



BT BOCES' Virtual Learning Academy Newsletter

December 2022

Grade 3-6 Edition

A message from the principal...

- Our first marking trimester ends 12/2/22, report cards will be mailed home on 12/9/22.
- Teacher/Parent conferences are the afternoons of Dec 5 and 6, please schedule a time to meet with your student's teacher.
- If you need anything don't hesitate to reach out. You can email (dainslie@btboces.org), call (607-352-4572) or [book a virtual meeting](#).

I wish you a relaxing holiday season! ❄️

~Ms. Ainslie

Come in We're **OPEN**

VLA Virtual Office

The VLA Virtual Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30-9:30 am. Stop by with any question you have or just to meet the team!

[Enter Zoom Link HERE.](#)



We are excited to have our **VLA Student Leadership Council** starting to meet and plan!

If your student is interested contact Ms. Petrizzo at apetrizzo@btboces.org
First meeting is December 13.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Help plan special events for the VLA!

Spirit Week!

Our first Spirit Week will be December 19-22! Our Leadership Council will be letting us know the day themes!



VLA Contact Information

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| VLA Main Office | 607-221-1625 |
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Important December Dates to Note:

- ★ Dec 5 & 6 Parent/Teacher Conf
- ★ Dec 9 Elem dismiss at Lunch
- ★ Dec 23 - Jan 2 Report Cards Mailed
- Winter Recess

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Climate Action School 

[Virtual Learning Academy Website](#)

VLA, a Climate Action School

The BT BOCES VLA 3-6 program, along with the BOCES MS Instructional Program will be 1 of 100 schools globally to embark on a new adventure becoming a Climate Action School! We are very excited to be joining Take Action Global (TAG) and schools from around the world, bringing climate education to our students and having them engage in their own impact projects! What does being a Climate Action School mean?



- **Exploration:** We'll explore the causes and effects of climate change, develop solutions, and take action together.
- **Global Collaboration:** We'll be zooming in with schools from around the world.
- **Digital Agency and Action:** We'll brainstorm what we can do to take action, then design and implement a schoolwide climate project.



We'll be sharing and celebrating along the way! More information coming soon!

Climate education has an important role to tackle climate change on a global scale. It informs students, takes away climate anxiety, and brings important skills to a classroom including empathy, creativity, and problem-solving. Climate Action Schools will allow teachers to be trained and students to showcase their efforts on a global scale.

~Koen Timmers, Co-founder, Co-Executive Director, Take Action Global, Climate Action Schools