

Villas Elementary

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Calendar and Handbook

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8385 Beacon Blvd
Ft. Myers, Florida 33907

Mr. Shane E. Musich, Principal
Ms. Erin Williams, Assistant Principal

School Phone Numbers

Office.....936-3776
Fax.....936.6884
Cafeteria.....936-0815
Transportation (Switch Board).....334-0211
Transportation (South Zone).....590-4000
After School Program.....936-3776

School Hours

Before School Program.....6:30 AM-7:25 AM
After School Program.....2:10 PM-6:00 PM
Breakfast.....7:25 AM-7:55 AM
School Day for Students.....7:55 AM-2:10 PM
Teachers.....7:15 AM-2:45 PM
Conferences.....Call for an Appointment
Office.....7:00 AM-3:30 PM



Website: <http://VLS.LeeSchools.net>



A Message From Administration

At Villas, each staff member is committed to establishing a supportive learning environment that focuses on student success in and beyond the classroom. We believe in building a positive relationship between home and school in order to foster a spirit of community. Please let us know what we can do to make this a great school year for you and your child.

Mr. Musich and Ms. Williams
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Important Links

Launchpad: <https://launchpad.classlink.com/leeschools>
RenPlace Home Connect: <http://vls.leeschools.net/index.cfm?p=Renaissance%20Place%20Home%20Connect>
Villas Website: <http://vls.leeschools.net>
Parent Link: <http://parentlink.net>
Gradebook: <https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com>

Villas Code of Conduct

I will show my respect by listening to others,
Using my hands for helping,
Caring about others' feelings,
and being responsible for what I say and do.

Student Cell / Smart Phone, Laptop, Tablet, Notebook, e-readers, iPod, etc. Policy.

Personal electronic devices listed above may be brought to school as part of the School District of Lee County's BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Policy 2.202. These devices must be turned off and are not to be used or displayed during academic times including Art, Music, and P.E. Students may utilize personal electronic mobile devices at designated times and in designated areas for educational purposes when deemed appropriate by school administration or the classroom teacher.



Remember that using a personal electronic device at school is a privilege.

- All electronic devices must be clearly identified with the student's name.
- Electronic devices are to be kept in the student's backpack during academic times.
- Neither Villas Elementary nor The School District of Lee County accept any responsibility for lost, damaged, stolen, misplaced, or confiscated electronic devices.
- Neither Villas Elementary nor The School District of Lee County accept responsibility for virus, malware, or other computer related issues along with cost that may result from data usages and/or texting services when a student uses their electronic device.



Toys and other Valuables

Students are not allowed to bring jewelry, toys, trading cards, or handheld video games to school. Often these articles are lost, stolen or damaged and cause classroom disruptions. **The school will not be responsible for valuable articles being lost, stolen, or damaged.** Articles which create a disruption may be taken from the child and held until an adult comes for the article. If the articles are not claimed, they will be discarded at the end of the school year.

School Dress

(Based on District Code of Conduct Student Dress Code)

The purpose of the dress code is to encourage students to focus on the learning process without distractions. It is expected that students maintain a clean and orderly appearance at all times.



Shoes

Tennis shoes must be worn at PE.

No high heeled shoes, cleats, flip flops, Crocs, or shoes without heel straps.

Tops

T-shirts, collared shirts, button-down shirts, and school spirit shirts are permitted.

No tank tops.



Bottoms

Pants must be worn at the waistline.

Shorts must be fingertip length or longer.

Leggings are not acceptable unless worn under a dress/skirt.

Skirts/Dresses

Skirts must be fingertip length or longer or just above the knee.

Slits above the knee are not permitted.

Shorts under skirts are recommended.

No backless dresses or spaghetti strap dresses.

Jackets/Sweaters

Hoods may not be worn up during school hours.

Nails

Acrylic fingernails are not permitted.

Hair and Head Wear

Student hair color is limited to any naturally occurring color.

Extreme, distracting hair styles are not allowed.

Change Of Address/Telephone Number

It is important that we have your correct home address, work address, and telephone number on file. If you do not have a telephone, please provide a neighbor's number or an emergency number where we can reach you if needed. Should you move during the school year or your telephone number change, please notify the office in writing immediately.



Enrollment Requirements

Under the District Choice Plan, registration takes place at the Choice Office at: 2855 Colonial Blvd, Lee County Public Education Center. Their phone number is 337-8247. The following information is needed to register prior to school entry:

- **Original Birth Certificate**
- **Social Security Card** - (if available)
- **Health Examination (physical)** - The exam must be dated within 12 months prior to registration.
- **Florida Certificate of Immunization**
- **Proof of Custody** is required if child is not living with both natural parents.
- **Name and address of last school attended**
- **Copy of IEP (Individual Education Plan)** - (if applicable)
- **Proof of Address** (Only ONE of the following documents are required) **NOTE:** We **DO NOT** accept driver's license, cell phone bills, bank statements, checkbooks, child support checks, pay stubs or mortgage coupon/payment books as proof of address.
 - ♦ **Current electric bill, water bill, cable bill or land line telephone bill**
 - ♦ **Signed lease agreement or statement from landlord**
 - ♦ **Homestead Exemption Card**
 - ♦ **If you are building a house** - Mortgage Acceptance Letter
 - ♦ **If you are buying a house** - Settlement statement or mortgage acceptance letter
 - ♦ **If living with relatives or friends**- A letter from them listing your name and the names of your children, stating that you are residing at their address AND a copy of one of the documents listed above to verify their address.

August 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Teachers' First Day	2	3	4	5
6	7 Open House 5:30-7:00 pm	8	9	10 Students' First Day	11	12
13	14	15 Villas 101 Kdg and New Family Orientation 8:00 am	16	17 Dairy Queen Night 5:00-8:00 pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser Kickoff PTA Family Movie Night	26
27 	28 PTA Mtg 5:30 pm SAC Mtg 6:00 pm	29 PTA Mtg 2:30 pm	30	31		
Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser						

Children Leaving During School Hours

If a student needs to be picked up early or there is a change in the way your child will be going home, a note is to be sent that morning to the teacher or office. Otherwise, your child will be sent home the normal way. Students will only be released to an adult with a valid driver's license who is either a **parent, guardian or designated as an authorized adult on the student emergency card**. This is done as a security measure. If the parent has sent a note, the student will be called from the classroom up until 1:45 PM. Parents, guardians and authorized adults on the emergency card are asked to wait in the office until that time. Cooperation in this matter will foster a learning environment with limited disruptions for all children.



Visitors

SAFETY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. ALL VISITORS MUST STOP AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO SIGN-IN, HAVE THEIR VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE SCANNED AND RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS.

All classroom visits should be arranged with the school ahead of time. If you would like to have a conference with the principal or the teacher, please call the school for an appointment. After the 1st week of school, parents will not be permitted to walk their child to class unless signed in at the front office (ID required).

Volunteers

Volunteers are a valuable asset to our educational program. We invite our parents, senior citizens and others to become a part of our volunteer family. Whether you can give one hour per week or many hours, WE NEED YOU! No previous experience is required. The following is a list of jobs that volunteers perform:

1. Work with individual students and/or small groups.
2. Listen to students read and/or read to students.
3. Assist in the library.
4. Aid teachers with clerical work and bulletin boards.
5. Help in the cafeteria during student lunch times.
6. Meet and greet at Parent Drop Off.

If you are interested in learning more about our Volunteer Program, please contact the Villas Office at 936-3776.

The school administration may discontinue a volunteer's service if the volunteer interferes or disrupts the learning environment of the classroom or school.

Emergency Cards

It is imperative that every student have a completed school Emergency Card on file in our office. Please make sure that you complete this information for your child with your correct and updated work, cellular, and home phone numbers and addresses. Also include additional contact information for others that may pick up your child if you are not available. In an emergency situation, it is critical that we have this information on file in order to contact you. Please include all current health needs your child might have.



September 2017



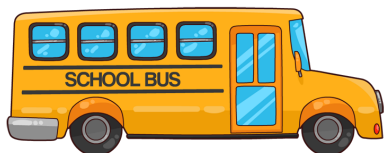
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 No School Labor Day	5	6	7	8 Last Day for Otis Spunkmeyer Football Jersey Day	9
		Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser				
10 Grandparent's Day	11	12	13 Quarter 1 Interim Report Day	14	15 Chuck E Cheese 3:00-9:00 pm	16 AR Blast 10:00AM-12:00 pm
		Salvation Army Canned Food Drive				
17	18	19 Volunteer/Business Partner Orientation 9:00 am	20	21 No School Rosh Hashanah Dairy Queen Night 5-8 pm	22	23
		Salvation Army Canned Food Drive				
24 	25 PTA Mtg 5:30 pm SAC Mtg 6:00 pm	26 PTA Mtg 2:30 pm	27	28	29	30 Yom Kippur

Bus Changes

Permission for a student to ride a bus or to get off at a stop other than the one assigned will be approved only in cases of emergency.

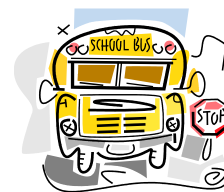
Parents must request transportation changes in writing. Students will be refused transportation changes unless they have a SCHOOL BUS SPECIAL REQUEST signed by an administrator. A permission slip may be obtained from the office and should be completed upon arrival. The permission slip must be given to the bus driver before getting on the bus.

If a child moves, the parent is responsible for providing the office with a new proof of residence. Only then will the bus be changed. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school at 936-3776. The telephone number for transportation is 334-0211. The South Zone contact number is 590-4000.



Bus Rules for Students

- The driver is in full charge of the bus, and students **must** obey the driver.
- Students shall keep assigned seats at all times with arms and head inside the bus.
- Eating, drinking, using tobacco products or chewing gum will not be allowed on the school bus.
- Anything that interferes with student safety such as fighting, profanity, abusive language, large or sharp objects, fireworks, balls, bats, radios, animals, and/or glass containers are not allowed.
- It is suggested that seat belts remain buckled.



Riding the Bus is a Privilege

If this privilege is abused, the following steps will be taken:

First Bus Referral – Conference with administrator, verbal warning.

Second Bus Referral – Conference with administrator, and parent will be contacted.

Third Bus Referral – Suspension from the bus: Number of school days is dependent on the severity of the problem. Parent contacted and a letter sent home with the student.

Fourth Bus Referral – Suspension from the bus: Number of school days is dependent on the severity of the problem. Parent contacted and a letter sent home with the student.

Fifth Bus Referral – Suspension from the bus: Number of school days is dependent on the severity of the problem. Parent contacted and a letter sent home with the student.




Sixth Bus Referral – Transportation Department or administration may choose to deny the student the privilege of riding the bus for the remainder of the quarter, semester, or school year (depending on the severity of the problem).

The above consequences for inappropriate bus behavior are minimum consequences. In the case of severe misconduct a student may receive a bus suspension at any step in the procedures.



October 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Blue Shirt Day	3	4	5 	6	7
		Bullying Prevention Week				
8	9	10	11 Vision Screening	12	13 End of Quarter 1 PTA Family Movie Night	14
		Pink Out Week				
15	16 No School Professional Duty Day	17	18	19 Student Led Conferences 5:30-6:30 pm Talent Show - 6:45 pm Dairy Queen - 5:00-8:00 pm	20 Quarter 1 AR Party	21
		PTA Book Fair – Media Center				
22	23 Hat Day-Hats Off to Being Drug Free	24 Superhero Day-I have the Power to be Drug Free	25 Quarter 1 Report Card Fall Picture Day	26 Despicable Me Day-Drugs are Despicable	27 Red Day- "Red"y to Live a Drug Free Life	28
		Your Future is Key So Stay Drug Free! Red Ribbon Week				
29 	30 PTA Mtg 5:30 pm SAC Mtg 6:00 pm	31 Story Book Character Day and Kindergarten Parade PTA Mtg 2:30 pm				

**Parent Drop-off
(7:25 am-7:55 am)
and Pick-up
(2:10 pm-2:30 pm)**

To promote safe and prompt movement of students, staff and visitors, we ask that you please follow these guidelines:



- **The speed limit on campus is 5 MPH.**
- Display the provided Parent Pick up sign in your front window.
- To help our parents dropping off their child to the Before School Program, cars are not allowed to park in front of the school for regular parent drop off until 7:25 am.
- Parents who are dropping students off in the morning should use the outside lane around the staff parking lot and stop near the flagpoles to discharge children. **Do not park in this area to bring your child into school** as this will impede the flow of traffic for other parents who are dropping students off. If you must come into the building, please park in one of the designated visitor spots and use the crosswalks.
- There is **NO STUDENT DROP-OFF in the parking area.** It is extremely dangerous to allow students to walk across the parking area unattended by a parent or guardian. Please drop off only in the designated area.
- Parents who are picking up students in the afternoon before dismissal may park in any of the paved, designated parking spaces. Lanes must be kept open for emergency vehicles (fire and ambulance), so please do not double park. When parking in the visitor spaces in front of the building, please cross only at the designated crosswalk. **Parents must always escort their children to and from parked vehicles.**

- The hallways by the office must be kept open and free from baby strollers for classes being dismissed. Parents should **not** meet their children in the hallway or at their classrooms.
- **We request that parents who are picking up students in the afternoon remain in their vehicles and drive through the parent pick-up line.** We ask that you stay in your car in line unless there is an emergency. In that case, please park your car in one of the designated visitor parking spots.
- **Parents are not to use the Bus Ramp area to drop off or pick up their children.** This includes the area to the right and left of the ramp. It is against County Ordinance to park across a sidewalk, and violators may receive a ticket.

Rainy Day Dismissal for Walkers and Bikers

During rainy days if your child is a walker/ biker, he/she 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 area.



Alternatively, you may walk up and meet your child at the south gate leading to the Art room facing Trailwinds Dr. Having the PPU sign will aid in the process.

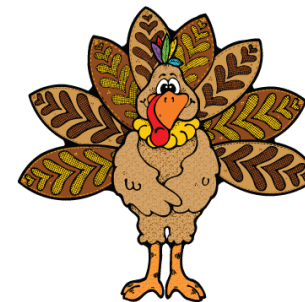
Your child's safety is always our primary concern. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Closing

The School District of Lee County will always consider student and staff safety of primary importance when making a decision to close school when severe weather threatens. Unless there is a clear threat of danger, the decision to close school will be made around 4:00 a.m. and announced through local media morning news, and via NOAA Weather Alert Radios. Parents and staff should listen to local media beginning at 5:00 a.m. for the latest information pertaining to school closing during severe weather months.



November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 PTA Fall Festival K-5 10-2 pm
5	6	7	8 Quarter 2 Interim Report Day	9	10	11 Veteran's Day
12	13 World Kindness Day	14	15	16 Dairy Queen 5:00-8:00 pm	17	18
19	20	21 Turkey Trot 	Thanksgiving Holiday			
26 	27 PTA Mtg 5:30 pm SAC Mtg 6:00 pm	28 PTA Mtg 2:30 pm				
			29 Picture Retake Day	30 Inventors Fair 8:00 am-2:00 pm Chipotle Family Night		



Villas Before and After School Program

Villas offers a before and after-school program for students enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Enrollment Criteria

- Students must be enrolled in a Lee County Public School.
- Students must be able to function in a group of 15 students with one adult supervisor.
- We do provide care for ESE students however, there is a limit of 15 students.
- Students must maintain appropriate behavior that will not lead to injury to themselves or others.
- Students will be provided a copy of the After School Program Discipline Plan.

Program Activities

2:10 – 3:00 - Snack time and outside recess

3:00 – 6:00 - Homework time, then Arts and Crafts, Inside Games, Videos, Outside Games, Monthly Theme Activities, & Computers.

When: The program operates every school day. There is no After School Program on Labor Day, Rosh Hashanah, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Vacation, Winter Vacation, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, Presidents Day, Good Friday, Spring Break and Memorial Day. There is no After School Program on Professional Duty Days/Hurricane Make-up Days.

Pick up all students by 6:00 pm (Late charge of \$1.00 for each minute after 6:00 pm).

Excessive late student pick up will result in dismissal from the program.

Cost and Registration Fees:

\$15 Registration Fee (1 child)

\$25 Family Registration Fee (2 or more children)

Before-School Program: \$3.00 daily or \$10.00 weekly

After-School Program: \$15.00 daily (1 child)
\$28.00 daily (2 siblings)
\$40.00 daily (3+ siblings)

\$65.00 weekly (1 child)

\$125.00 weekly (2 siblings)

\$180.00 weekly (3+ siblings)

Fees include snack items and juice or milk.

Early Dismissal Days: 12:10 pm-6:00 pm

\$25 daily rate per child

\$45 daily rate (2 siblings)

\$65 daily rate (3 siblings)



Please bring exact change. We cannot carry over any fees into the following week. Any returned check will result in a \$35 surcharge.

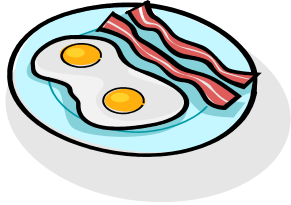
Non-payment of weekly fees will result in dismissal from the program. The Lee County School Board does not extend credit for the payment of After-School fees. You must pay every Monday. A \$20.00 surcharge will be applied to all accounts that are not paid the week your child/children attends.



December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 AR Blast 10:00 pm-12:00 pm
3	4	5	6	7 Kindergarten Winter Concert 6:00 pm	8	9
	PTA Holiday Gift Shop 7:30 pm– 2:00 pm					
10	11	12 First Day of Hanukkah	13 Ugly Sweater Day	14 Voices of Pride Winter Concert 6:00 pm	15 Grinch Shirts	16
17	18 SAC Mtg 6:00 pm	19 K/1 Field Day Early Dismissal 12:10 pm	20 2/3 Field Day Early Dismissal 12:10 pm Last Day of Hanukkah	21 4/5 Field Day Early Dismissal 12:10 End of Quarter 2 Dairy Queen Night	22 No School Professional Duty Day	23
24 Christmas Eve 31 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30 
	No School– Winter Break					



Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program starts at 7:25 am. Car riders should arrive at 7:25 am for breakfast. The breakfast program closes promptly at 7:55 am, except for students arriving on a late bus. If a school bus arrives late, students on that bus will be given a pass and permitted to eat breakfast upon arrival.

Lunch Program

Villas Elementary Cafeteria serves **free** nutritious, well-balanced breakfasts and lunches daily. Students may pay for additional meals with cash daily or they may prepay on a weekly or monthly basis on Monday (or the first day) of each week. If your child brings a check for either breakfast or lunch, please be sure to make the check out to Villas Elementary School. The money is only deducted as it is used. Money will carry forward until it is used or can be carried over to the following school year. Pre-paying reduces the problem of forgotten lunch money. Parents may go to **myschoolbucks.com**, an online prepayment system which will allow you to pay for your child's meals using a credit card. **Please do not send glass or carbonated soda drinks to school.**



Meal Prices

Student Breakfast	Free
Student Lunch	Free
2nd Student Lunch	\$2.00
Adult Lunches	\$3.10
Adult Breakfast	\$1.40

A La Carte Items

Milk	\$0.40
Juice	\$0.75

(Prices subject to change)



Birthdays and Celebrations



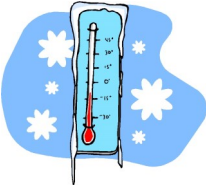

Villas Elementary enjoys celebrating special occasions with our students. Birthdays and other celebrations should take place during the scheduled lunch period. All treats must be store bought. No homemade foods can be distributed to students for health and safety reasons.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
	No School- Winter Break					
7	8 No School Hurricane Make-up Day	9	10	11 Culver's Family Night	12 Quarter 2 AR Party	13
14	15 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17	18 Dairy Queen Night 5:00-8:00 pm	19 Quarter 2 Report Card Day	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 PTA Family Movie Night	27
28 	29 PTA Mtg 5:30 pm SAC Mtg 6:00 pm	30 PTA Mtg 2:30 pm	31			 <small>glitterly.com</small>



Give respect Get respect

Discipline

The Lee County School District Code of Conduct for students serves as a guide as we implement Villas' Discipline Plan. Positive discipline is used throughout our school. Our school-wide rules are:

- Always try and always do my best
- Treat others as I want to be treated
- Respect myself, others and school property
- Walk quietly in and around school
- Keep my hands, feet and objects to myself
- Follow directions
- Use appropriate language
- Leave gum, candy, and toys at home

Individual teachers develop plans to meet classroom needs. Rules, rewards and consequences are included in each classroom plan. Examples of rewards may include verbal praise, good notes or calls home, stickers, visits to the office for a treat or prize, indoor or outdoor free time, class incentives, and classroom celebrations.

Severe or repeated infractions will result in a referral. An investigation of the problem will be conducted as needed. Based on the administrator evaluation of the situation, the following are examples of actions that may be applied: Student, teacher and/or parent conference, note or telephone call to parents, time out, behavior action plan, non-academic detention, before or after school detention, in-school or out-of-school suspension.

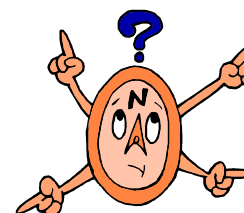
Conferences with School Staff

We encourage parent communication with our staff. In order to help us serve you better, please phone 936-3776 for an appointment. Please avoid conferencing with teachers while they are supervising students (7:25-2:10).



Student Planners

One of our goals at Villas Elementary School is to keep you informed about events at school and your child's academic progress. Students are expected to bring their planners to and from school each day. Please review all materials, homework assignments, and sign your child's planner prior to returning to school the next day.





Lost and Found

Any clothing found on campus will be placed in the lost and found area in the cafeteria. It is suggested that you label your child's jackets, sweatshirts, backpacks, lunchboxes, and water bottles to assist with recovery. At the end of each quarter all unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



February 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Ground Hog Day National Wear Red Day	3 AR Blast 10:00 am-12:00 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9 Quarter 3 Interim Report Day Family Dance	10
	Pennies for Patients February 5th-16th					
11	12	13	14	15 Student Led Conferences 5:30-6:30 pm Dairy Queen Nigh 5-8:00 pm	16	17
	PTA Book Fair – Media Center					
18	19 No School Presidents' Day	20 No School Teacher In-Service Day	21	22	23 Chuck E Cheese Night 3:00-9:00 pm	24
25 	26 PTA Mtg 5:30 pm SAC Mtg 6:00 pm	27 Gr 4/5 FSA Writing Test PTA Mtg 2:30 pm	28			
			Literacy Week			

Attendance/Tardy Policy

Attendance is mandatory by law and is vitally important for the education of our students. To participate fully in the educational process, your child needs to attend school every day and to be on time. **The last bell rings at 7:55 A.M.** If a student is not in his/her classroom at that time, he/she is tardy and must go to the office to obtain a pass to enter the classroom.



1. The only legitimate excuses for absences are: illness, the death of someone in the family, religious holidays of the child's own religion, a subpoena by law enforcement agency or other justifiable reason approved by the administration.
2. Nineteen (19) or more absences, excused or unexcused, shall be considered excessive. Students with excessive absences may be considered for retention.
3. Parents are to call the office between 8:00—9:00 AM on the first day of their child's absence. A written excuse should also be sent to school on the first day the child returns. The written excuse is important. Not sending a written excuse will result in an unexcused absence and the possibility of a home visit by the school social worker.
4. **Excused notes should include the following information:**
 - **Child's name**
 - **Teacher's name**
 - **Date of Absence/Tardy**
 - **Reason for Absence/Tardy**
 - **Parent's signature**
5. If a parent expects a child to be absent for an extended period of time, he/she should speak to administration about it before the absence occurs.

A complete copy of the District Attendance Policy is available in the school office.



Physical Education and Recess

Physical Education is a regular part of our school program. It is important that students wear clothes that are appropriate for physical activity. Athletic shoes that are closed toe and closed heel must be worn. Sandals, flip-flops, beach shoes, dress shoes, cleats, high heeled sneakers or sneakers with wheels will not be allowed for your child's safety. These same requests apply during other activities such as daily recess. If a child needs to be excused from Physical Education, a written note from the parent must be presented for that day. If a child is to miss more than three days, a doctor's excuse with the dates to be excused is required.




Bicycle Helmet Law

Florida State Law 316.2065 requires a bicycle rider or passengers under 16 years of age to wear a bicycle helmet that meets the standards of the American National Standards Institute. Bicycle helmets must be worn by anyone under the age of 16 riding on a bicycle on School Board property.



March 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Read Across America Day 	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 PTA Family Movie Night	10
11	12	13	14 Spring Picture Day	15 End of Quarter 3 Dairy Queen Night 5:00-8:00 pm	16 No School Professional Duty Day	17 St Patrick's Day 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	No School - Spring Break					
25 	26 PTA Mtg 5:30 pm SAC Mtg 6:00 pm	27 PTA Mtg 2:30 pm Science Night 5:00-8:00 pm	28	29 Quarter 3 AR Parties	30 No School Good Friday	31 



Parent Teacher Association

All parents/guardians are invited to join the Villas Elementary PTA. We are a nonprofit organization run by volunteers. Our main purpose is to bring families together, along with the school staff, in ways that will benefit the students. Research shows children earn better grades and have better behavior when their parents/guardians are involved at school.

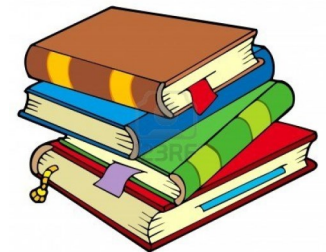
Another important purpose of the Villas PTA is raising funds needed to help provide improvements to the quality of our children's educational experiences. Whether it is sunshades, field trips, picnic benches, new books, chair pouches, butterfly kits, sensory equipment or popcorn on Fridays, these are just some of the ways Villas PTA has helped make that happen.

We, the members of the Villas PTA Board, encourage you to support our school by becoming a PTA member. Join us as we continue to make a positive impact at Villas Elementary. Please note that volunteering is NOT a requirement of membership; however you won't regret it if you try it! Our meetings are open to all who wish to attend and meeting dates are listed in this calendar.



Accelerated Reader Program

A lifelong habit of independent reading is encouraged through our Accelerated Reader Program. Students participate in AR, a technology-based reading program. Kindergarten through 2nd grade students are expected to spend 10 to 20 minutes each evening reading or being read to if they are not yet an independent reader. Students in grades 3 through 5 are expected to spend 20 to 30 minutes each evening reading. Students may also have opportunities during the school day for independent reading. Students will have a quarterly reading goal based on their independent level. Goals include a reading comprehension percentage of 80%, as well as points earned.




Responsibility for Books

All lost textbooks and library books must be paid for. Call the Bookkeeper at 936-3776 for the price. Please make checks payable to "Villas Elementary School."



April 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2 No School Easter Monday	3	4	5	6 Lemonade Stand Quarter 3 Report Card Day	7
	Autism Awareness Week and Nature's Vision Fundraiser					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Nature's Vision Fundraiser					
15	16	17	18	19 Dairy Queen Night 5:00-8:00 pm	20	21
22 Earth Day 	23	24 Volunteer/ Business Partner Appreciation Breakfast 9:00 am	25	26	27 Quarter 3 Interim Report Day	28 AR Blast 1:00AM-12:00 pm
29	30 PTA Mtg 5:30 pm SAC Mtg 6:00 pm					





May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PTA Mtg 2:30 pm	2	3 	4 Star Wars Day "May the Fourth be With You" PTA Family Movie Night	5 Cinco De Mayo Derby Day
6	7	8	9	10 Mother's Day Cake Decorating	11 Spelling Bee Last Day to Return Library Books	12 
	Staff Appreciation Week					
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 4th Quarter AR Party	17 End of Year Piano and Voices of Pride Concert 6:00 pm Dairy Queen Night 5:00-8:00 pm	18 Math Bee	19
20	21 SAC Mtg 6:00 pm	22	23	24 5th Grade Graduation	25 Early Dismissal 12:10 pm	26
27 	28 No School Memorial Day	29 Early Dismissal 12:10 pm	30 End of Quarter 4 Last Day for Students Early Dismissal 12:10 pm Quarter 4 Report Card Day	31 Professional Duty Day		



Facts about Head Lice

- Anyone can get head lice, and it is not a sign of being unclean.
- Head lice cannot jump or fly, but they crawl rapidly.
- Head lice are transmitted by direct contact with a person who is infested, by wearing infested clothing or using an infested comb, brush or hat.
- Head lice make their home in human hair and lay eggs called nits on the hair.
- Nits are tiny, yellowish white, oval specks attached to hair shafts. Unlike dandruff, they will not wash off or blow away.
- Persistent itching is one of the first signs that one may have head lice.
- If one person in the family has head lice, there is a good chance others will have it also. Each family member should be checked.
- Dogs and cats do not have head lice.
- After treatment, the nits are easily removed in bright sunlight.

Sun Protection

To help prevent students from exposure to sun, hats, and sunglasses are approved by the School Board and should be included in school attire during outdoor activities only. When students come indoors these articles must be removed and placed in the student's own book bag or other designated storage area which keeps these items separated. Sunscreen is also an effective protection against sun exposure. If parents wish to have their child protected, sunscreen should be applied at home before the student dresses for school. This will provide protection to the student during the time spent at school as well as during the rest of the day.

District Head Lice Policy

The School District has a no-nit policy regarding head lice. Nits are the eggs laid by a head louse. The no-nit policy simply means that a child excluded for head lice and/or nits shall not return to school until all nits are removed from the hair.

1. A student is sent to the clinic to be screened if there is the possibility of head lice.
2. It is important that head checks are done discreetly so that a student and/or parent is not embarrassed or otherwise victimized.
3. When a student is determined to be positive for lice or nits, the whole class must be checked.
4. Natural light is best, if possible check student near a window.





Excessive absence due to head lice should be reported to the school nurse. Various treatments are now available for head lice. In addition, salad oil, mayonnaise, olive oil and Vaseline can be used to suffocate the lice as long as all nits are removed from the hair.





June 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 	25	26	27 	28	29	30 

Non-Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Lee County Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, age, religion, national origin, handicap or marital status in its educational programs, activities or employment policies. For additional information, see the statement of Non-Discrimination Policy in the Student Code of Conduct book. Established grievance procedures and appropriate discrimination complaint forms are available from the equity coordinator at each school. Complaints/inquiries regarding compliance with these regulations may be directed to:

Student-Related Equity Issues

Director of Student Services

Lee County Public Schools

2855 Colonial Boulevard

Ft. Myers, FL 33966

(239) 337-8181

TTD/TTY (239) 335-1512

Villas' Section 504 Coordinator is

Darcy Neymeyer, School Counselor

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Harassment / Bullying

(Based on District Primary Code of Conduct)

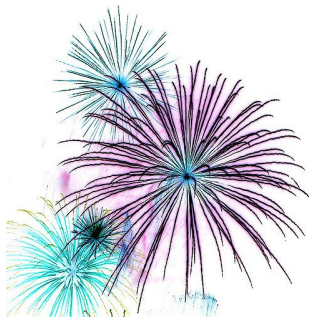
If any words or actions make you feel uncomfortable or fearful you need to report the concern to a teacher, an administrator, the equity coordinator, or another adult at school.

You may also make a written report. The written report should be given to a teacher, an administrator, the equity coordinator, or another adult at school.

Your right to privacy will be respected as much as possible. We take seriously all reports of harassment based upon race, color, national origin, and disability. We will take all appropriate action to investigate such claims to eliminate the harassment and to discipline any person found to have engaged in such conduct.


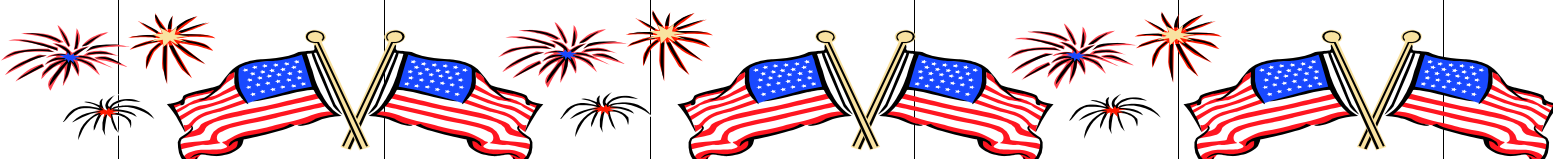
The School District will also take action if anyone tries to intimidate you or take action to harm you because you made such a report.





July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Fourth of July 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Villas School Spirit Song



We're from the school
That's number 1,
We study hard and we have fun.
We're from the Villas, we're the best,
Villas School tops all the rest.

V-I-L-L-A-S

We're from the Villas and we're the best!

Notes

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