

BT BOCES' Virtual Learning Academy Newsletter



February 2024

3-6 Edition

A message from the principal...

- World Read Aloud Day is February 7th. We will be having two authors sharing with our students virtually during that day. We'll be highlighting these visits in our March Newsletter.
- During January we welcomed our new Assistant Principal, Mr. Dan Longo- meet him below!
- Reach out if you have any questions or need support!

Ms. Ainslie

3-8 Assessments in Math, ELA, and Science

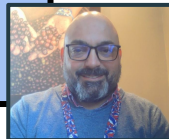
VLA students will take their NYS 3-8 assessments at their home district building. Specific dates and times will be communicated via your districts.

Testing will occur between April 8-May 17
If you have any further questions reach out to your home district.



Meet Mr. Dan Longo, VLA Assistant Principal

We are excited to welcome Dan Longo as our assistant principal at the Virtual Learning Academy! Dan comes to us with experience in teaching Social Studies and Special Education. More recently he was a Technology Integrationist Specialist working in Binghamton.



Art Focus!

We have had a lot of fun in art class lately! After mastering color theory at the beginning of the new year, the past few weeks students have learned about different shapes, forms and also different sculpting techniques. We studied large, monumental sculptures that can be seen in different places around the world, and discussed what made each one unique. After some practice sketches, students began to create their own sculptures. Once all of the sculptures are constructed and dry, we will add beautiful colors to our artwork! All students, third through sixth grade, have been working very hard to curate their own pieces for the art show in May. We can't wait for you to see! ~Ms Kniffen

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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.](#)



Music Focus and Community Resources

Important February Dates to Note:

Feb 16 and 19 President's Weekend Off
View FULL BOCES 2022-2023 Calendar [HERE](#)

[Virtual Learning Academy Website](#)



Community Resources

We've had many questions from our families on how they can get support. Our focus this month is the 211 resources. These are organized by county and include clothing, employment, health care, utilities, meals, food pantries, mental health and substance abuse.

[Check out their website for all these resources and more.](#)

Need help with breakfast and lunch snacks? Reach out to your home district, or contact Ms. Ainslie for assistance.

[Feeding Broome](#)



MOBILE MARKET BUS SCHEDULE
WEEK OF 2/5 - 2/9!

MONDAY 2/5 Broome County Public Library 10am-12:30pm	WEDNESDAY 2/7 Broome County Public Library 10am-12:45pm Metro Plaza Apartments 1pm-3pm
THURSDAY 2/8 Marian Apartments Endwell 10am-12:30pm Nichols Notch Apartments Endicott 12:45-3pm	FRIDAY 2/9 Broome County Public Library 10am-12:45pm

*Schedule subject to change. The GGG Mobile Market Bus offers affordable, fresh, nutritious & delicious foods for sale. Brought right to your neighborhood!



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Winter Greetings, VLA Community!

In our Tuesday Music classes, we have been learning about sound and vibration, instrument families, and how instruments are used as characters in a musical story. Recently, our studies have taken us in a science direction. Science of sound that is. If your children are scavenging your home for objects to make sounds, they are being Foley Artists! We are currently discussing sound words (bang, pow, sizzle, pop) in preparation for adding sound effects to the story, Berlioz, the Bear by Jan Brett. Without giving too much of the story away, Berlioz and his friends are scheduled to play a concert in their town. Their trip into town takes an unfortunate turn and they must figure out a way to get to their concert on time. Our goal is to take common household items to add the sound effects to the story. I hope to record the final result so that we can share it with you.

Music is all around us whether it be sounds of nature or what we listen to by our favorite artists. It is also historical, mathematical, and scientific as well as artistic. One of my goals when teaching music is to show this to my students through our curriculum.

I look forward to sharing our sound effects story with you.
Listen to your favorite music to bring happiness to your day!

~Mrs. Czarnecki (Mrs. C)

