

# 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

I want to simply say "THANK YOU." It takes a village to raise and educate a child and we are grateful for the Villas village.

Our families, our community, and our volunteers make Villas a great place to be. Thank you to those in attendance at the volunteer/community/business partner orientation breakfast that took place on Sept 20. Thank you to those who have donated Legos and craft materials to our After School Program. Thank you to those who have donated clothes to our clinic. Thank you to those who have donated books to our classroom and school libraries.

I would like to send a SHOUT OUT to Kellyn Karr, Owner of Karr Automotive LLC located on Winkler Ave for repairing our maintenance golf cart at a reduced cost. His automotive center treats customers with excellence. They work on all makes and models and specialize in electrical issues, AC, and engine repair. Contact Kellyn directly at 239-768-1900.

I would also like to send a SHOUT OUT to Wes and Laken Edwards for making a contribution to the edible garden project that will be built this fall on the campus of Villas. Wes is a local Real Estate Broker Associate. His team will deliver superior value to your next Real Estate transaction. Check out their website at: PayDayTeam.co

You are the DIFFERENCE MAKERS at Villas and we are appreciative.

## 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](mailto:MariaEG@LeeSchools.net), and contact the Main Office at 936.3776.

## Counselor Corner

October is a busy month here at Villas! As we near the end of the first quarter, make sure you have been checking your child's grades periodically. Also make sure you have been in touch with your child's teacher, so that you can help your child be successful all year long, both academically and behaviorally.

October is Bullying Awareness Month. I have already started to visit classrooms to discuss bullying.

In addition the last week of October is Red Ribbon Week. There are many fun ways we will be celebrating being drug free. More information about Red Ribbon Week will be sent home later.

Mrs. Neymeyer [darcygn@leeschools.net](mailto:darcygn@leeschools.net)  
School Counselor

## **October's Character Word is RESPECT.**

Help to teach and model the Golden Rule every day:

"Treat others the way you want others to treat you."



## Upcoming Events

### **October 3**

Rosh Hashanah- No School

### **October 4**

STOMP OUT Bullying- Wear Blue

### **October 10**

PTA Meeting- 5:30pm

SAC Meeting- 6:00pm

### **October 12**

Yom Kippur

### **October 14**

Quarter 1 Ends

### **October 17**

Professional Duty Day- No School

### **October 18**

Quarter 2 Begins

### **October 19**

Picture Day

### **October 20**

Student Led Conferences- 5:30pm- 6:30pm

### **October 26**

Report Card Day

### **October 24-28**

Red Ribbon Week

### **October 28**

PTA Family Movie Night

### **October 31**

Halloween

## 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.

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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](http://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.

### Coming Soon: Villas Edible Gardens

Villas Elementary has received a Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grant as well as family donations in support of our future edible gardens project.

We hope to begin construction during the month of October. Our raised gardens will be modeled after the Bill Brewer Family Gardens located off of Daniels Pkwy & Shire Ln. If you are handy and would like to help in the building of the raised garden beds, please call the school office at 239-936-3776. Thank you for helping us to extend the learning beyond the classroom walls.

### 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.

### CFR and Asbestos Management Plans:

In July of 1989, a rule was established by the Code of Federal Regulations that requires local education agencies to inspect and manage all Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM) at any sites. Included in this rule is a requirement that, once each school year, the local education agency shall notify, in writing, parent, teacher and employee organizations of the availability of management plans. Management plans contain any information of asbestos materials at each site.

Many sites do not have asbestos building materials present. Sites that have asbestos are continuously inspected and all materials are maintained, encapsulated or removed within strict compliance of codes. The School District of Lee County has an active Management Plan as well as an Operations and Maintenance Program for each site.

For any site that does have ACBM, the Asbestos report will list any items containing ACBM, quantities, and location. This report is available at the school office for your inspection during normal school hours. Copies of the school's asbestos file can be provided but a copy fee will be assessed. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our Safety & Security Dept. to speak with the District's Asbestos Inspector and Management Planner.

### 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?

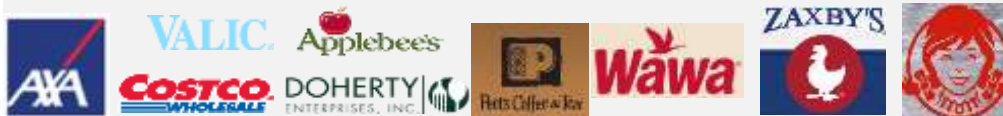
Villas Elementary is accepting Lego donations for our After School Program. New and used Legos of all shapes, sizes, and colors would be appreciated.

### 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 her teaching certificate.



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