



The Villas News



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Our Mission is to ensure every student at Villas Elementary achieves his or her highest academic potential.



“Success is simple. Do what's right, the right way, at the right time.”
Glasgow

Welcome to the September addition of the Villas News. October 16th 2012 will be our Hurricane Make-Up Day for students and staff, we look forward to seeing your child on October 16th. To all of our students, parents and staff I want to thank you all for a smooth start up to the 12/13 school year. As we move forward with the new school year all students will be challenged to meet our new academic standards which includes, grammar, writing to explain, and reading more informational text. To help our students become more successful, teachers are receiving training on new instructional strategies and working in collaborative teams every Wednesday after school. Have a great September and everyone at Villas thanks you for your continued support.

ps.... If you have any spare time we could always use volunteers in our media center. Just contact Mrs. Bumm at 936-3776

Mr. Dobbins
Principal



Calendar

- 9-3 1st Quarter Interim Day
- 9-14 PTA Family Movie Night
6:00 pm
- 9-17 No School Rosh
Hashanah
- 9-20 PTA Meeting 1:00PM
K-2 Grade Readers of the
Caribbean Night 6-7pm
- 9-24 PTA meeting 5:30 PM
SAC Meeting 6:00 PM
- 9-27 3-5 Grade Readers of the
Caribbean Night 6-7pm
- 9-28 Chic-fil-A Night
5:00-8:00 PM

Calendario

- 9-3 Escuela Cerrada Dia de Trabajo
Feriado
- 9-14 PTA Noche de cine con familia
6:00PM
- 9-17 Escuela Cerrada Rosh Hasha-
nah
- 9-20 Reunion de PTA 1:00PM– Noche
de Lectura Cariibena 6-7PM K-2
- 9-27 Noche de Lectura Caribena 6-
7PM 3-5th
- 9-28 Noche de Chick-fil-A 6:00PM

After School Program

If your child attends the program, payment is due every Monday or the first day your child attends. If you are paying with cash, please bring exact change. There is a \$20.00 late fee if payment is not received the week your child attends. Pick-up time is 6:00 PM, a \$1.00 per minute late fee is added if you pick-up after 6:00 PM. The Lee County School District does not extend credit for payment of services.

Before School Program Reminder

- You must be registered to attend the **Before School Program**. The cost of this service is \$10.00 weekly. Payment is due the first day your child attends. The program begins at **6:45 AM** and ends at **7:25 AM**. In order to avoid a charge for the program, drop your child off after **7:25 AM**.



(QR Code)

Just scan the **symbol above** using your cell phone, and you will be taken directly to our Villas Website.

A big "Thank You" to SOVEREIGN CONSTRUCTION, INC. They came and installed a beautiful 12' x 12' brick paver patio for our Pre-kindergarten playground. It looks great and the kids love it. It will be used for our water tables, picnic tables and outside projects!

Thanks from Our Pre-K Team!



OCTOBER ESE Parent's Night Out

Our first ESE Parent's Night Out (PNO) was a HUGE success! We played games, toys, drawing and stamps, made bracelets and enjoyed a movie and popcorn. The kids had a lot of fun and we hope you parents enjoyed your night out as well! Our next ESE PNO will be on October 5th and will be a special fall theme. More information will be sent home with your child. We hope your child can join us for our next PNO!

Villas ESE Teachers & PTA





CAFETERIA CORNER SEPTEMBER

WELCOME TO THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

MEAL PRICES REMAIN THE SAME

Breakfast & Lunch Offered Daily: Breakfast begins at 7:25 am & is Free to all students.

Lunch for Students: Regular Status:	Lunch \$2.00
Reduced Status:	Lunch \$.40
Free Status:	Lunch Free

FREE & REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS
MAY BE FILLED OUT ALL DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Dietary Guidelines for Americans: Key Highlights

New in the 2010 Dietary Guidelines

- o **Eating Behaviors.** Eat breakfast, snack through out the day, consume fast food less often.
- o **Screen Time.** Be aware of the correlation between screen time (television, video games, computer, etc.) and increased body weight.
- Plant Foods.** Increase consumption of plant foods (vegetables, beans and peas, whole grains, nuts and seeds).
- Seafood.** Seafood consumption of 8 oz per week is encouraged.

Focus on Making Changes in 4 Main Areas

1. Balance Calories to Manage Weight
2. Reduce Certain Foods and Food Components ...

Sugar-Sweetened Beverages—Consume water, other calorie-free beverages, along with low fat (1%) or fat-free milk and 100% juice to meet total water recommendations.

Solid Fats*—Saturated fat from solid fats should equal less than 10% of total calories per day (butter, meat fat, margarine, shortening, heavy creams).

Refined Grains—Make half your grains whole grains.

Sodium—Consume less than 2,300 mg of sodium per day.

Further reduce intake to 1,500 mg per day for individuals 51 and older and those of any age who are African American or have hypertension (high blood pressure), diabetes, or chronic kidney disease.

3. Increase Certain Foods and Nutrients ...

Fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables at every meal and snacking occasion.

Eat nutrient-dense foods and beverages most often—vegetables, fruits, whole grains, fat-free and low-fat (1%) milk and milk products, seafood, lean meats and poultry, eggs, beans and peas, nuts and seeds.

4. Build Healthy Eating Patterns ...

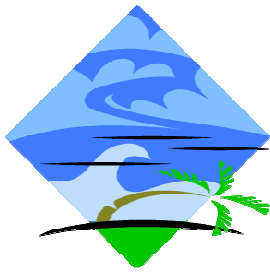
Visit MyPyramid.gov for a healthy meal plan specific to your recommendation

Moms and Dads, this is a great link which will give you suggestions on how to help your child become more successful in school: <http://intervention.leeschools.net/parent/Parent%20Newsletter.htm>

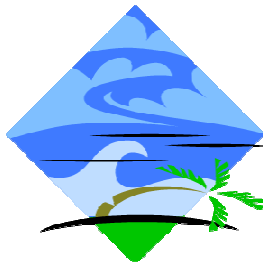
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October 16th 2012 is the School District of Lee County's Hurricane make up day for students. Students are to attend school on this day. We look forward to seeing your child at Villas Elementary on 10-16-12.



El 16 Octubre 2012, el Distrito Escolar del condado de Lee recaudara el día por Huracán para los estudiantes de Villas. Los estudiantes tienen que asistir a la escuela en este día. Esperamos ver su hijo/a en Villas primaria el martes, 16 de Octubre, 2012.

The Gifted Resource students have been working on connecting Common Core Objectives with their higher order creative and critical thinking skills. All of the students have chosen an animal found in Florida and identified fun facts about them to display on posters and a pop up books. Learning facts about animals in our Florida ecosystem has been connected to understanding about a read aloud novel read in class. Jean Craighead George's, *The Missing Gator of Gumbo Limbo*, is a mystery incorporating a wealth of details about a threatened Florida habitat.

Come by Mrs. Grossman's Classroom to take a look at the many things the students have learned and discussed about our very own Florida Everglades!

Mrs. Elisa Grossman

Resource Gifted Educator

Villas Elementary School



Bonita Springs Cape Coral Ft. Myers Lehigh Acres

Come to learn English this Fall 2012

FREE!



Learn Basic English for your everyday living.
Take advantage of this opportunity to learn
English.

Location: Villas Elementary School

8385 Beacon Blvd, Ft Myers, FL 33907

Days/Time: will start September during the
morning and at night time.

Questions? Call 239-676-5202

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Literacy Council Gulf Coast

28820 Old 41 Rd. Bonita Springs, FL 34135 Phone: 239-676-5202 Fax: 239-676-5203

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Ven a Aprender Ingles en Septiembre

GRATIS!



Aprende Ingles para tu diario vivir.
Aprovecha la oportunidad de aprender Inglés.

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Horario: Empezara en Septiembre durante el día y la noche.

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Just a reminder that Mrs. Stover's class will be hosting Villa's Third Annual Pajama Drive again this year. Be on the look-out for great clearance deals on all sizes of **NEW** pajamas. We want to exceed our top goal and there are some great deals out there right now. All pajamas stay here in our area and go to help children in foster care, orphanages, and shelters. If you can help by donating we would really appreciate it. Donations will be taken in December so grab the great deals while they last!!



Parent Resource Link

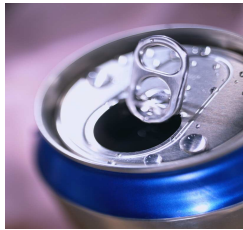
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Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection



Dear Families:

If you have been collecting pop tabs, THANK YOU! We are still collecting them this year for our school donation. Of course you can send them in any time to your child's teacher. Thank you for helping our school support the Ronald McDonald House!

Notification of the Presence of Asbestos-Containing Materials in the School

To the Chairperson of the Parents Teachers Association and the Students of Villas Elementary School: This school has been recently inspected and certain asbestos-containing materials or assumed asbestos-containing materials such as: fire doors or roofing materials that are tested prior to repairs or removal as needed, have been located in the school buildings. Please be aware that the School District of Lee County has an active management plan designed to ensure that the building is maintained safely for all occupants. These materials are being controlled in accordance with the Asbestos Management Program for the School and following the limitations and procedures of the policies and requirements of the Asbestos Operations and Maintenance Program of the School District of Lee County. The report listing the location, quantities, and condition of all known materials and contains the details of the control procedures is available at the school office for your inspection during normal school hours. Copies of the whole or parts of the school's asbestos file can be supplied to you at a cost of \$0.15/page. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

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DISMISSAL CHANGES

Please send a note with your child if they are going home in a different manner than usual. Also, please be sure to put your child's first name, last name and the teacher's name on the note. **The school office needs to be notified no later than 1:30 p.m.** of any last minute changes. If something comes up and you need to use our After School Program, please call Mrs. Hunt @ 936-3776.

CHECK IT OUT...

THE NEW VILLAS WEBSITE

Villas Elementary School WEBSITE: <http://vls.leeschools.net>

District WEBSITE: <http://leeschools.net>

PTA NEWS:

Target is running a special promotion for schools that runs through September 8th on Facebook. Target is giving gift cards to schools in \$25 increments for every 25 votes a school gets. Villas has already qualified for one gift card! Your vote counts!



<https://apps.facebook.com/givewithtarget>

The Florida Statue 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teacher, Wendy Coston, is certified but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation. Mrs. Coston will be completing her Endorsement in Autism. In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add the endorsement English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificate: Natalie Siler-Hercek, Katherine Almonte, Robert Schalmo, Darcy Neymeyer, Michele Cline, Kimberly Fisher, Lindsay Palmer, Heather Lainhart, Marci Landfried, and Lindsay Melione.

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Substitute Paraprofessionals Needed

If you are a parent and have the time to work occasionally at the school when an employee is

absent, please contact Linda Hunt to discuss how you can begin the process. Substitutes are

needed when an employee is absent in Pre-K Headstart or ESE Paraprofessional.

You need a high school diploma and/or GED, an Associates degree or higher, 48 hrs. of

college credit hours and/or have passed the Para-Pro Test. Please call the school at 936-

3776.



A Special Thank You to Ruth Messmer Florist

I would especially like to thank Ruth Messmer Florist for providing our office with fresh flowers on a weekly basis. The flowers are an absolute pleasure to look at, and we have received many compliments from our teachers and staff.

Ruth Messmer is located at:

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Fort Myers, Florida

Website: hmessmer@earthlink.net

www.ruthmessmerflorist.com

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