



The Villas News

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



“Everything has a beginning.”

J.D.

Dear parents, welcome to the 1st edition of The Villas News for 2013. We would like to thank all of you for your continued support. Our priorities for 2013 are:

1. To provide your child every opportunity to become successful this school year, so if your child brought home an extended day note please fill it out, send it back to school and make sure your child can attend on the scheduled days. This extended day program will help them become more successful on FCAT.

2. To provide your child with a safe school environment. Since safety is one of our primary concerns please know that we have taken all necessary steps to keep your child safe while at school. Have a great New Year and again thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Dobbins

Calendar

- 1-7 Students Return
- 1-11 Report Card Day
- 1-11 6:00 PM PTA Family Movie Night
- 1-14 Yankee Candle Fundraiser Begins
- 1-14 PTA Meeting 5:30 PM—Media Center
- 1-14 SAC Meeting 6:00 P.M.
- 1-21 No School—Martin Luther King Day
- 1-24 PTA Meeting 1:00 PM
- 1-25 Chick-fil-A night 5:00-8:00 P.M.

Calendario

- 1-7 Estudiantes regresan
- 1-11 Tarjetas de Notas
- 1-11 Noche de película para Familias 6:00
- 1-14 Recaudación de Fondos Comienza para Yankee Candles
- 1-14 Reunión de PTA a las 5:30-Biblioteca
- 1-14 Reunión de SAC a las 6:00
- 1-21 Escuela Cerrada- Día de Martin Luther King
- 1-24 Reunión de PTA a las 1:00pm
- 1-25 Noche de Chick-Fil-A 5:00-8:00pm

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.

CAFETERIA CORNER JANUARY

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 ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR.

LACTOSE INTOLERANT? Many health authorities agree that milk and milk products are an important and practical source of key nutrients, for all people – including those who are lactose intolerant.

Lactose intolerance is often mischaracterized as an allergy that generally requires completely avoiding dairy. However, lactose intolerance is actually the body's inability to digest lactose (a natural sugar mainly found in dairy products) and it's not an all-or-nothing condition.

Low-fat and fat-free milk, cheese and yogurt provide a unique nutritional package. Milk is the number one food source of three of the four nutrients the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans identified as those Americans need to consume more of: vitamin D, calcium & potassium. Those who decide to limit their diets before knowing the facts about lactose intolerance may actually be putting their health at risk.

Most people with lactose intolerance are receptive to dairy solutions if they can avoid the discomfort associated with consuming them. The following tips provide ways to incorporate and keep nutrient-rich dairy in your diet.

Sip it! Lactose-free milk is regular milk, but with the sugar (lactose) already broken down. Anyone can enjoy lactose-free milk because it provides the same unique package of nine essential nutrients found in regular milk. Look for reduced-fat, low-fat, fat-free, chocolate and whole-milk options in various sizes at your local supermarket.

Stir it! Add small amounts of milk, cheese and yogurt to your normal diet. Solid foods slow digestion and allow the body more time to digest lactose, which helps prevent intolerance symptoms.

Slice it! When milk is made into cheese, most of the lactose is removed. Aged, hard cheeses such as Cheddar, Colby, Monterey Jack, Swiss and Parmesan are naturally lower in lactose.



Spoon it! Look for products like yogurt with live, active cultures. These products contain "friendly" bacteria that help make it easier for the body to digest lactose.

Size it! Start by adding in small portions of milk, cheese and yogurt to other foods in your diet. Gradually increase the amount of dairy foods you consume over time.

Switch it! These tips may not apply to everyone. Before switching your diet, be aware that lactose intolerance is a very individualized condition. Many people with lactose intolerance can still consume dairy foods in various amounts or forms. Follow the advice of your doctor or see a registered dietitian for additional guidance.

Savor It! Some people think that lactose-free dairy foods taste exactly the same as the traditional varieties, while others say they taste slightly sweeter. This additional sweetness is a result of the lactose neutralization process. Research shows that people prefer lactose-free milk to non-dairy alternatives.

By using these simple strategies, the majority of people with lactose intolerance can still enjoy dairy foods every day.



Code Red Parent Pick-Up Reunion Procedure

If you are picking up your child after a Code Red/Lockdown is lifted, you will be directed to go through the parent pick-up line at the North end of school. The following procedures will be followed for all parent pick-up students and **student walkers/bikers** to ensure a safe reunion with their families:

- As you pull up to the gate of the Parent Pick-up Ramp, you will need to display your parent pick-up card so school personnel can radio the office for your child. Parent Pick-up cards need to be displayed in the window until your child is in your vehicle. If you do not have your parent pick-up card with you, a staff member at the gate will ask for your Photo ID. They will check your ID to verify your name is on your child's emergency form. Once your name has been verified, the staff member will give you a new parent pick-up card to display in your window until your child is in your vehicle. We understand this will be a lengthy process; however parents need to remain in their cars and follow the parent pick-up procedure outlined above. This process will ensure a safe and timely reunion with your child.



Procedimiento para los padres recoger al estudiante Código Rojo (de Emergencia)

Si usted está recogiendo a su hijo/a después que se termine un **Código Rojo** de emergencia, usted será dirigido/a a que pase por la fila para los padres recoger a su estudiante (en inglés – “*parent pick-up line*”) en el lado de la escuela situado hacia el norte. Se seguirá el siguiente procedimiento para todos los estudiantes que son recogidos y los **que caminan o montan bicicleta** para asegurar una segura reunión con sus familias.

Mientras usted llega a la Rampa para recoger al estudiante mostrando su tarjeta para los padres poder recoger a sus hijos, el personal escolar llamará por radio para que manden a su hijo/a. La tarjeta para recoger tiene que estar mostrada en la ventana del auto hasta que se su hijo/a esté dentro del vehículo. El líder del equipo le dará permiso a su hijo/a para que valla al área de recoger “*Parent Pick Up*” y él/ella será colocado en su automóvil. Si no tiene su tarjeta consigo tendrá que mostrar una identificación con foto. Se revisará esa para asegurar que su nombre esté en el formulario de emergencia de su hijo/a. Cuando se verifique, se le dará una tarjeta nueva para poder recoger para que usted la muestre. Los padres tienen que permanecer en sus autos y seguir los procedimientos para recoger al estudiante cuando se termine el **Código Rojo**. Este proceso asegurará una segura y rápida reunión con su hijo/a.



SEASONAL FLU

Seasonal flu is unpredictable in its timing, severity and duration, but one thing is for certain, during any given school year, we will see seasonal flu in the school setting affecting both students and staff alike. While flu season typically peaks in January or February, the flu virus may cause illness from early October to late May. By following a few simple recommendations from the CDC, we can help limit the spread of seasonal flu in the school and community.

Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing by a person ill with the flu. Sometimes a person can become infected by touching a surface or object contaminated by flu germs. A person then touches their nose, mouth or eyes putting themselves at risk for the flu virus germs entering their body.

The best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get a seasonal flu vaccination each year following the recommendations of your physician. Practicing proper respiratory etiquette and hand washing are also key to preventing the spread of seasonal flu. A few simple tips can prevent you from becoming ill with seasonal flu.

For more information on seasonal flu, speak to your health care provider.

Third Annual PJ and Book Drive Totals for 2012-2013

Villas Elementary collected 105 pairs of new pajamas and 1,056 books that were donated to the Children's Network of Southwest Florida before our Winter Break. The donations helped fulfill the needs of many children in foster care here in our area.

Analise Gingerich in Mrs. Lainhart's class won the \$25 Toys R Us gift certificate for her generous donation of 18 pairs of pajamas.

Mrs. Becker's class won a pizza party for donating the most pajamas in our final week.

Mrs. Young's class also won a pizza party for donating the highest number of books in our last week.

Great job to all of our winners!

My third grade class and I would like to thank everyone who was able to make this fundraiser such a success.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stover and Class





Villas Spirit T-Shirts are available for sale in
the School Store!

Adult & Youth sizes available

\$10.00 each

Los Polos De “Villas Spirit” Estan

Disponibles En LaTienda Del Colegio!

Tallas Para Adultos y inos Estan Disponibles

\$10.00 Por Cada Uno.

Parent Resource Link



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>

Usted Necesita Mas In-formation?

Si usted necesita una traduccion de este boletin escolar por favor contactar a la escuela de Villas de 8:15am- 1:30pm de lunes a viernes.

If you would like a translation of this newsletter, please call Villas elementary between 8:15am- 1:30pm Monday through Friday.

ESE FUNDRAISER

\$10.00 PER CHILD PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

On January 18, from 6-9:30, ESE Parent's Night Out

Contact your child's ESE teacher for more information!

A fun time for parents and a safe environment for the children to socialize.



Wow! What a great turnout we had for our first Villas Elementary PTA "Clothes For the Cold" sale! Parents were already asking us when the next sale would be.

THANK-YOU to all the families that sent in donations!!

Our next sale will be held Saturday, February 2nd.

If you have any new or gently used clothing of any kind that you are willing to donate, please bring your clothing donations to the office at Villas Elementary.

Thanks again for your support!



Wow! ¡Qué gran participación que teníamos para nuestras Villas Elementary PTA "ropa para el frío" venta! Los padres ya nos preguntan cuándo la venta el próximo sería.

GRACIAS a todas las familias que han enviado donaciones!!

Nuestra próxima venta será el sábado, 2 de febrero.

Si tiene alguna ropa nueva o ligeramente usada de cualquier tipo que usted está dispuesto a donar, por favor traiga sus donaciones de ropa a la oficina a las Villas Elementary.

Gracias de nuevo por tu apoyo!

Questions?

Contact:

Holly Beasley

Villas Elementary PTA President 2011-13

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(239)210-8182 cell

Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection



Dear Families:

Villas continues to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. Please send in pop tabs with your child to your classroom teacher or to Mrs. Crecelius. KEEP POPPIN' those TABS!

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.

CHECK IT OUT...

THE NEW VILLAS WEBSITE:

<http://vls.leeschools.net>

District WEBSITE:

<http://leeschools.net>

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.

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 Statute 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 PE, Pre-K Paraprofessional, 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.

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