



The Villas News

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



You must do the thing you think you cannot do so reach for your goal

Welcome to the October edition to the Villas News. We are excited to have two new programs at Villas, one where we are helping our Hispanic families become more fluent in English and the second which is called AR Blast where we will be opening our school 5 Saturdays this school year so our student can come and read and take AR tests. More information on this program will be coming home with your child. The Villas staff has one request and that is that you take the time to have your child read to you 30 minutes every night. A child who reads to an adult 30 minutes every night is more successful in school, so our motto is read, read, and read. Have a great October!



Calendar

- 10-8/10-12 Salavation Army canned food drive
- 10-12 End of 1st Quarter, PTA Family Movie night.
- 10-16 Hurricane Make-up day
- 10-18 Student lead conferences K-5 5:00-6:45 P.M.
- 10-19 Chick-fil-A Night, PTA box tops Due.
- 10-22 SAC Meeting 6:00pm, PTA Fundraiser begins.
- 10-25 Report Card Day, PTA meeting 1:00 P.M.
- 10-26 Skate Night-Costume Party 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Calendario

- 10-8/10-12 Recoleccion de Alimentos Enlatados en EjerCito de Salvacion
- 10-12 Ultimo Dia del Primer Trimestre
- 10-16 Por dia de huracán
- 10-18 Conferencias de Estudiantes K-5 5:00-6:45 PM
- 10-19 noche de Chick-fil-A 6:00-8:00 PM
- 10-22 Reunion de SAC a las 6:00, Colección de fondos parra el PTA
- 10-25 Reunión de PTA a las 1:00, Dia

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.



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>

CAFETERIA CORNER OCTOBER

MEAL PRICES REMAIN THE SAME.

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.

Key Highlights Diet & Exercise: The Role of Fruits & Vegetables

Eating more fruits and veggies matters when it comes to maintaining a healthy weight—and it may even reduce your family's risk of many diseases. Every step towards getting more **physical activity also matters in weight management** and overall health. You can help your family be at their best by encouraging a balance of diet and exercise!

Research: Fruits & Vegetables

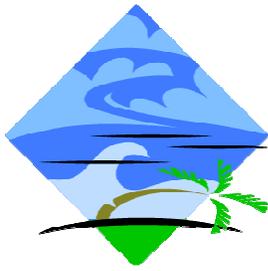
Find out about American fruit and vegetable eating patterns and how a lack of federal spending on fruits and veggies could affect you.

New reports have just been released by [Produce for Better Health Foundation](#) that question whether federal spending priorities for food and agriculture adequately reflect the urgency of the diet and health challenges confronting the American people. The consumption of fruits and vegetables affects health care costs and the need for increased federal investment in fruit and vegetable spending.

Usted Necesita Mas In-formation?

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October 16th 2012 is the School District of Lee County's Hurricane make up day for students. Students are to attend school on this day. We look forward to seeing your child at Villas Elementary on 10-16-12.



El 16 Octubre 2012, el Distrito Escolar del condado de Lee recaudara el día por Huracán para los estudiantes de Villas. Los estudiantes tienen que asistir a la escuela en este día. Esperamos ver su hijo/a en Villas primaria el martes, 16 de Octubre, 2012.

Clearance Sales...

Great sales on all sizes of pajamas are happening at your favorite stores.

Pick up a pair soon for the Pajama Drive hosted by Mrs. Stover's third grade class!





Walking to school and School Bus Stop Safety Tips

Teach children to:

Always wear light or reflective clothing when you are coming to school in the dark.

Always look for cars when you are walking to school or the bus stop.

Drivers are supposed to obey the rules and watch for people walking. But you cannot count on them to always remember.

Never text or have your ear buds in listening to music while walking to school or the bus stop. This will distract you from seeing or hearing on coming cars.

Walk along the street safely. This means:

Use sidewalks or paths.

If there are no sidewalks or paths, walk as far from the cars as possible and face traffic.

Watch for cars turning or pulling out of driveways.

When crossing the street at mid-block:

Stop at the curb and look left, right and left again for traffic.

Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.

Walk, don't run across the street.

If you must cross between parked cars:

Stop at the curb and check to see if the cars are running or if anyone is in the driver seat.

If safe, cross to the edge of the parked cars, and look left, right and left again before crossing.

When crossing the street at an intersection:

Obey traffic signs and signals.

Remember that just because it is your turn to cross, does not mean that it is safe to cross. Do not trust that cars will obey the rules or that turning cars will see you.

Look for yourself to see if cars are coming. Look left, right and left and then behind you and in front of you for turning cars.



Caminando a la Escuela y Consejos de Seguridad para Paradas de Autobús

Enseñar a los niños a:

Siempre usar ropa reflectante cuando se esta aproximando a la escuela en la oscuridad.

Busque siempre los carros cuando andando a la escuela o a la parada de autobús.

Los conductores se supone que obedezcan las reglas y ver a la gente que van a pie. Pero no se puede contar con ellos siempre.

Nunca mandar texto o andar con audífonos mientras caminando a la escuela o a la parada del autobús.

Caminando por la calle con seguridad. Esto significa:

Usar la acera o rutas de acceso.

Si no hay aceras o rutas, camine mirando hacia el tráfico y lo más lejos posible de los carros.

Tenga cuidado con los carros girando o tener que salir de los caminos.

Al cruzar la calle a mitad de Cuadra:

Parar en la acera y mirar a la izquierda, derecha, y la izquierda otra vez para el tráfico.

Espere hasta que no hay tráfico y después cruzar. Continuar la búsqueda de tráfico hasta que termine cruzando.

Camina cuando cruzando la calle, no corras.

Si tienes que cruzar entre carros estacionados:

Parar en la acera y comprobar si los carros se ejecutan o si hay alguien en el asiento de conductor.

Si seguro, cruzar hasta el borde de los carros estacionados y mirar hacia la izquierda, derecha, y la izquierda otra vez para el tráfico.

Al cruzar entre una intersección:

Obedecer señales de tráfico y signos.

Recuerde que solo porque es su turno de cruzar, no significa que sea seguro para cruzar. No tenga una relación de confianza que los carros respetan las normas o que los carros girando estén pendiente de usted.

Buscar por si mismo par ver si los carros vienen. Mirar a la izquierda, derecha, a la izquierda y detrás y al frente de usted para los carros que giran.

Recuerde que usted es la primera línea de defensa en llegar a la escuela con seguridad y siempre busque y escucha.

TOP 5 MISTAKES MADE BY PARENTS

By Ryan Hogan(c)2010-2012



1. **Being your child's friend:** You should be friendly to your children, but you shouldn't be your children's friends. They can have as many friends as they want but they only get two parents. Children need two people that will teach, discipline, and protect them.
2. **Not spending time with your child:** It doesn't matter if your kid is born into a wealthy family, or one of modest means. It doesn't matter if your child is part of a big family, or a small one. It doesn't matter who your kid is the only thing he or she really wants from you is your time. Yes, work is important, but it's never as important as spending time with your children. This also includes attending their extracurricular activities and being involved in their school.
3. **Spoiling your child:** If your son or daughter gets everything they want, they will always want more. In other words, they need to learn the meaning of "no". It may make you feel better, and be easier for you, to spoil your child, but in the long run, it does more harm than good. Sure, you want to provide for your child and give them everything they need, but that doesn't mean they need to get everything they want.
4. **Worrying to much about low self-esteem:** While you don't want to verbally tear down your son or daughter, it's perfectly okay for them to learn that not everything they do is great. In other words, don't praise mediocrity! For kids to grow up healthy, they need to have a little self-doubt. The kids with too much self-esteem are generally more of a problem than those with too little.
5. **Not disciplining your child:** Yes, it's not very fun to discipline a child. Yes, it takes time and energy, but you have to do it-if not for yourself, than for everyone else. You'll know you're disciplining your child correctly when they behave better away from home. Remember to never argue with your son or daughter. You are the parent. What you say goes; There's no discussion. If they don't like it, they can deal with the consequences.





Salvation Army Canned Food Drive

October 1st – 12th

Any non-perishable item (canned, boxed, plastic bagged) NO GLASS, please



Top Class in each grade gets a freezie party!



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Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection



Dear Families:

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!

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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.



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.



Walkers

- All Walkers will be dismissed and escorted by staff to their off campus location.



Rainy Day Dismissal for Walkers and Hikers

During rainy days if your child is a walker/biker, they will become parent pick-up. You will come through the Parent Pick-Up line and display your child's PPU card in your window. Your child will be called to the PPU ramp. Your child's safety is always our primary concern. Thank you for your cooperation.



Los que Caminan

- Los caminantes serán despedidos y acompañados por el personal a su ubicación fuera de la escuela.



Despido en Días de Lluvia para los Caminantes y Ciclistas

Durante los días de lluvia si su hijo/a camina o monta bicicleta, se convertirá el estudiante recogido por los padres. Usted pasará por la fila para recoger al estudiante (en inglés Parent Pick-Up: siglas en inglés PPU) y mostrará su tarjeta en la ventanilla del automóvil para recoger al estudiante. Su hijo será llamado a la rampa de recoger al estudiante (en inglés PPU ramp). La seguridad de su hijo/a es nuestra primera preocupación. Gracias por su cooperación.

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.

CHECK IT OUT...

THE NEW VILLAS WEBSITE

Villas Elementary School WEBSITE: <http://vls.leeschools.net>

District WEBSITE: <http://leeschools.net>

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 Statue 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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