

# 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

Spring has sprung...what a great time of year! It is amazing seeing our youngest of students blossoming and reading.

The spring season is also testing season and with testing comes stressing. It is important to maintain routines, go to bed on time, eat healthy, practice math skills, and read, read, read. The FSA Testing Schedule for grades 3, 4, 5 is listed in this newsletter. Give your child some extra encouragement on these days. Positive words create positive results.

We hope everyone (staff and students and families and friends of Villas) has a safe and happy Spring Break: April 10 – 17. School resumes on Tuesday, April 18.

Villas Website: [vls.leeschools.net](http://vls.leeschools.net)

Follow us on Twitter: @VillasElem



The School District of Lee County values your opinion. Please help us in our efforts to serve you better by taking a brief online survey. You may access the survey at this link:

El Distrito Escolar del Condado Lee valora su opinión. Por favor, ayúdenos en nuestros esfuerzos de servirle mejor contestando esta encuesta. Puede tener acceso a la encuesta mediante este enlace:

Distri Eskolè nan Konte Lee bay opinion ou valè. Tanpri, ede nou pou nou ka sèvi ou pi byen lè ou pran yon sondaj sou entènèt la. Ou ka jwenn sondaj la nan lyen sa a:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6NKC6>

## Counselor Corner

*"Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching." – CS Lewis*

April's character word is **INTEGRITY**. This is also one of our Villas PRIDE words. Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles and acting justly and honorably in all situations. Encourage your child to be honest, do the right thing even when it is difficult or unpopular and make sure their thoughts and beliefs about good character also matches their actions and words.

**Sleep Awareness Week April 23 – 29** The National Sleep Foundation recommends that school age children (ages 6-13) get 9-11 hours of sleep each night. The necessity of quality sleep at the right quantity is as critical as food, clothing and shelter. Sleep is tied to our mental and physical wellbeing. For children, it impacts students' self-management skills, emotion regulation and academic performance. Help your child be successful at school by making sure they get plenty of zzz's.

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](mailto:DarcyGN@leeschools.net) or 239.936.3776.



## Upcoming Events

April 6

PDQ Night for Gr. 2- 2:30pm- 8:30pm

April 10- 17

Spring Break, No School

April 14

Good Friday

April 16

Easter

April 18

Students Back to School

April 19

5<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA ELA (Reading) Test

April 20

5<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA ELA (Reading) Test

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

April 22

Earth Day

April 24

PTA Meeting 5:30pm

SAC Meeting 6:00pm

April 25

5<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA Math Test

April 26

5<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA Math Test

April 27

4<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA ELA (Reading) Test

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Interim Report Day

April 28

4<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA ELA (Reading) Test

Arbor Day

April 29

AR Blast 10:00am- 12:00pm

May 4

SCIENCE Night 6:00pm- 8:00pm

### After School Clubs Schedule

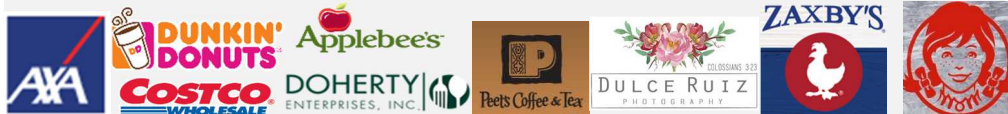
- **STEM Team**- Mon., 2:20- 4:00pm.
- **Book Battle**- Tues., 2:45- 3:45pm
- **Piano Club**- Tues., 2:30- 3:30pm
- **Voices of Pride**- Thur., 2:30- 3:30pm

### 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.

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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## 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.

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

<p><b><u>AR Blast</u></b> Please join us on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am- 12:00pm for our final AR Blast of the year. Our PTA will also have their \$0.25 sale going on.</p>	<p><b><u>Fundraisers</u></b> The Nature Vision Fundraiser will be ending on April 7. It will help to support our PTA.</p>	<p><b><u>Parent Pick-Up</u></b> 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.</p>
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### Donations Needed

Before you start your spring cleaning please consider donating to our fabulous clinic! ☺



Boys and girls:

**\*NEW\*** underwear – all sizes



**New or used** bottoms (skirts, shorts, pants, leggings, jeans, dresses.... Anything) – all sizes between 4 -16.

Any donation is greatly appreciated in the clinic!!!

### FSA Testing Notes

Please make every effort to get your student to school on time for the days of testing. We are starting in the morning and want to make sure you student gets enough time to eat breakfast. Also, if a student leaves during a test session, they will not be able to finish that session. It is important to try and avoid making any morning appointments for your child.

We will also be sending home information asking parents to send in a motivational note for their student during testing. Please look for this to come home shortly. We know your children have worked hard and we want to cheer them on! Your child is welcome to bring in a water bottle and snack during testing.

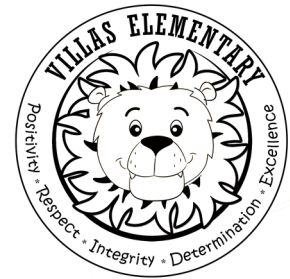
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FSA Assessments</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA Assessments</u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA Assessments</u>
3/28 & 29 – ELA Reading	4/27 & 28 – ELA Reading	4/19 & 20 – ELA Reading
5/4 & 5 - Math	5/2 & 3 - Math	4/25 & 26 - Math
		5/2 & 3 - Science

### Pennies for Patients Fundraiser Results

Last year was our first year supporting this cause. We raised \$1,200.00. Our goal this year was \$1,500. 00. We passed that and increased it to \$2,000.00. With the help from all of you, Villas Elementary raised a total of \$ 3,622.65 for the Pennies for Patients, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society this year! Thank you!

Top Donating Classes:

- 1st place - Gr. 5 Mrs. McCrumb \$275.81
- 2nd place- Gr. 3 Mrs. Young \$253.41
- 3rd place- Gr. 2 Mrs. Beaty \$217.26
- 4th place- Gr 1 Ms. Camel \$180.92
- 5th place- Gr. 4 Mrs. Hawkins \$173.96
- 6th place- Gr. K Mrs. Kazda- Hartmann \$127.61



### 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 Sale!



**Price Now: \$16.00**

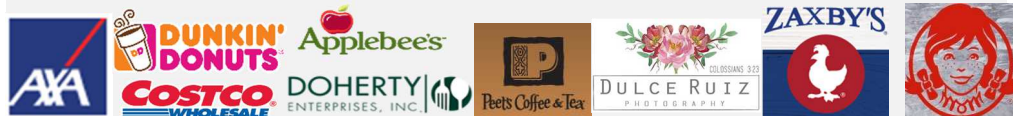
### Reporting Out-of-Field Teachers

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.

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