

BT BOCES' Virtual Learning Academy Newsletter

March 2023

Grade 3-6 Edition

A message from the principal...

- During March through April we will be celebrating One School, One Book, reading *The Wild Robot* together. Lots of exciting activities including a collaboration with another virtual academy in N.Y.S.! Check out the calendar on the next page.
- Trimester 2 ends on March 17 with report cards sent home on Friday, March 22. If you have any questions about your student's report card reach out to the classroom teacher.

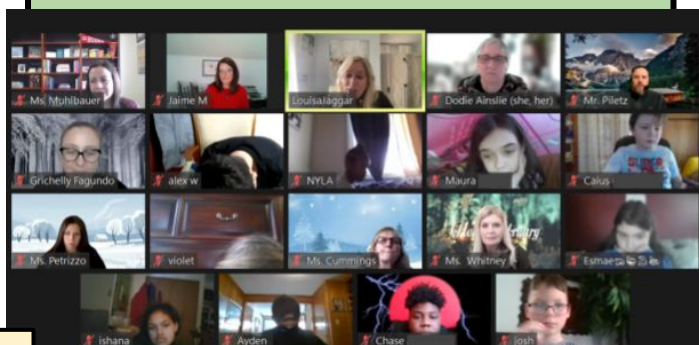
There are a lot of exciting things happening in March! If you have any questions reach out.

Ms. Ainslie

World Read Aloud Day!

On February 1st we welcomed guest authors to VLA! The two authors who visited were:

- Dr. Laura K. Zimmermann, author of *Mushroom Rain*
- Louisa Jaggar, author of *Sprouting Wings*



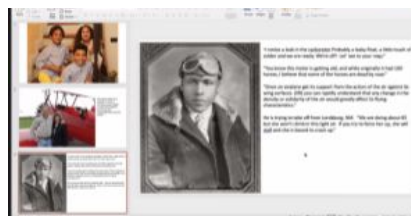
NYS 3-8 Testing Coming Up:

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

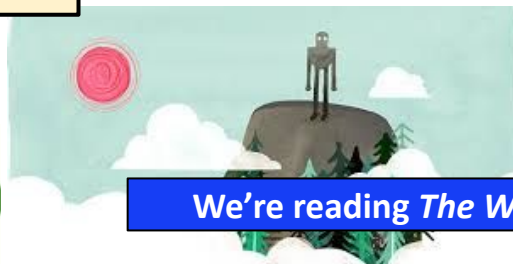
Math Assessments: May 2 - May 9

Science: No 4th grade assessment this year



Climate Action Partner from Moldova!

On February 23 we met virtually with our Climate Action Partner school in Moldova. It was exciting to meet with them and learn what they are learning about climate action and about their keystone species, the European Oak.



We're reading *The Wild Robot*!

Important March Dates to Note:

- ★ March 10 Supt Conf Day - No school
- ★ March 29 PL PM- No elem school PM

View FULL BOCES 2022-2023 Calendar [HERE](#)

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The Wild Robot!



We will be reading *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown as a One School One Book in March and April! You should have received your copy of the book in the mail along with a bookmark and small bendy robot! We are also excited because we are collaborating with another virtual academy in the CapRegion of New York. We'll be meeting up with our new friends, writing to our penpals, and learning together around the book. At the end of April we'll be culminating with an author visit from Peter Brown! Here's our calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	March	1	2	3
6 Week 1 Chapters 1-5	7 Chapters 6-10	8 Chapters 11-16	9 OSOB Kickoff 10:15-11:00 ch 17-19	10 <i>No School</i> Sup. Conference Day
13 Week 2 Chapters 20-22	14 Trivia Drawing Chapters 23-25	15 Chapters 26-28	16 Chapters 29-31	17 Catch-up
20 Week 3 Chapters 32-34	21 Trivia Drawing Chapters 35-37	22 Chapters 38-40	23 Chapters 41-42	24 Chapters 43-44
27 Week 4 Chapters 45-46	28 Trivia Drawing Chapters 47-48	29 Chapters 49-50	30 Chapters 51-53	31 Chapters 54-55
April				
3 Week 5 Chapters 56-58	4 Trivia Drawing Chapters 59-62	5 Chapters 63-64	6 Midway Gathering TBD Ch 65-67	7 NO SCHOOL Spring Break
10 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	11 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	12 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	13 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	14 NO SCHOOL Spring Break
17 Week 6 Chapters 69-71	18 Trivia Drawing Chapters 72-73	19 Chapters 74-76	20 Chapters 77-78	21 Chapters 79-80
24 Week 7 Finish book	25 Trivia Drawing	26	27	28 Peter Brown Visit

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