



Villas Elementary School

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Breakfast: 7:25am- 7:55am
Students Hours: 7:55am- 2:10pm
Office Hours: 7:00am- 3:30pm

A Message from Administration

The month of March brings us to the end of Quarter 3. Teachers are continuing to build students' understanding of the standards within their grade level. Progress is constantly assessed and monitored while instruction is adjusted to ensure all students master the grade level expectations. Our teachers are focused and committed to building a strong foundation for each student in preparation for the demands of the coming year and years beyond. Included in our daily instruction, we continue to prepare our students in Grades 3-5 for the upcoming FSA Testing.

If you have been a volunteer at Villas this year, we would like to honor you with an Appreciation Breakfast. Please join us on Wednesday, March 22nd, at 8:30am. Because of you, Villas has once again received The Five Star School Award. This award recognizes schools that have excelled at incorporating family and community members into the school environment in order to enhance student learning. We are thankful to our extended Villas family and we hope to see you here.

April Calendar

We have included an updated and revised April calendar with the newsletter. On the original April calendar, April 3rd was marked incorrectly as a Professional Duty Day. We apologize for this error. Please post this new calendar for the month of April for your reference.

Counselor Corner

"It is not what technology does to us, it is what we do to technology. Get smart with technology, choose wisely and use it in a way that benefits both you and those around you." ~headspace.com

Technology is amazing and is advancing rapidly. Many parents agree that technology can really benefit their children in numerous ways. Even so, there are still questions of "How much technology is too much?" and "How do I keep my child safe online?"

For more information about good digital parenting and a family online safety contract, visit Family Online Safety Institute:

<https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting/>

Mrs. Neymeyer, School Counselor

Villas Elementary School's "Section 504 Coordinator" is Darcy Neymeyer. She can be reached by phone or e-mail at DarcyGN@leeschools.net or 239.936.3776.

7 Steps to Good Digital Parenting

1. Talk with your kids.
2. Educate yourself.
3. Use parental controls.
4. Set ground rules.
5. Be a good digital role model.
6. Remember, your digital imprint lasts forever.

Upcoming Events

March 2

Read Across America Day

March 12

Daylight Savings Time- Spring Ahead

March 13

PTA Meeting 5:30pm

SAC Meeting 6:00pm

March 15

Spring Pictures

March 16

End of Quarter 3

Dairy Queen Night 5:00pm- 8:00pm

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

No School- Professional Duty Day

March 20

Math-A-Thon Booklets Passed Out

March 22

Volunteer Appreciation Day

March 24

PTA Family Movie Night- Moana

March 29

Quarter 3 Report Card Day

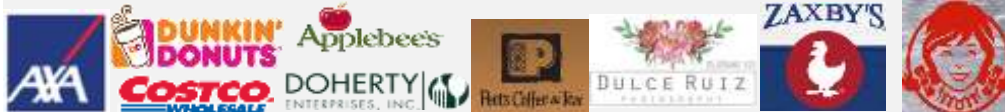
After School Clubs Schedule

- **STEM Team-** Mon., 2:20- 4:00pm.
- **Book Battle-** Tues., 2:45- 3:45pm
- **Piano Club-** Tues., 2:30- 3:30pm
- **Voices of Pride-** Thur., 2:30- 3:30pm

Emergency Practice Drills

The School District of Lee County emphasizes the importance of providing a Safe, Secure & Healthy Environment for all. All schools work closely with local, state & federal agencies to meet regulatory requirements & safety measures. At Villas Elementary, safety is a priority. Villas participates in monthly practice drills in order to be prepared in an emergency situation. Emergency Drills include: fire, tornado, bomb threat, lockdowns, and bus evacuations.

Traducción disponible: Si desean información sobre este boletín por favor de llamar a Keila Espinoza (936-3776) de 7:45am-2:00pm.



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Dismissal Changes

Please send in 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 and last name as well as the teachers name on the note. The school office must be notified in writing no later than 1:30 p.m. of any last minute changes, please e-mail Maria Garcia at MariaEG@LeeSchools.net, and contact the Main Office at 936.3776.

Lunch Menu Link: <http://vls.leeschools.net/index.cfm?p=cafeteria-corner>

<p><u>First Grade Field Trip</u> The first grade Imaginarium Field Trip Permission slips are due by March 23rd, and the field trip is planned for March 31st.</p>	<p><u>Fundraisers</u> The Nature Vision Fundraiser is starting on March 27 and ends on April 7. It will help to support our PTA.</p>	<p><u>Parent Pick-Up</u> Please use Parent Pick-Up Signs at all times when picking up your child. If you need new Parent Pick-Up Signs, please contact your child's teacher.</p>
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Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Thursday, March 2nd is National Read Across America Day! On this day the community comes together to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday and emphasizes the importance of reading! This year Villas Elementary will be joined by firefighters, police officers, News Anchors, high school athletes and many more readers!

FSA Testing Notes

Please make every effort to get your student to school on time for the days of testing. We are starting in the morning and want to make sure you student gets enough time to eat breakfast. Also, if a student leaves during a test session, they will not be able to finish that session. It is important to try and avoid making any morning appointments for your child. We will also be sending home information asking parents to send in a motivational note for their student during testing. Please look for this to come home shortly. We know your children have worked hard and we want to cheer them on! Your child is welcome to bring in a water bottle and snack during testing.

<u>3rd Grade FSA Assessments</u>	<u>4th Grade FSA Assessments</u>	<u>5th Grade FSA Assessments</u>
	2/28 - Writing	2/28 - Writing
3/28 & 29 – ELA Reading	4/27 & 28 – ELA Reading	4/19 & 20 – ELA Reading
5/4 & 5 - Math	5/2 & 3 - Math	4/25 & 26 - Math
		5/2 & 3 - Science

Clinic Notes

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.

The flu virus is usually characterized by sudden onset with symptoms of high fever or chills, headache, congestion, muscle aches, and a dry cough. Some individuals may experience stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, and conjunctivitis (inflammation of the lining of the eyes). Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing by a person ill with the flu.

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.

School Exclusion Guidelines:

If your child has symptoms of the flu, please consult their physician and keep them home from school until they are fever free and back to their normal self.



Before School Program

- Before school begins at 6:45 am.
- Only registered students may attend.
- The cost is \$10 per week, per child or \$3 per day, per child.

After School Program

- Payments are due Monday or the first day your child attends.
- Bring exact change.
- Pick up is by 6:00 pm; \$1.00 per minute will be charged after 6:00 pm.
- Bring ID or the school issued Parent Pick-Up Sign when picking up your child.

Yearbook Sale!



Price Now: \$16.00

Reporting Out-of-Field Teachers

All teachers at Villas Elementary are Highly Qualified. The following teachers are engaged in training to add the endorsement, English for Speakers of Other Languages, (ESOL) to their teaching certificate:

- Michelle Cline
- Seneca Hartmann
- Caryn Toback
- Kristin Wilhelm
- Lorraine Yates

Additionally, Roxann Camel is engaged in training to add the Gifted endorsement to her teaching certificate.



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