

# 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



## Upcoming Events

**September 4** -Labor Day - **NO SCHOOL**

**September 8**

Last Day for Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser

**September 8-** Football Jersey Day

**September 10-**Grandparent's Day

**September 11-September 22**

Salvation Army Canned Food Drive

**September 12** – Piano Club Begins

**September 13**

Quarter 1 Interim Report Day

**September 14** – Voices of Pride Begins

**September 15**

Chuck E. Cheese Night 3pm-9pm

**September 16** -AR Blast 10 am-12 pm

**September 19**

Volunteer/Business Partner Orientation 9am

**September 21**

Rosh Hashanah – **NO SCHOOL**

Dairy Queen Night 5pm-8pm

**September 22**

Talent Show Audition Forms Due

**September 25**

PTA Meeting 5:30 pm

SAC Meeting 6:00 pm

**September 26**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Luncheon

PTA Meeting 2:30 pm

**September 27-29** – Talent Show Auditions

**September 30** -Yom Kippur

**October 2-6**

Bullying Awareness Week

Wear a Blue Shirt on 10/2

**October 9-13**

Pink Out Week (Breast Cancer Awareness)

Wear Pink on 10/11

**October 13**

PTA Movie Night

End of Quarter 1

**October 16** -

Professional Duty Day – **NO SCHOOL**

**October 16-19** -PTA Book Fair

**October 19** – Student Led Conferences

**October 20** – Quarter 1 AR Party

### A Message from Administration.

Our first month has been exciting and we look forward to having a fantastic year. Thank you to all the families that attended new family orientation on August 15<sup>th</sup>. We WELCOME families as an integral part of your child's success at school. Encourage reading daily and on the weekends. Have your child read aloud to you or to a younger sibling. After you've finished reading with your child, talk and ask questions about the story and pictures. Reading is the key to learning in all subjects. In math, we encourage you to practice basic math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). Visit the Villas website at <http://vls.leeschools.net/> for educational resources/games to support student learning.

Be proactive and check student backpacks and planners nightly. Set aside 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.

### Counselor's Corner

This year is off to a great start and I look forward to working with you and your children! At Villas, we are continually working to build good character in our students and we appreciate your joint efforts in doing so. Look here in the Counselor Corner each month for our monthly character word.

September's character trait is:

**ACCEPTANCE**: appreciating and respecting differences in people; recognizing the uniqueness and value of each individual within our diverse society.

Model acceptance by:

- o Listening to the opinion of others even if you don't agree
- o Speak in a positive manner
- o Refrain from forming opinions about people based on how they dress or look
- o Learn about different cultures

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Neymeyer

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### Upcoming Events:

Oct 2-6:

Bullying Awareness Week

Oct. 23-27:

Red Ribbon Week

***(Pledge to be Drug Free)***



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The Villas Vision is to ensure that every student achieves his or her highest academic potential.

## **SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY**

As parents, I am sure you appreciate that safety is of paramount importance to us. Thank you for your continued assistance with the following to keep our children safe:

- All adults must sign-in and wear a visitor's sticker before going beyond the lobby area (even if it is for a quick visit).
- Send in notes to indicate a change in regular day-to-day dismissal.
- On those *rare* occasions when you must call us for a last minute change in dismissal, please do so before 1:30. It is very important that we get word to your child and our child's teacher before dismissal begins.



### **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 school issued Parent Pick-Up Card when picking up your child.

### **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) or Autism to their teaching certificate:

- Kristin Wilhelm (ESOL)
- Lorraine Yates (Autistic)



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As we begin this new school year, please be sure to have your child's emergency card with all current numbers where you can be reached, as well as any medical information, or need for medication while at school. The proper documentation and permission forms can be obtained from our clinic. Please check with your child's

doctor to be sure physical forms and all immunizations are up to date, and submit all proper documentation to our clinic.

### **Prevention is key to keeping your child healthy.**

We would like to see your child in school every day, learning, healthy, and excited to participate in all of our school activities, but in the event your child is ill, or has a fever, please keep him/her home and seek medical advice. Feel free to contact me throughout the school year with any questions or concerns. Wally Colon, School Nurse [WildalizC@LeeSchools.net](mailto:WildalizC@LeeSchools.net)

Looking forward to a healthy and successful school year for all.

From our **Kindergarten** teachers:

We are off to a great start in Kindergarten this year! We are beginning to adjust to the routines of school and are learning about being school citizens full of P.R.I.D.E.

Don't forget to check the class newsletter to see what color of the week to wear on Wednesdays.

Sept. 6 – Yellow      Sept. 13 – Green  
Sept. 20 – Blue      Sept. 27 - Purple



### **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. Villas participates in monthly practice drills. Emergency Drills include: fire, tornado, bomb threat, lockdowns, and bus evacuations.

The **School Public Accountability Reports (SPARs)** are available for review at all Lee County public schools or at the District's Communications Department at the Lee County Public Education Center. SPAR reports may also be viewed online at:

<http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb spar/index.cfm>.



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