



WILL L. LEE ELEMENTARY

OCTOBER 2022



A Few Notes from our Head

During our school board meeting on October 12th, we presented on Lee Elementary student achievement data. Our students continue to achieve at high rates. We need your continued help in order to ensure students are continuing to learn and are ready for what's next!!

Together, our children can achieve great things!!

Reminder... Vacations and Trips during the School Day...

We encourage our families to avoid taking extended vacations, camping trips, and long weekends during the school year. Every day of learning counts. As you know, teachers put a lot of intentional time and effort into the learning that takes place everyday. It is also difficult to teach a classroom of students while getting other students caught up. Thank you for valuing your child being here everyday and on time.

Parent teacher conferences were well attended and very powerful conversations have taken place. It is great seeing staff and parents/guardians working as a team to help all students.

The PTO has been very busy since the beginning of the school year. The parents have decorated the front lobby, run the book fair, and organized the chocolate fundraiser.

These have been very successful fundraisers to help provide additional activities and supplies for the students and staff at Lee. A big "Thank you" to all of the parents for their time and effort so far this year.

This particular month is a perfect time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. We are certainly thankful for working with the most amazing students, parents, and staff at Lee Elementary. I hope you enjoy this Thanksgiving season. As always, please reach out to our school if you have any questions or need assistance at any time!

- Mrs. Mangune



Principal, Mrs. Heidi Mangune

Dean of Students, Mr. Mike Gibson



RICHMOND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



Preschool has been very busy in October! We took our Fall field trip to Westview Orchards, and everyone had a blast. Of course, it was great to have nice Fall Michigan weather too! Halloween was a blast and all of our students looked so great in their costumes! Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate this time around, but we made the best of it here at school. The tuition preschool classrooms attended our PBIS assembly on respect and they did an amazing job listening during the assembly.

As a staff, we have been very impressed with our preschoolers and their behavior to start the year. We are in the process of planning our **Fall Preschool Event**, which is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 22nd**. More details will be coming home very soon!

We had our preschool conferences, and it was so nice to see all our families! Even though conferences have already taken place, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns throughout the school year.

Just a reminder that this Friday, November 4th is a half day of school. Preschool will not be in session, and we are not able to open childcare for preschoolers during the day on ½ days.

Have a wonderful week!

- Mr. Gibson



Hearing and Vision Screenings

MCHD will be at school next week to complete hearing and vision screenings for our Preschool students.



Please be sure to complete and return the MCHD screening form sent home with your child. If you do not wish to have your child screened, please send written notification to your child's teacher.

Please remember that screenings are required for entrance into Kindergarten.

This Month in the Library...

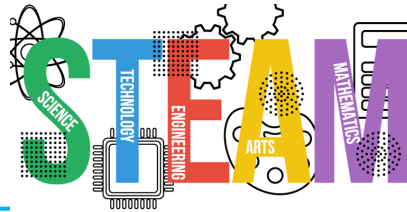


- The book fair was a **BIG SUCCESS!** Thank you to everyone who helped support our school and those who took time out of their day to help volunteer. We will be adding more non-fiction titles and adding more flex seating in the library. Book fair will return in March.

- Students have started bringing home their library books. Please remember that books need to be returned every week to check out a new book. A flyer went home with your students library day.

If you have any questions regarding the Library, please reach out to me!!!

Stephanie Nichol @ snichol@richmond.k12.mi.us



The past 8 weeks were busy for students in STEAM class grades k-3 during the first round of specials!!

Kindergarten learned about animals and their habitats, did research during stations, programmed BeeBot Robot, completed Lego build challenges, and created their own animal out of clay and designed a habitat for that animal.

First grade students learned about insects and spiders. They built spider webs, participated in research stations, completed Lego build challenges, programmed BeeBot Robot, and created a "new" insect based off of what they learned about insect along with describing their new insect's habitat.

Second graders learned about biomes. They participated in research stations, completed Lego build challenges, programmed Dash Robot, completed Minecraft challenges, and designed and built a boat to rescue their stranded Minion.

Third grade students learned about extreme weather. They participated in research stations, completed Lego build challenges, programmed Dash robot, completed Minecraft challenges, and designed and built houses to withstand hurricanes. The second round of specials started on October 24.

-Mrs. Durst



Students have just completed the end of the first mini marking period and we are completing week 1 of mini marking period 2. In physical education, students are learning the various rules and procedures in class, and we are beginning with locomotor skills and focusing on following directions and being great teammates.

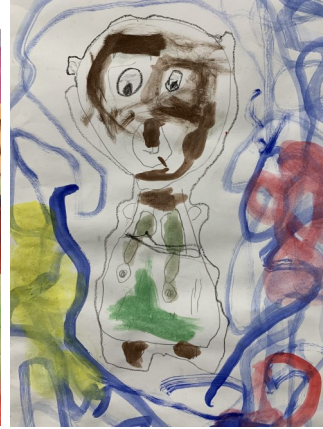
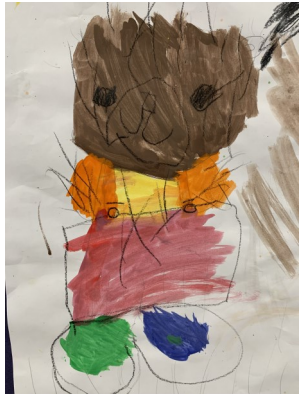
-Mr. Barnes

What's Happening In..



ART CLASS

Kindergarten art students created these super cute paintings inspired by the book Corduroy the Bear

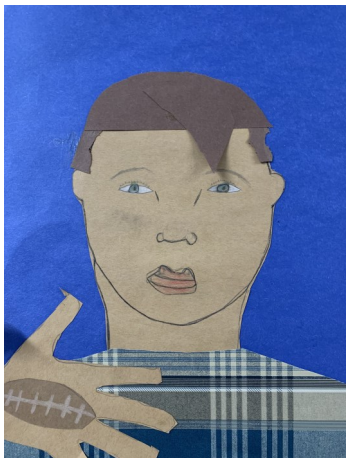


1st Grade art students made these fabulous contour color mix bottles



2nd Grade art students did a great job creating these Crayon Batik Sunflowers showing lots of Variety

3rd Grade art students learned about face mapping when they created these Symbolic Self Portraits



□ Mrs. Boettcher's Technology □

Newsletter




In the Lee Elementary Computer Lab upper grade students have been learning how to read and write code using the website Hour of Code. This website allows students to think and plan out ways to make their character move about the computer screen. Through their mistakes they process how to write the correct code to have the outcome they desire. To some students this is very difficult work. So when they succeed after multiple attempts I see a lot of high fives and arms waving. I tell them the only way you succeed is to make mistakes and learn from them. When coding the students know that when they make mistakes they are just that much closer to success. Find the Hour of Code link on my Symbaloo Website called Mrs. Boettcher's Mix.

"Learning to write code stretches your mind, and helps you think better, creates a way of thinking about things that I think is helpful in all domains".

Bill Gates

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Mrs Boettcher's Mix



<https://www.symbaloo.com/mix/mrsboettchersmix>

"Working Together = Learning for All"





Upcoming Dates to Remember



11/4: Half Day (11:15am Dismissal) & End of 1st Quarter

11/7, 11/9-11/11: Preschool Hearing & Vision

11/11: Veterans Day

11/8: No School- Election Day

11/16: Picture Retake Day (All Grades)

11/23-11/25: No School- Thanksgiving Break



****Kindergarten/First Grade Gate Entrance-** There is no supervision until 7:40am. **PLEASE DO NOT** send your child through the gate until that time**

Please be mindful that not all children love our pets as much as we do! Please keep your pets at home while dropping off and picking up students for everyone's safety!

Remember to label your child's coat, lunchbox, water bottle, etc.!!!
Early dismissals must be called into the office by 2pm... this is for your child's safety! Office Phone: 586-727-2509

As the weather changes and fall sets in, please be sure your child has a coat and weather appropriate shoes everyday! Recess is outside unless it's raining.



PowerSchool Launch!!!

PowerSchool is a easy to use platform the district uses to house and share student information with parents!! The middle and high school already use PowerSchool and soon our Lee families will too! Access to the system gives parents the ability to review their students subject proficiency and attendance! If you do not currently have access to PowerSchool, please watch your child's Friday Folder for more information!! Any questions, please feel free to call us @ 727-2509!!

Novembers Moral Focus is...

FORGIVENESS

Richmond Community Schools is
looking for support for our annual

Sandy's Kids Program!

Sandy's Kids is a holiday giving program that has helped
many children and families in need in our district get
toys and clothing items for Christmas for over 20 years.



To support, you can...

- Sponsor a child or family in need
- Shop for a child or family in need
- Give a monetary donation (checks can be made out to Richmond Community Schools)



If interested in supporting, please contact:

Nancy Laratonda: (586) 727-3225 ext. 3601

Jolie Wycinski: (586) 727-7552 ext. 2103

Samantha Perry: (586) 727-2509 ext. 1013

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