



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

Welcome to November. It is a wonderful time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. We are certainly thankful for the blessings at Villas including the amazing children, parents, teachers and staff.

We ended the month of October with Red Ribbon week and not only did students enjoy the fun spirited week, but staff and faculty as well by dressing in theme days and ending the week with the Kindergarten Storybook Character Parade.

Can you believe that we have completed the 1st quarter of school already? October 18, 2016 began the 2nd quarter. By now, you have had the opportunity to review your child's Report Card and discuss with your child his or her 2nd quarter goals. Stay in touch with your child's teacher and be sure to check your child's folder or agenda daily and check the homework assignments that are provided.

If your child is in grades 1 through 5, your child should be reading 30 minutes nightly and taking Accelerated Reading tests during designated times that his or her classroom teacher has provided for reading. Reading is the key to being successful in all subjects. During quarter 1 we had 320 students participate in reading celebrations. Let's increase the number of students excelling in reading in quarter 2. Together this can be done.

As always, should you have any questions, call the office or email Ms. Williams and me. Hope to see you at the PTA Family Fall Festival on Saturday, November 5th.

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

World Kindness Day is November 13th and we will be celebrating kindness throughout the school the week prior to this day. November 7th-10th will be our designated kindness week.

"A nation, as a society, forms a moral person, and every member of it is personally responsible for his society." *Thomas Jefferson*

Mrs. Neymeyer, School Counselor

Did You Know?

United Way 211 is a free helpline that provides free information and referrals to human and social agencies within Lee County. You can call and receive information appropriate to your needs. Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Call 2-1-1 or 239.433.3900

November's Character Words CITIZENSHIP and PATRIOTISM.

Villas Elementary School's "Section 504 Coordinator" is Darcy Neymeyer, Counselor, DarcyGN@leeschools.net, phone 239.936.3776.

Upcoming Events

October 31- November 5

PTA Book Fair

November 3

4th Grade Parent Luncheon

November 4

Pirate Dress up Day

November 5

Family Fall Festival

November 6

Daylight Savings Time- Fall Back

November 9

Quarter 2 Interim Report Day

November 11

Veteran's Day- No School

November 14

PTA Meeting 5:30pm

SAC Meeting 6:00pm

November 16

Individual Picture Day Retakes

District Vision Screenings

November 17

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

November 22

K-5 Turkey Trot

November 23

No School

November 24

Thanksgiving Day- No School

November 25

No School

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.

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.

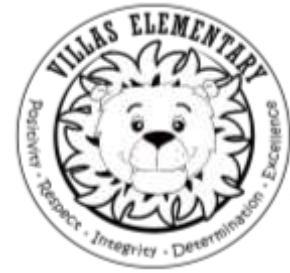
Please call transportation at 239.590.4000 for transportation questions.

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.



Lakes Park- Scarecrows in the Park 2016

Villas Elementary won 1st Place in People's Choice this year with our GHOSTBUSTER display!

Thank you in large part to Sarah McCrumb, Darcy Neymeyer, Maria Garcia, Kevin Worley, Kevin Grannan, and Erin Williams for all of their hard work.

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**.

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.

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, Heather Lainhart & Roxann Camel are engaged in training to add the Gifted endorsement to their teaching certificate.



Positivity

Respect

Integrity

Determination

Excellence

The Villas Mission is to do whatever it takes to help students meet or exceed grade level standards.
The Villas Vision is to ensure that every student achieves his or her highest academic potential.