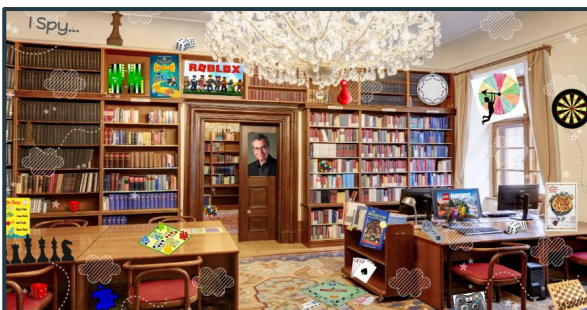
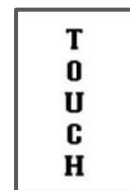
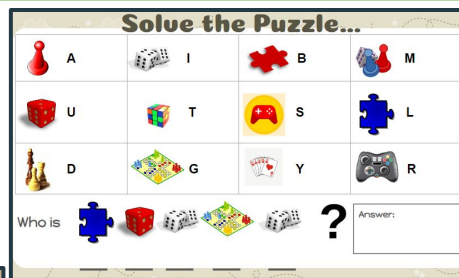


One School One Book: Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library!!

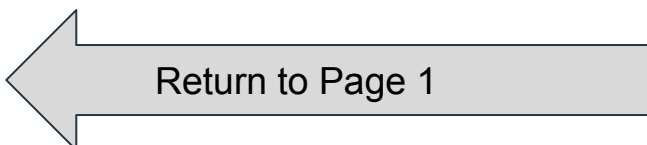
We had a great month solving puzzles as we read through Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library, by Chris Grabenstein. Each week we got a new puzzle to solve, and spun the wheel for prizes! Students read and answered daily questions too. During our Lemoncello Puzzle Fun After School we played I spy and solved a picture puzzle, check it out below! In our End of Book Celebration we challenged teams of students to Escape from the VLA Library!! Teams worked together to solve the puzzles and breakout! It was a great month of puzzle fun. We are excited to welcome the author, Chris Grabenstein himself to our virtual academy at the end of this month on April 25th. I'm sure the students have some great questions for him!

Weekly Puzzle Winners!

- Week 1:** Caius, Sofia
 - Week 2:** Matt, Sofia, Mya, Nyla, Caius, JD, and Josir
 - Week 3:** Caius
- Congratulations and good job!



Congrats to our 1st Place winners! Team CPMSTFS!! (Sofia, Caius, Tyler, and Marcus!)



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1	Questions/Clue	Type in answer here and hit Enter when finished
2	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library was New York Times bestseller for how many weeks?	111
3	Answer to the final clue in the book: 'Once you learn how to do this, you will be forever free'	read
4	The order the winning team came out of the library at the end (first initials, all lowercase)	hasmk
5	The number of books in this series	7
6		
7	Hint: Spelling counts!	
8	Once you have the colors use the first letters of each to come up with the clue	