## WILL L. LEE ELEMENTARY

Principal, Mrs. Heidi Mangune Dean of Students, Mr. Mike Gibson





#### From Mrs. Mangune...

Most of our 3rd grade students have finish the ELA portion of the M-Step. Thank you all for encouraging your child/children to do their best. It can be a stressful time for both students and staff.

It is hard to believe that we have so little time left in the school year. We want our students to continue to work hard and be prepared for the next grade. The children have been working very hard to meet their NWEA goals. I am very proud of all their efforts. We are working hard to make sure that every single child will feel the pride in achieving success. We have some awesome children.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." –Dr.

Seuss







Facts for Families: What is a Good Cause Exemption Process?

In 2016, the Michigan Legislature passed the Read by Grade Three Law that requires schools to identify and support students in grades Kindergarten through third grade who are struggling with reading and writing.

Facts for Families: Good Cause Exemption (michigan.gov)

# Important Dates to Remember

5/1: Principals Day

5/2-5/8: Teacher Appreciation Week

5/5: Cinco de Mayo

5/6: Lunch Hero Day

5/8: Happy Mother's Day

5/9-5/13: Student Appreciation Week

5/17, 5/18 & 5/19: 2nd Grade Field Trip

5/18: Speech Pathologist Day!

5/20: Color Run

5/30: Memorial Day- No School

#### **Attendance Letters**

As part of our attendance initiative in the district, we review our attendance trends frequently at each school.

Lee Elementary saw 946 absences during the month of March, including 246 total tardies.

It is so important that our students are in the building and on time as much as possible. As we round out this school year, please note that Attendance Letters will be mailed out next week. It is district policy that we keep parents updated on their child's school attendance & truancy concerns. At this time, letters are for your awareness and no further action is needed. If there is a serious attendance concern, you will receive a call from the school office. We do understand that in some cases, absences cannot be avoided, but we want to remind all of our families that we are committed to each and every student here at Lee Elementary. It is important that they are here so we can push them forward academically and socially as much as possible. Thank you for your support as we look to improve our attendance!!







Mr. Gibson's Message



It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the school year, but here we are! You'll notice that our graduation dates and times have been released for our preschool classes. The flyer is included in the newsletter today. We will be sending out more details and reminders as we approach the big day!

The preschoolers had an exciting week as they were able to invite a special guest to come and have breakfast with them. "Donuts With Grown-ups" was a big success and we'd like to thank all our families for participating. It was so nice to see the smiles on their faces when their special visitor walked in! All of the classrooms were treated to Donuts and Orange Juice and it was an awesome day for our students and families.

The Preschool will be going on a field trip to **Upland Hills Farm on Wednesday, May 25**<sup>th</sup>. All of the required information should have been sent home by your child's teacher. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher for information.

There are so many fun events coming up here at Lee Elementary and we are excited for the warmer weather that typically comes during the month of May (hopefully!)

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. We have great families here and we appreciate your time and dedication.

Have a great weekend!!

# Will L Lee's May Focus... compassion

We understand things come up... but please be sure to request early dismissals by calling the office at 586-727-2509 BEFORE 2pm!!

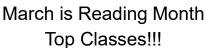
Unplanned early dismissals interrupt instructional time & can be stressful for students & staff!

#### **UPCOMING LEE Events!!**

If you are interested in helping, please watch for the sign up genius information coming soon!

Color Run- Friday, May 20th

Field Day- Wednesday, June 1st



Preschool: Mrs. Ottenbacher Kindergarten: Mrs. Gibson 1st Grade: Mrs. VanSledright 2nd Grade: Mrs. Hunter

3rd Grade: Mrs. LaGrois

School Total... 235,467 hours!!

CONGRATS to ALL of our OUTSTANDING STUDENT READERS!!!

Be sure to join the PTO Facebook page for school activity updates, happenings around town & district announcements!!

Will L Lee Parent Connection





- •Go to register if you need to make an account L. Le
- •Or go to sign in if you have an account
- •Log in, then go to the Community Rewards Tab
- •Go to the orange tab for the school name
- •Search for Will L. Lee Elementary #23846 Kroger C
- •Click that you support us and you are done
- •Will L. Lee Elementary should show up on the bottom of your Kroger receipt

#### LOST & FOUND!!!!

Please stop by the Lee Lobby to check out our LARGE collection of Lost items!!

Please also check the Childcare Lost & Found at pick up and drop off!!
All remaining items will be donated at the end of the school year.

Lee Newsletters are housed on the Lee Elementary website and e-mailed to families.

Please check the school website for the most up-to-date information. <a href="https://www.richmond.k12.mi">www.richmond.k12.mi</a>

# Richmond Community Schools

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# **Awards & Graduation**

# End Of Year Awards! Details Coming Soon....

June 8th @ 1:30pm-2:30pm - Kindergarten

June 13th @ 10:30am-11:15am – 1st Grade

June 14th @ 10:30am-11:15am – 2nd Grade

June 15th @ 8:30am-9:30am – 3rd Grade







3yr. Old Preschool



# Richmond Community Schools

# New Online Enrollment 5 Step Process

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# **Pre-Registration**

Go to Richmond Community Schools' homepage and click on 'Enrolling Students' under the Quick Links feature. Click on the words 'Pre-Registration Enrollment' and fill out the form.

https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/RichmondCS

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#### **Receive Confirmation Email**

- . K-12 parents will receive a successful submission email.
- Preschool parents will receive a successful submission email and a link to MyProcare to make payment arrangements.

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## PowerSchool Parent Portal Account

You will receive an additional email on how to sign up or log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account using the provided access ID and password.

The PowerSchool Parent Portal link is https://ps.ric.misd.net/public/

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### Fill out Enrollment Forms

Fill out the required enrollment forms. You will be able to directly upload documents. Your progress can be saved at any time for your convenience.

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# Setup an Appointment

Upon submission of the last form, you will be directed to an online scheduler to make an appointment. This appointment is required to finalize the enrollment process or to receive any assistance.

**BECOME A BLUE DEVIL BY ENROLLING TODAY!** 

GUARANTEED LEARNING FOR ALL STUDENTS

New Students

Grades 1-12!!





## **Academic Camp Offerings**



**Kinder Connect** for Pre-K



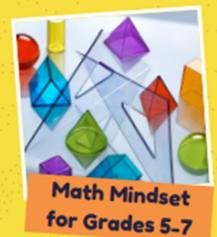
First Grade Fundamentals for Kindergarteners



STEM Literacy for Grades 1-3



Middle School Readers and Writers for Grades 3-4 and 5-7





**Credit Recovery** for Grades 9-12

# nrichment Camp Offerings



Gardening for Grades PreK-1



**Arts and Crafts** for Grades PreK-1



Classic Games for Grades 1-3



Lego City for Grades 2-4



Theatre for Grades 5-7





for Grades 6-11

# **Academic Summer Camps**



#### About Kinder Connect Camp (Pre-K entering K)

Kinder Connect (Pre-K entering K) Summer Learning Camp is a continuum of education delivery that builds fundamental literacy skills. Students will be engaged in interactive, meaningful literacy experiences through daily read alouds. They will gain important pre-reading concepts such as print awareness, phonological awareness, letter/sound knowledge, oral language, vocabulary, and comprehension

#### About First Grade Fundamentals Camp (K entering Grade 1)

First Grade Fundamentals (K entering Grade 1) Summer Learning Camp is a continuum of education delivery that builds fundamental literacy skills. Students will be engaged in interactive, meaningful literacy experiences through daily read alouds. They will gain important pre-reading concepts such as print awareness, phonological awareness, letter/sound knowledge, oral language, vocabulary, and comprehension.

#### About STEM Literacy Camp (Grades 1-3 entering Grades 2-4)

In this camp, students will engage with high-interest science-based texts to develop vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension strategies. Text levels will vary between beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and end of 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Students reading below an early 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading level may struggle with the materials. Students will also engage in science and engineering activities and investigations focused on developing rich content knowledge.

### About Middle School Readers and Writers Camp (Grades 3-7 entering Grades 4-8)

Middle School Readers and Writers is a workshop-based camp that focuses on providing middle grade students with daily opportunities to read, write, and discuss their ideas with peers. Students will work toward individual reading and writing goals and be engaged in high-interest books with engaging questions. Students will organize their learning in a readers-writers notebook, with the course ending in a culminating multi-genre project. One camp will be geared for entering Grades 4 and 5, and the other camp geared for Grades 6-8.

### About Math Mindset Camp (Grades 5-7 entering Grades 6-8)

Math Mindsets is a math camp for students entering 6th thru 8th grade who believe mathematics is not their strength. Our goal is to communicate the brain research to math students and teach them through an approach that is open, creative and visual. The term "growth mindset" comes from the work of Carol Dweck. Her studies show that everyone holds ideas about their own potential. Students with a fixed mindset are those who are more likely to give up easily, whereas students with a growth mindset are those who keep on going even when work is hard, and who are persistent.

### About Credit Recovery (Grades 9-12)

Richmond Community Schools will be offering a Credit Recovery Course for any student needing to makeup a failed credit required for graduation. We will be utilizing the Edgenuity Program (formally known as E2020).

# **Enrichment Summer Camps**



#### About Gardening for (Pre-K-Grade 1 entering Grade K-2)

Students will learn about various plants and flowers and get to grow their own. Students will read fictional and informational picture books about plants and gardens.

#### About Arts and Crafts (Pre-K-Grade 1 entering Grade K-2)

Students will read stories, learn about art and get hands-on with crafts. Crafts include painting bird houses, paper flowers, 3D bugs, modeling clay art, etc.

#### About Classic Games (Grades 1-3 entering Grade 2-4)

Students will earn how to play classic games such as Uno, Sorry, Checkers, Clue, Candyland, etc.

#### About Lego City (Grades 2-4 entering Grades 3-5)

Students will build city buildings out of Legos and read about their function. Students will then find the area, perimeter, and volume of their buildings. Families are welcome to check out the city at the end of the program.

# About Ceramics Pop Art Inspired Clay Sculptures (Grades 4-9 entering Grades 5-10)

Students will explore the artwork of Claus Oldenburg as inspiration to create their own clay sculptures. Students will research, design, glaze, and critique their art.

### About Theatre (Grades 4-7 entering Grades 5-8)

Students will learn how to read scripts and learn the basics of acting. Students will get the opportunity to act in a real play. Students and families will enjoy a small production at the end of the camp

### About Puzzles and Pi (5-9 entering Grades 6-10)

Students will get to explore different math-related puzzles like Noggle, Sudoku, brain teasers, logic puzzles, and Jigsaw puzzles. Learn different strategies and techniques and play against and with your friends.

# About Grossology (Dissection and Anatomy (Grades 6-10 entering Grades 7-11)

Students will explore proper dissection techniques and get the opportunity to dissect a sheep heart and brain, a fetal pig, and a cow's eye.