

# BT BOCES' Virtual Learning Academy Newsletter



November 2022

Grade 3-6 Edition

## A message from the principal...

- The VLA has a virtual office that is open Mon, Tue, Thurs, and Fri 8:30-9:30 am. Stop by with any questions you have. [Enter Zoom Link HERE.](#)
- Coming up at the beginning of December are Parent/Teacher Conferences. Teachers will be reaching out to schedule a time on the afternoons of December 5 or 6.
- If you need anything don't hesitate to reach out. You can email ([dainslie@btboces.org](mailto:dainslie@btboces.org)), call (607-352-4572) or [book a virtual meeting.](#)

Happy November! 🍂

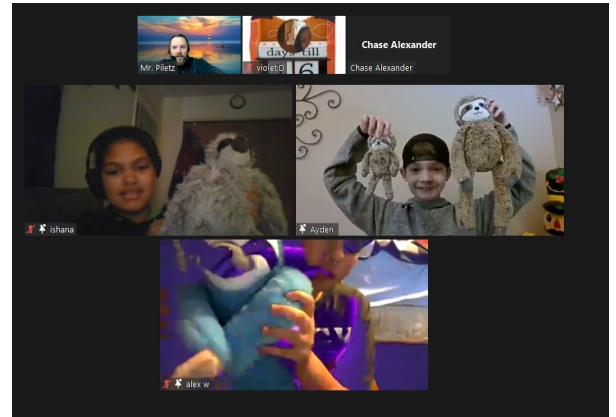
~Ms. Ainslie



## Digital Equity Survey

Please take a moment to complete the NYS Equity Survey. NYS has asked that we receive a completed survey for all students.

## International Bring your Sloth to School Day!?



## Report Card Dates:

| Marking Period | End Date | Mailed Home |
|----------------|----------|-------------|
| 1              | 12-2-22  | 12-9-22     |
| 2              | 3-17-23  | 3-24-23     |
| 3              | 6-16-23  | 6-23-23     |

## CET and 6th Grade Focus

## Important November Dates to Note:

- ★ Nov 11 Veterans' Day OFF
  - ★ Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving OFF
  - ★ Nov 30 PL PM Elem afternoon off
- View FULL BOCES 2022-2023 Calendar [HERE](#)

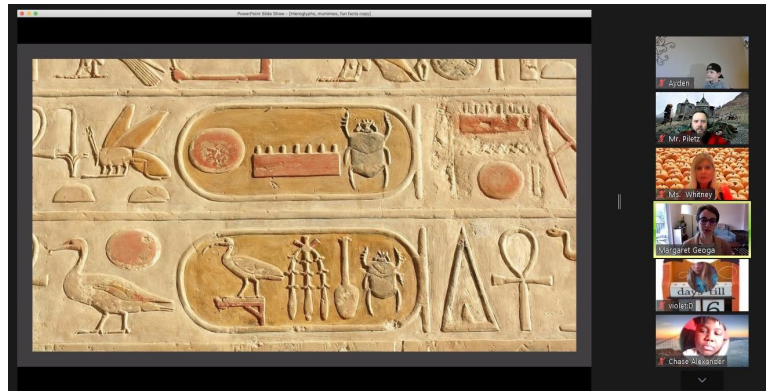
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[Virtual Learning Academy Website](#)

Starting in the 2022 - 23 school year, the VLA Elementary School has started coming together as a group each week. Every Friday, teachers and students gather together for what is called Common Enrichment Time (CET). During CET, we do several different academic-based activities. So far this year, we have done many different activities involving computer programming and coding. At the end of October, we did a variety of Halloween activities. The Halloween art was amazing and the jokes were extra funny for sure. Next, we will be focusing on stop motion animation. Each week is a new experience!

## Egyptologist Visits VLA Sixth Grade



Recently the sixth grade VLA had the opportunity to meet with a scientist live. Scientist and Egyptologist, Dr Margaret Geoga shared her experiences in researching ancient Egypt culture. Dr Geoga showed us how to read hieroglyphics that are both vertical and horizontal. Also, she took us through the mummification process. We learned that her favorite pharaoh of all time is the female pharaoh, Hatshepsut. Dr. Geoga is an Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities at the University of Pennsylvania in the Wolf Humanities Center and Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.