



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

On behalf of all of us at Villas, we welcome all of our families back from the winter break. We hope that each of you spent some time with your relatives, had plenty of laughter and took a moment to reflect on the things that are most important to you.

With the beginning of a new year and the start of a new grading period, it is the perfect time to set goals and establish habits and routines that will lead to growth and success. Keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher. Students should be practicing math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) and reading nightly. Refer to the Villas website at <http://vls.leeschools.net/> and go to the STUDENT APPS section for 24/7 access to educational learning sites.

As always, Ms. Williams and I are a phone call or email away.

Business Partner Shout Outs

Villas would like to thank Santa and Santa's photographer for visiting our campus on Thursday, December 15th. Brian L'Hommedieu from Drimaxx.com and Dulce Ruiz from Dulce Ruiz Photography donated their time and talents to bring smiles and memories to many of the Villas students.

If you have a business or a talent and would like to make a difference at our school, please contact us at 239-936-3776.

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.

Counselor Corner

"Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality."
—Abraham Lincoln

January's character words are: COMMITMENT/DETERMINATION. Throughout the school district schools are focusing on commitment for the month of January. Here at Villas we continually focus on the trail of "determination" each and every day. Determination is one of our P.R.I.D.E character traits. Do you know what it means to:

Show Villas P.R.I.D.E.

- Positivity
- Respect
- Integrity
- Determination
- Excellence

Traits of Commitment/Determination

- Staying with the task and not giving up.
- Trying again and again and again.
- Being patient and willing to work hard.

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.

Upcoming Events

January 9

First Day of Quarter 3- Students Return

January 12

Inventors Fair (Elins & Blythe) 11:30am-1:00pm in the Media Center

January 13-27

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

January 16

No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 19

Report Card Day

January 20

PTA Family Movie Night- Finding Dory- 6:00pm

January 23

PTA Meeting 5:30pm

SAC Meeting 6:00pm

January 24

Piano Club Starts

January 26

Voices of Pride Starts

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

January 27

Ding Darling: First Grade 8:10am- 8:40am

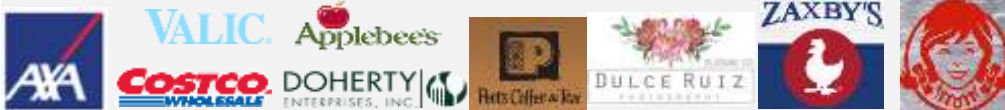
After School Clubs Schedule

- **STEM Team-** Mondays from 2:20pm- 4:00pm.
- **Book Battle-** Tuesdays from 2:45pm- 3:45pm
- **Piano Club-** Tuesdays from 2:30pm- 3:30pm
- **Voices of Pride-** Thursday from 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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School Notes

Absences: Please send in a note when your child is absent. These notes determine whether the absence will be documented as excused or unexcused.

Cafeteria: Students at Villas Elementary are eligible for breakfast and lunch at no additional charge, regardless of family income. If you would like to visit your child during lunch, you must sign in at the front office and obtain a visitor's pass.

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



Bus Information

For bus stop info, visit www.leeschools.net/backtoschool.

Please call transportation at 239.590.4000 for transportation questions.

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

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.

South Zone Middle Schools- Open House Information

Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts:	Zone: S-3	Thurs., Jan. 19	(239)992.4422
Cypress Lake Middle School:	Zone: S-1	Wed., Jan. 25	(239)481.1533
Fort Myers Middle Academy:	Zone: S-1	Tues., Jan. 24	(239)936.1759
Lexington Middle School:	Zone: S-2	Thurs., Jan. 26	(239)454.6130
Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle:	Zone: S-1	Thurs., Jan. 12	(239)334.1357
Three Oaks Middle School:	Zone: S-2	Wed., Jan. 18	(239)267.5757

Parent Gradebook Access (FOCUS)

Lee County's Focus Parent Portal provides parents/guardians a real-time view of their child's assignment grades, attendance information, as well as current averages in all classes. If you would like to have access to your student's grades, assignments and schedules, please register for a Focus Parent Gradebook Account. Instructions can be found on our website: <http://vls.leeschools.net>- under the Parents section.

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**.

Florida College and Career Ready Standards App

– quick reference to help teachers and parents understand language of standards.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-college-career-ready/id920898055?mt=8>

The Just Take 20

Is a Florida initiative to improve student achievement in reading and literacy by recognizing that literacy begins at home!

<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/just-take-20>.

Bookshare

(<https://www.books-hare.org/cms>) – An accessible online library for people with print disabilities.

CommonLit

(<https://www.commonlit.org/>) - Free collection of fiction and non-fiction texts for grades 5 - 12 sorted by Lexile, theme, genre, and standard with text-dependent questions.

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 Going On Now!

Order forms coming home 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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