

# Villas Elementary School

## A Title I 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

Parents are integral partners in the education process. The children of Villas are the winners when we all work together. Here are some ways you can help:

- Establish a consistent night routine and go to bed early enough to get nine hours of sleep each night
- Check over homework for neatness and completion and check the binder/backpack for school and teacher notes and events
- Encourage educational learning games available on the Villas website: <http://vls.leeschools.net/>
- Set aside 15-30 minutes per day for reading
- Practice math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)
- Ask about the school day: Who made you smile today? What is something new you learned today? What is one thing you did today that was helpful?

Student Led Conferences will take place on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Please try to be a part of these conferences so that you can see your child's accomplishments.

Thank you for entrusting your child with us. As always, the teachers and the administrative team are here for you.

## 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](mailto:MariaEG@LeeSchools.net), and contact the Main Office at 936.3776.

## Counselor Corner

*"Being honest may not get you many friends, but it'll always get you the right ones." – John Lennon*

Honesty is the best policy! February's character word is: **HONESTY**. Honesty involves being truthful, trustworthy and sincere. It is important to help your children understand how to be honest not only with their words, but also with their actions.

**Random Acts of Kindness Week** is February 12th-18th. Challenge your children and yourself to complete at least one random act of kindness each day during this week! Holding the door, saying 'hello', and smiling are all simple ways to spread kindness every day!

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](mailto:DarcyGN@leeschools.net) or 239.936.3776.



## Upcoming Events

### February 3

National Wear Red Day

### February 4

AR Blast 10:00am- 12:00pm

### February 9

Quarter 3 Interim Report Day

### February 13

PTA Meeting 5:30pm

SAC Meeting 6:00pm

### February 13- 17

PTA Book Fair in the Media Center

### February 14

Valentine's Day

### February 16

Student Led Conferences 5:30pm- 6:30pm

### February 20

President's Day- No School

### February 21

Teacher In-Service Day- No School

### February 24

Chuck E. Cheese Night 3:00pm- 9:00pm

### February 28

Grade 4 and Grade 5 FSA Writing Test

### March 28-29

Grade 3 FSA ELA Reading Test

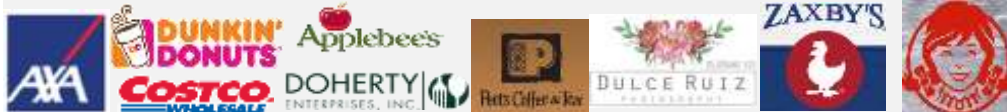
## After School Clubs Schedule

- **STEM Team-** Mondays, 2:20pm- 4:00pm.
- **Book Battle-** Tuesdays, 2:45pm- 3:45pm
- **Piano Club-** Tuesdays, 2:30pm- 3:30pm
- **Voices of Pride-** Thursdays, 2:30pm- 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.

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**Piano Club and Voices of Pride (Chorus) Dismissal**

**Piano Club and Chorus-** the Parent Pick Up location for Piano Club members and Voices of Pride Chorus students will be moved to the bus ramp on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:30pm. This change will allow for a quicker and safer dismissal for students in Piano Club and Chorus. We appreciate your understanding.



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

<p><b><u>Business Partner</u></b> <b><u>Shout-Outs</u></b> Thank you Dunkin' Donuts for helping with our 1st Grade Team's "Donuts with Dad" event! We had a great turnout, and the donuts were delicious!</p>	<p><b><u>Fundraisers</u></b> Kindergarten is selling carnations for \$2.00, they will be sent out to students on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Valentine's Smencils are also available all month long.</p>	<p><b><u>Parent Pick-Up</u></b> 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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**Inventors Fair**

11 students will be representing Villas Elementary at the Thomas Alva Edison Festival of Light Regional Inventors Fair on Saturday, 2/4/17 at Alico Arena on the campus of FGCU. Five 4<sup>th</sup> graders, five 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and one 2<sup>nd</sup> grader will compete against other young inventors of their same grade level. The T.A. Edison Kiwanis Regional Science and Engineering Fair will be held at the same location. Both events are open to the public from 1-4 pm. For more information check out [www.edisonfairs.org](http://www.edisonfairs.org).

**STEMtastic Day of Discovery**

The Villas STEM Team will be showing their Villas P.R.I.D.E at the STEMtastic Day of Discovery on Saturday, 2/11/17 at the Harborside Event Center from 10-3 pm. Come see all Lee County Public Schools, organizations, and business partners showcase their best STEM activities by organizing interactive stations where student and parents are encouraged to participate in hands-on STEM activities!

**Compass Learning**

Compass Learning at <http://compass.leeschools.net> is a valuable learning tool that students use here at school and have access to at home. The activities are specific to each student's needs based on their quarterly STAR test scores. Compass learning is like having a private tutor for your student. It provides interactive lessons and activities that can remediate and enrich your child. Simply go to the link and have your student sign in using their login number they use here at school (example bg12345). They will then need to click on the grey Reading rectangle. This is where they will find their own personal lessons.

You can also access Compass Learning on your iPhone or iPad. In the App store search for **Puffin Academy**. Click on **Get** to download the app. Select **Puffin Store** to download the Lee County Compass App. In the search field, type in **Compass**. Click on **School District of Lee County App**. Click **Install**. Click on the **CompassLearning-School District of Lee County app to launch Compass**.

<p><b><u>Florida College and Career Ready Standards App</u></b> – quick reference to help teachers and parents understand language of standards. <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-college-career-ready/id920898055?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-college-career-ready/id920898055?mt=8</a></p>	<p><b><u>The Just Take 20</u></b> Is a Florida initiative to improve student achievement in reading and literacy by recognizing that literacy begins at home! <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/just-take-20">http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/just-take-20</a>.</p>	<p><b><u>Bookshare</u></b> (<a href="https://www.booksare.org/cms">https://www.booksare.org/cms</a>) – An accessible online library for people with print disabilities.</p>	<p><b><u>CommonLit</u></b> (<a href="https://www.commonlit.org/">https://www.commonlit.org/</a>) – Free collection of fiction and non-fiction texts for grades 5 - 12 sorted by Lexile, theme, genre, and standard with text-dependent questions.</p>
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**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 Pre-Sale Ends Soon!**

**Order early to save!**



**Price Now: \$13.00**

**Price After Feb, 10th: \$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.

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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