

Villas Elementary School

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A Message from Administration

Welcome back to school! Our first month has been exciting and we look forward to having a fantastic year.

We WELCOME you as an integral part of your child's success at school. Reading with your child at home will help them in all learning areas at school. Listening to your child read is a good way to support your child's reading skills and encourage your child to be confident at excelling in their reading abilities. Make reading enjoyable and talk about books you have read together. After you've finished reading with your child, talk and ask questions about the story and pictures. Practice Math Facts with your child, encourage your child to solve math problems alone and help when needed.

Homework is given Monday through Thursday, make sure to set a quiet place and time away from interruptions for your child to focus on homework. Check homework with your child to make sure it is complete and done to the best of their ability. Your child will find some things difficult to learn – that is a part of the learning process. The Villas staff is here to help in any way.

Bus Information

To find a bus stop, go to www.leeschools.net/backtoschool. Click on "BUS ROUTES" on the middle left hand side of the page. This link will take you to the Interactive Database for up-to-date bus information that have already been assigned. Please call transportation at 239.590.4000 for transportation questions.

Counselor Corner

I am thrilled to be the new School Counselor at Villas! I am not new to the school, as I have been working as a Reading Teacher for grades K-2 the past 4 years so I have already worked with many of the kids just in a different role. My husband and I are from Iowa and we are the proud parents of twin boys.

Refer to the Counselor Corner each month in the school newsletter to get some information to help your child be successful inside and outside of school. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Neymeyer darcygn@leeschools.net

September's Character Word is ACCEPTANCE.

Here are some ways to teach your child about acceptance:

- talk to your child about accepting others whether or not they act or look different
- read a book from or about another culture than your own
- model positive speaking with people who have different opinions than your own



Upcoming Events

September 2

Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser Begins

September 5

Labor Day- No School

September 12

Quarter 1 Interim Report Day

September 15

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

September 17

AR Blast (10:00am- 12:00pm)

September 19

PTA Meeting- 5:30pm

SAC Meeting- 6:00pm

September 19-30

Salvation Army Canned Food Drive

September 20

Volunteer/Business Partner Breakfast

September 23

Chuck E. Cheese Night Fundraiser

Reporting Out-of-Field Teachers

The following teachers are engaged in training to add the endorsement, English for Speakers of Other Languages, (ESOL) to their teaching certificate:

****Ciara Camel**Michele Cline****

****Seneca Hartmann**Caryn Toback****

****Kristin Wilhelm**Lorraine Yates****

Additionally, Heather Lainhart is engaged in training to add the Gifted endorsement to her teaching certificate.

All teachers at Villas Elementary are Highly Qualified with the exception of Lorraine Yates. Mrs. Yates is working on the remaining requirements to become Highly Qualified.

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 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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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 .If something comes up and you need to utilize our After School Program, please contact the Main Office at 936.3776.

Golf Cart

The Villas golf cart used by our custodial staff is in need of repair. If you are mechanically gifted, contact Jannine at 936.3776.

Walkers

Please be courteous to the Villas Wesleyan Church parking and landscaped areas. Parent Pick-Up Signs must be visible to ensure safety of our walkers.

Parent Pick-Up

Signs

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.



Coming Soon: Villas Edible Gardens

Villas Elementary has received a Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grant. We are in need of pavers for the pathways and concrete cinder blocks for the raised garden beds. Let us know if you can help. Thank you for helping us to extend the learning beyond the classroom walls.

Renaissance Home Connect

AR (Renaissance) is the best site to help you monitor your child's progress in AR. It has a kid (and parent) friendly format that allows you to see how close your child is to meeting his/her quarterly AR goal for percent correct and points. It has a bookshelf to review all the books they have read for every year they have been in a Lee County school. Best of all, you can set up an instant e-mail every time your child takes a test and see the score.

Logon: child's 8 digit District ID * Password: first and last name initials
<https://hosted104.renlearn.com/736819/hoMeConnect/Login.aspx>

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.

Got LEGOS?

Villas Elementary is accepting Lego donations for our After School Program. New and used Legos of all shapes, sizes, and colors would be appreciated.

Help VILLAS earn cash & supplies!

Please send in: Box Top Coupons, Labels for Education Coupons, & Tyson Project A+ Coupons. Use bags to send in coupons; write student's name & teacher name on bag.

Parent Pick-Up

During the afternoon dismissal, we would appreciate it if you could exit south (right) onto Beacon Blvd. as you leave our campus. This will help with the afternoon traffic flow. Additionally, we ask that drivers show courtesy when entering the parent pick-up line and take turns yielding to traffic entering from the south & north. The safety of everyone is top priority.



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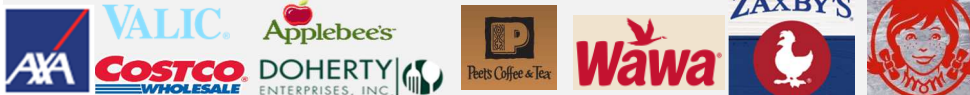
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