



WILL L. LEE ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER 2022

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



*"Working Together=
Learning for All"*

Holiday Greeting from Mrs. Mangune

The start of a new year always brings excitement and positive outlooks. We are very excited at Lee to continue to focus on positive environment and rigorous learning environment for students and staff.

NWEA Testing

As we prepare to transition back after the holidays we will begin NWEA assessment mid-January. The assessment schedule will be posted on The Lee Elementary website under the assessments tab. The winter assessment will be used to analyze and adjust the curriculum and instruction for all students. It is important that students are here and rested. This assessment gives us the skills that our teachers can begin working on with your child. Students will continue to work towards their end of the year goal. The NWEA also helps students get prepared for the 3rd grade M-Step that begins in April.

I hope you enjoy the wonderful holiday break and enjoy your time focused on family and friends. Happy Holidays!

- Mrs. Mangune





Warm Wishes from Mr. Gibson



As we start the school year, you may have noticed that we are referencing attendance and how we would like to improve our attendance data this year. It is so important that our students are in school and on time to receive the education that they deserve. Every minute of instruction that a student loses is another minute that they could potentially fall behind. We have been rewarding students for their weekly attendance over the last few weeks and we now have monthly classroom competitions. The second grade won the attendance competition for the month of November! They enjoyed a candy cane party in their classrooms. As we continue to push for stronger attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything that we can do to help. We want to provide the best education possible to every single student, but that does mean they have to be here at school and on time. As a reminder, my door is always open, feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

It is hard to believe that we are approaching 2023! We have so much to be excited about and thankful for here at Lee. We will be having our monthly PBIS assembly on Friday, December 16th and our moral focus is gratitude. As the holidays approach, it is important to be thankful for everything and everyone in our lives. We have amazing students who work very hard. We are so proud of all the hard work they have done to this point of the school year, and we notice how much they are improving daily. We are thankful for the dedicated and passionate families who go above and beyond to make this school an amazing place to be. Recently, we had a lot of families come in to help decorate the school with the principal. The school looks amazing and there were a lot of smiles the next day as students returned to a Christmas Wonderland. This is just one example of how our school community comes together to make the experience here at Lee so great. We are also thankful for our amazing and dedicated staff that continues to shine and provide awesome instruction to our students here at Lee. We appreciate their hard work, passion, and commitment to our students and families. We hope everyone enjoys the break and the additional time that they will be able to spend with their families as we enter 2023!

Mr. Gibson

Gratitude
is the
Best
Attitude





RICHMOND EARLY LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Preschool has been very busy as we approach the holidays! We had a great turnout for our Fall Social and we want to thank everyone who came. We hope everyone enjoyed the books and treats as we continue to focus on promoting Early Literacy in our preschool program. It was a great event and the perfect way to head into the Thanksgiving holiday. We are also excited to begin planning for our winter social. The date and details about the event will be shared soon!

On **Monday, December 19th** we will be having our preschool Christmas program in the cafeteria. The 3-year-old and four-year-old tuition students will begin at 8:45am followed by our GSRP students around 9:10. All of our students will finish the program by singing a song together. We are asking all of our families to enter through the cafeteria doors in order to reduce traffic in the building during the school day. At the conclusion of the program, families will be invited to attend the classroom Christmas parties. More instructions will be given at the event. This will be the first time in several years that we will be able to have our Christmas program in person, so we are very excited about that! We can't wait to see you all on December 19th! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

With our PBIS assembly focusing on gratitude during the month of December, I would like to say that we are thankful for all of our preschoolers and families here at Lee. We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful break! We are excited to see what 2023 brings.

- Mr. Gibson

*Let
it
Snow*



Specials Spotlight



Lee Media Center



This month in the Library, the students have been enjoying time reading with their book buddies!

We also added 6 new alternate seats in the library, and I am adding new titles daily thanks to a successful book fair, and thoughtful donations.

Please remember library books are due back weekly. Please help your student remember to keep track of their library book when they have it at home.

Thank you! Mrs. Nichol

Technology with Mrs. Boettcher



In the younger grades we have been learning how to use Kid Pix Studio Software. Kid Pix Studio is a powerful multimedia software tool for young children. It includes many amazing art tools, animated stamps and special effects, and slide show features that include sound, screen transitions, and video. It allows you to import images, edit stamps, edit text like in a word processor and even turn text into speech. It is extremely open-ended and can be effectively applied to all areas of your curriculum and be used by all students, non-readers included. My favorite feature is the text to speech. The kindergarteners have really enjoyed typing in their names and having the computer say their names aloud.



Specials Spotlight



STEAM

Third grade students completed their unit on extreme weather by designing an building houses to withstand hurricanes out of recycled materials. Then students tested their homes against "hurricane" winds by using a fan. Great discussions were had about why some houses worked and others did not. Students will also build houses that will survive severe flooding after doing online research.

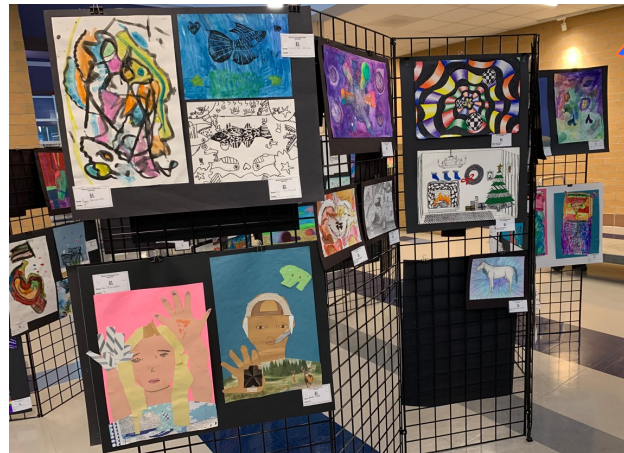
Second grade students completed their unit on biomes of the world. They were given the challenge to rescue their Minion who crashed on a deserted island. They had to work as a team to design and build a boat that would float for at least 2 minutes without taking in water. Thankfully all Minions made it safely back home!

First grade students completed their unit on insects and spiders. Students made spiders and learned facts about spiders, and they designed and created their own insect. Students applied what they learned about insects by making sure their new insect had three body parts, six legs, antennae, and optional wings. They used pipe cleaners, buttons, foam shapes, construction paper, and modeling clay to create their insects. Students gave their new insect creation a name and stated what special adaptations their insect had while presenting to their classmates.

Kindergarten students completed their unit on animals and animal habitats. Students designed and created habitat diorama using paper plates and created their animal out of modeling clay. Students then presented their animal and its habitat to the class.



Over 100 pieces of awesome art from elementary students is on display during the Winter Band and Choir Concerts at the High School Auditorium. The display can be seen **Thursday, December 15th from 6-8 pm.** Art from the Middle and High School is also on display.



ART

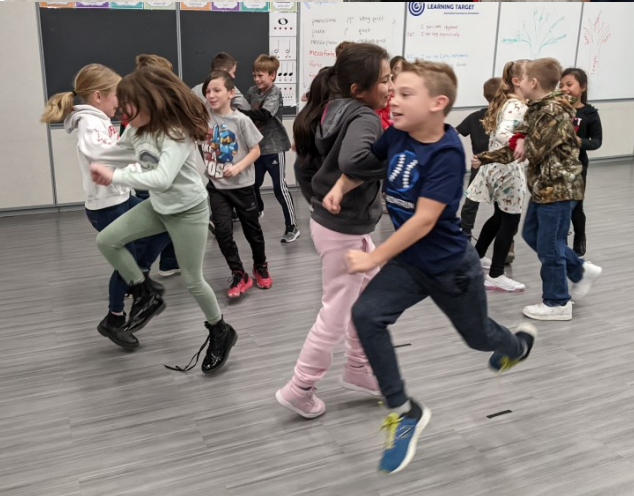


Specials Spotlight



GYM

M2 in gym class was a success. Students quickly adapted to the classroom policies and procedures, they moved a lot and had tons of fun with our games and education activities. We are looking forward to having a whole new batch of students and classes next week, starting December 19.



MUSIC

In music, 2nd and 3rd graders have been working on singing independently by learning rounds and two-part songs. They have been learning terms to describe music, such as dynamics and tempo. They practiced reading poems with a steady beat and learned a folk dance called "Highland Gates."

Kindergarten and 1st grade have learned music terms to describe music opposites, like piano and forte (quiet and loud). They love the circle game, Grizzly Bear, in which they sing piano and forte and try not to let the bear see them move. They have also enjoyed dancing with scarves to show high and low.

All students currently in music are preparing for a performance!



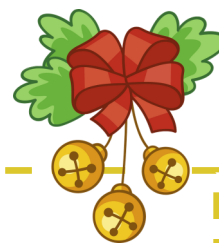
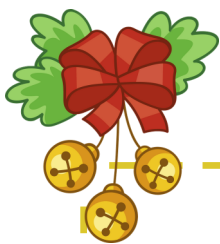
BUILDING ANNOUNCEMENTS



REMINDER: All students should have snow boots, hat, gloves & snow pants each day. Students go outside for recess every day unless the real feel temp is below 15 degrees or it's



IMPORTANT... Students **will not** be called down to the office for early dismissal until the parent/pick up person has arrived. Please plan accordingly!!



Calendar Updates

- 12/12-12/16: Santa's Shop (See Flyer for Details)*
- 12/16: End of Current Specials Classes*
- 12/16: Gingerbread House Night @ Lee (See Flyer for Details)*
- 12/19: Start of New Specials Classes*
- 12/22: Half Day of School*
- 12/23-1/3: No School- Holiday Break
: NWEA Testing*
- 1/16: No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
- 1/18, 1/19 & 1/20: Half Days– End of 1st Semester/2nd Quarter*
- 1/27: Lee PTO Mom Prom*



On **December 16th**, we will celebrate
Gratitude & Thankfulness at Lee with our PBIS
assembly!

Next month, we'll recognize students who show
strength in Encouragement!





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

Will L Lee Parent Connection



MASQUERADE
MOM PROM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH AT 6:00PM
MANIACI'S | RICHMOND, MI

\$55 (until 12/23/22) \$60 (12/24/22-1/22/23)

INCLUDED IN YOUR TICKET PRICE:
DINNER, OPEN BAR, DJ & PHOTOBOOTH



**LEE PTO'S
LETTERS TO SANTA**

DROP OFF YOUR LETTER TO SANTA IN THE RED MAIL BOX AT THE FRONT OF LEE ELEMENTARY & RECIEVE A LETTER BACK!

Letter drop off begins 12/1/22

Last day to drop off letters 12/16/22

If you would like a reply from Santa please include your address



Thank you to our AMAZING families for our beautiful holiday decorations throughout the school!!



We hope you have a great break and wish you all

Happy Holidays!

We cannot wait to see you in January & hear all about your holiday adventures and celebrations!

Happy Holidays!

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