

# BT BOCES' Virtual Learning Academy Newsletter



October 2022

Grade 3-6 Edition

## A message from the principal...

- Welcome to the 2022-2023 VLA school year! We are excited to have you in our school! If you need anything or have any questions don't hesitate to reach out.
- **Open House is Tuesday, October 11, 2022 starting at 6:30pm.** The Zoom link for this Open House will be emailed to you and also provided on our website. Come meet the VLA teachers and learn more about us.
- 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 Fall! 🍂

~Ms. Ainslie



## Jared Campbell Concert!

On September 19th Jared Campbell played a concert for our 3-6 classrooms.

Check out the recording of the concert [HERE!](#)



## VLA Newsletters

Newsletters are published at the beginning of each month and will include a glimpse of upcoming events, as well as highlights from the past month.



### Being Successful in the VLA: What Parents Can Do



1. Provide a designated quiet area for your student to attend school
2. Make sure materials are available for student, and stored in a convenient place. (check with your teacher for a list of materials needed)
3. Assist student in following their schedule as needed
4. Actively monitor email and other communication from the classroom teacher
5. Reach out if you need anything!

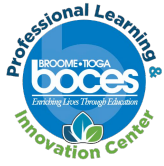
## VLA Library Program Focus



## Important October Dates to Note:

- ★ October 10 No School Indigenous Peoples Day
  - ★ October 11 at 6:30 Elem Open House
  - ★ October 26 PL PM Elem afternoon off
- View FULL BOCES 2022-2023 Calendar [HERE](#)

[Virtual Learning Academy Website](#)



# VLA's Library Program!

At the Virtual Learning Academy we are excited to continue providing special area classes including Physical Education, Art, and Music. This year we are thrilled to add library!

A school library program is being established for the VLA learning community! The goals of the library program include fostering a love for literature and developing the lifelong skill of becoming effective users of information. Students in grades 3-6 will receive weekly library instruction. Library classes will delve into reading appreciation activities, author studies, inquiry/research projects, and navigating the digital world. In addition to scheduled classes, the library program will offer research and resource support to classrooms.

The first library classes took place the week of September 12th. BT BOCES' Sora digital book collection provided access to books on friendship, which the classes read together and discussed. Students shared their personal interests (which can make for great future inquiry projects!) and their requests for what they would like to see in their library program this year.



Ms. Maria Muhlbauer is the VLA Elementary Librarian. Ms. Muhlbauer has served as a school librarian in the Buffalo area for the past fifteen years. She is also the Director of the Graduate Library Media Specialist Program at St. John Fisher University. Ms. Muhlbauer is thrilled to be working with the VLA students and staff, as she believes that online learning can foster strong, supportive communities. She can be reached at [mmuhlbauer@btboces.org](mailto:mmuhlbauer@btboces.org).

We are looking forward to a year filled with great books and interesting discoveries!

## **The VLA 3-6 Schedule runs from 8:30-2:30 and includes:**

- Blocks of Math, Reading and Writing Workshop, Science, and Social Studies
- 45 minute Lunch/Recess break midday
- Music, Art, and Library once a week
- Physical Education (30 min every day or 45 min M/W/F depending on grade)
- Flextime at the end of the day

Contact your student's classroom teacher for a detailed schedule for your grade.