

# WILL L. LEE ELEMENTARY

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

# APRIL

## 2023



## A Quick Note from Mrs. Mangune...

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.

See below for the testing schedule & have an amazing Spring Break!! See you April 11th!

Mrs. Mangune

### Kindergarten– 2nd Grade NWEA Dates

May 8th-25th

### May 3rd Grade M-Step Dates

May 1st –5th & May 15-19



# A Message from Mr. Gibson...



**Spring Break is here!** It is hard to believe we are entering the month of April, but we have many exciting events to look forward to hopefully some warmer weather!

I just want to take a moment to thank all of our guest readers who have been in to read in our building. Reading month is coming to an end and we had so many guest readers come in to volunteer their time. The staff and students enjoyed having you!

We held our PBIS assembly recently centered around the topic of kindness and it was a great assembly for our students. We talked about kindness and how it is important to be kind all of the time, not only when an adult is present, but when nobody is watching. We have great families and students here at Lee and we see a lot of kindness being spread throughout our building. After the discussion, students read some poetry that they have been memorizing and working on at home.

Everyone did an amazing job! It is hard to get up and speak in front of other people and our students did it in front of 100+ students and staff. It was a great assembly for us here at Lee!

Preschool and Kindergarten enrollment is in full swing! If you have any questions about how to enroll for the 2023-2024 school year, please rush out to us here in the office. We can point you in the right direction. All of our enrollment information is posted online on the district website.

I want to wish all of our families a safe and relaxing Spring Break! It has been a long run and our students have been working very hard, so it is definitely deserved. We will see all of you back here at school when we return on **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**!

## Will L Lee's April Focus...



### IMPORTANT!!! END OF DAY/CHILDCARE CHANGES!!!

- End of Day changes **MUST** be called into the office no later than 2pm! Exceptions are made for emergencies. After 2pm, it is very difficult to get messages to students/teachers!
- If you need to add or remove your child from the childcare list, PLEASE notify the office AND childcare to ensure your child's teacher and childcare know exactly where your child is supposed to be!



# Richmond Early Childhood Center



Spring

Break is here!

It is hard to believe we are entering the month of April, but we have many exciting events to look forward to. Donuts with Grown-Ups, Popsicles with Parents, Spring Social, and so much more will be coming up. You should see updates with information about any upcoming events coming home from your child's teacher!!

I just want to take a moment to thank all of our guest readers who have been in to read for our preschool classrooms. Reading month is coming to an end and our guest readers are so appreciated!

We had an awesome turnout for preschool round-up! I want to thank all of our parents once again for attending. It was an awesome night and it was nice to see so many new and familiar faces that place to return in the Fall! We also had a great turnout for our Preschool Registration Day that we held last Friday! Please contact us in the office at 727-2509, if you have any questions or concerns about the enrollment process.

The preschool courtyard will be revamped in the Spring and we are very excited about that. New sidewalks, a beautiful Gazebo, and outdoor classroom materials will all be installed! We are very grateful for this new addition to our preschool program! We will send updates & pictures as the new additions begin to take shape!

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- Mr. Gibson



**Please Note: There is NO CHANGE to the Preschool calendar following Mr. Walmsley's email about the addition of school days at the end of the year!!**

Spring  
BREAK

## Important Dates to Remember



4/3-4/10: SPRING BREAK... NO SCHOOL

4/9: Happy Easter

4/11: Student Council Meeting

4/13: Green Club Meeting

4/14: Last day of current Specials

4/19: Preschool Donuts with Grownups (Details to follow)

4/19: District EL & Title 1 Night

4/27: Green Club Meeting

4/28: PBIS Assembly

5/1-5/5: M-Step Testing (3rd Grade)

5/8-5/12: NWEA Testing (K-2)

5/9: Last Student Council Mtg

5/10: Preschool to Beebe Park

5/11: Green Club Meeting

5/15-5/19: M-Step Testing (3rd Grade)

5/19: PBIS Assembly

5/22-5/25: NWEA Testing (K-2)

5/26 & 5/29: MEMORIAL DAY... NO SCHOOL



### REMINDER....

All classroom/teacher requests for the 2023-2024 school year MUST be received no later than

**Thursday, June 1st, 2023!!!**

# GYM

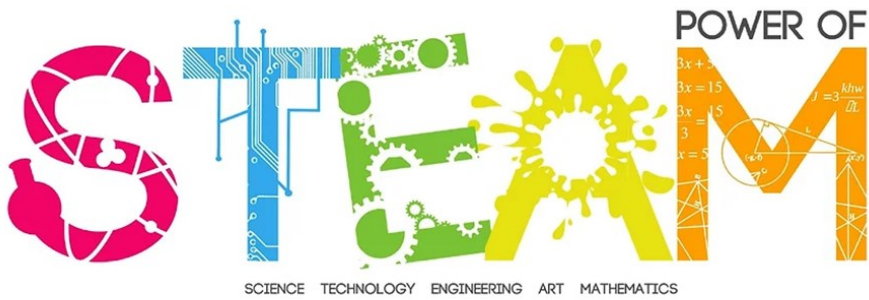
In the month of March, we did many fun activities involving throwing & catching, chasing & fleeing, and parachute team building. The students have been working hard and bringing great energy to the gym. We are excited to continue to learn new things and try our best!

- Mr. Williams



# GYM

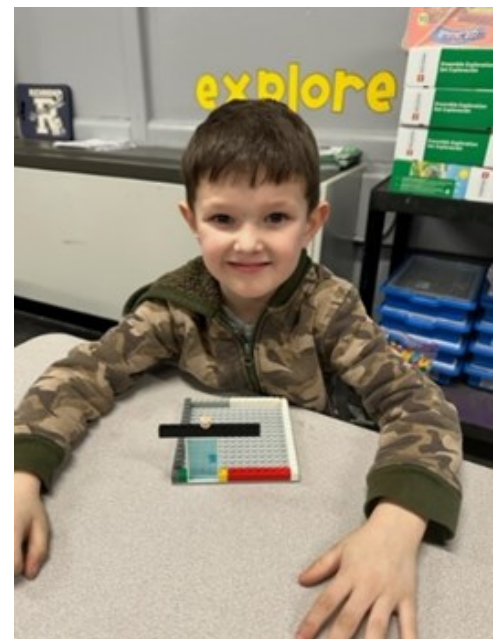




**ART + SCIENCE = PROGRESS**

## Kindergarten - Keva Plank Challenges and Lego Challenges

Students in kindergarten were given challenges to build strong structures with Keva Planks. They built bridges, towers, buildings, and furniture. Students also completed several Lego Build Challenges during the Build It Unit.



## First Grade

Students in first grade programmed BeeBot Robot through various challenges. For most of them it was year two programming and they were asked to program to selected areas in two different ways to create a more challenging experience. Students also are learning about insects and spiders through learning stations, and they are completing Lego Build Challenges.



## Second Grade Build It Unit: Paper airplanes and parachutes

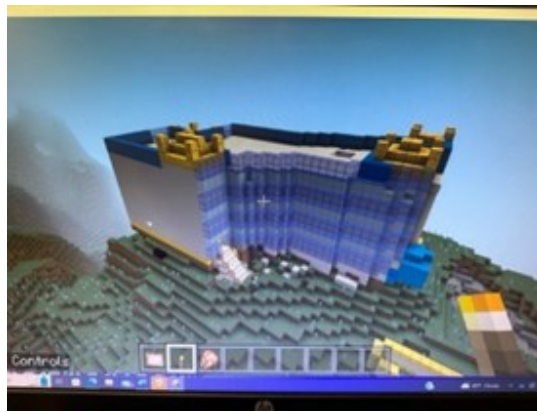
Students in second grade designed, built, tested, and improved paper airplanes and parachutes while learning about gravity, aerodynamics, drag, and thrust. They even went outside to compare flying the paper airplanes outside to inside. Students had to land their Lego person parachute as close to the X on the floor and as safely as possible.





## Third Grade Programming/Minecraft Unit

Third grade students completed Dash Robot challenges in their second year using Dash. Students were challenged to build castles in Minecraft in team of 2-3 students following specific criteria. They were super creative with their castles!



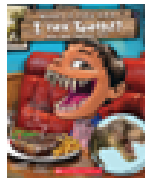
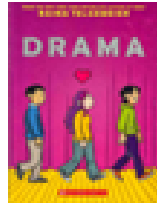
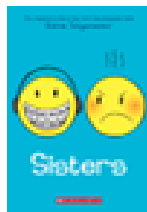
## Lego Robotics 2023!

Students in grades 2 and 3 have started their spring season of robotics a Lee. We have several parents who volunteered to help each week with the four teams. They are busy learning about the different types of energy both renewable and nonrenewable energy forms. Their task this season will be to come up with a better, cleaner way to produce energy.



## Will L Lee Media Center

### Top 10 Titles for March

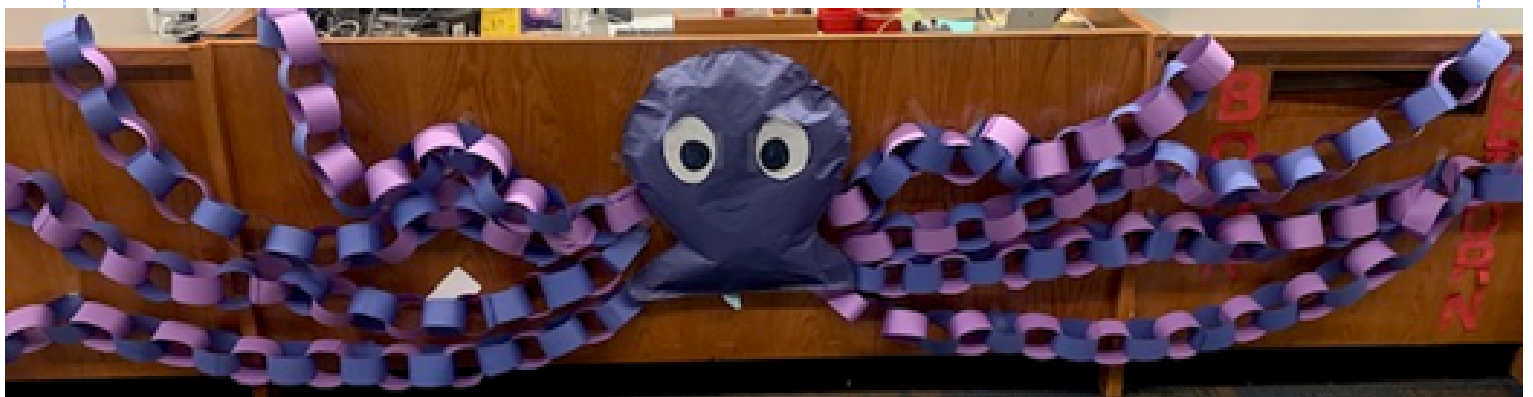


This was a busy month for the media center. We kicked off March is reading month and have had a lot of bookmark contest submissions. I can't wait to see who our winners are. We also had a guest reader in the library this month. Thank you BOE member Candess Cunningham for reading to a few classes.

The Spring bookfair was another successful fair, THANK YOU for your continued support in getting books into our students hands! We were able to purchase over \$100 in books for our library from the All For Books donations. THANK YOU!!

We have checked out over 1,000 books in the last 30 days! Keep up the reading. There is nothing like the adventure that reading takes you on.

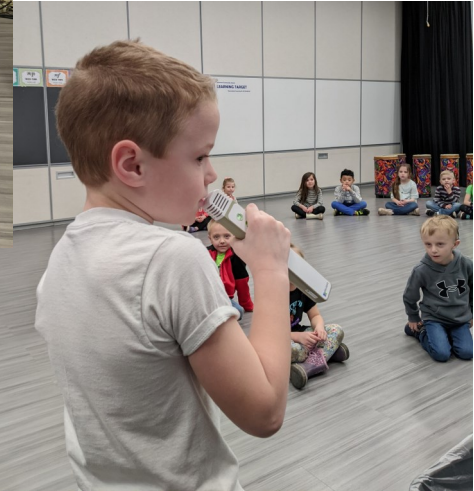
We have 243 overdue books. Students are expected to return their books weekly.



# Music

**Kindergarten and First Grade** and have been working on music opposites like high and low and loud and quiet. Often they think high and loud mean the same thing in music, so we work on differentiating the them. They continue to practice steady beat with handshakes. Students have also had opportunities to lead the welcome song as a solo.

**Second and Third Grade** have helped create some parts of their performances, like rhythms and handshakes. They learned Italian vocabulary to describe how loud the music should be, dynamics. They have composed rhythms and practiced them.



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.

**Mrs. Boettcher's  
Computer Lab**

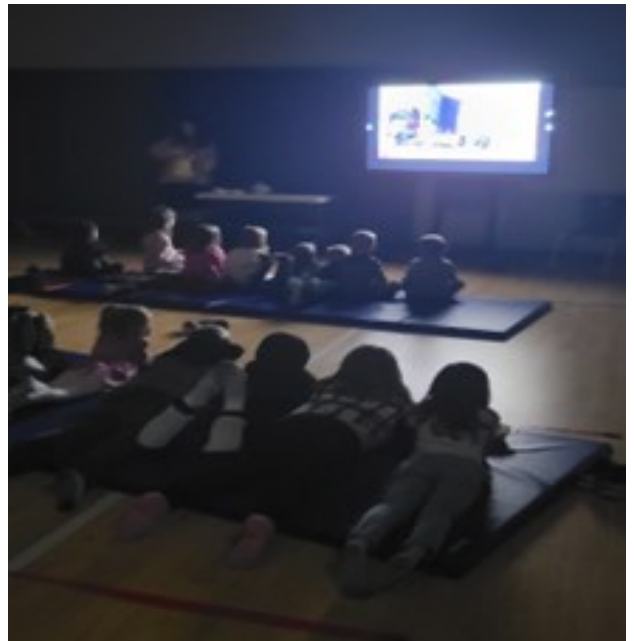


**Happy April from Childcare!!!**

**Look what fun we had in March!!!**



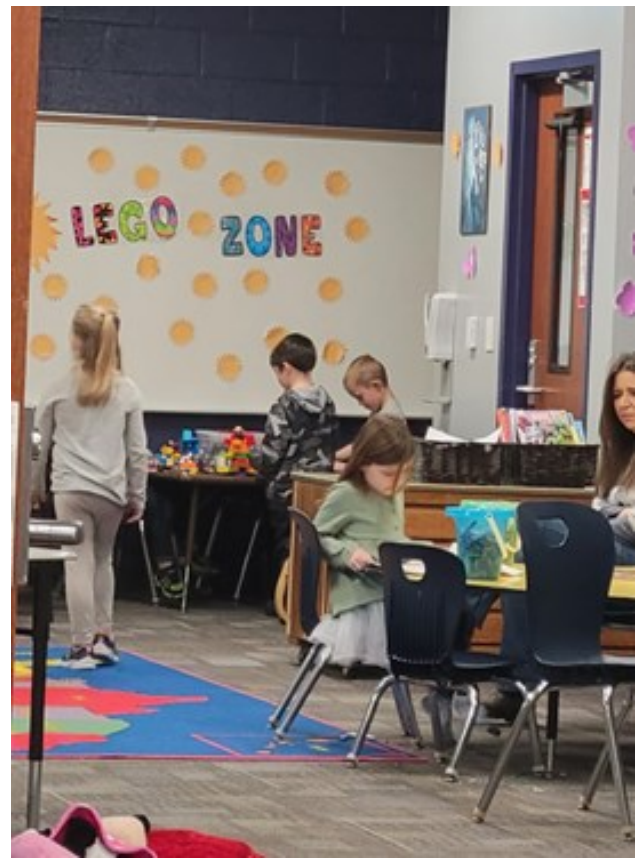
March was a great month for Childcare. A pizza party and Popcorn Movie were enjoyed by all, on our 1/2 days of school. March was reading month and we were able to decorate our hall board with the under the Sea theme. Childcare received a few new books from the book fair.



Students enjoy the activities we offer here at Childcare like the Lego Zone, Arts and Craft Zone & car Zone.



Enjoying the Sun. Students eat snacks and play games while outside.



Sidewalk chalk is one of the students' favorites.



But we cannot forget the bubbles who doesn't like Bubbles



As the days get longer and the Temp warms up we will be going outside on the playground as much as possible. Water bottles are important to keep the students hydrated while playing.

# Art

Art students have been working on self-portraits and puppies!!

3rd Grade learned about face mapping and created a collaged self-portrait!

2nd Grade learned chalk pastel techniques while 1st grade combined crayon and paint on their portraits!

Kindergarten learned collage while creating REALLY cute puppies!



## Attendance Letters

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

It is very important that our students are in the building and on time as much as possible, that you may have recently received an attendance letter for your child. 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!!



## Parking Lot Reminders



Please remember the important following guidelines:

- In the parking lot there is only room for one lane of traffic. Please do not pull around other cars.
- Please pull into a designated parking space
- Please do not create your parking spot along the parking lot edges
- Please avoid using your cell phones while in our parking lots
- Please drive slowly and remain focused behind the wheel
- Please do not have children cross the street to enter cars
- Handicap spots should be used appropriately!
- If you park when dropping off, please escort your children to and from your car.

We will unfortunately begin using some of our staff resources that were used for supervising children to now patrolling the parking lot.



## March is Reading Month

### Top Classes!!!

Pre-K	Mrs. Ottenbacher 6,602
Kindergarten	Mrs. Gibson 8,921
First grade	Miss Constance 12,139
Second grade	Mrs. Hunter 11,704
Third grade	Ms. Mangan 21,622



CONGRATS to  
ALL of our  
OUTSTANDING  
STUDENT  
READERS!!!

Top Classes enjoyed Ice Cream  
Sandwiches!

## March is Reading Month

Top 3 Grade Level Winners won an Ice Cream Coupon &  
a Gift from Mrs. Nichols!!

Preschool: 1st– Amelia Blake, 2nd– Mason Bacon, 3rd– Sloan Brentzel  
Kindergarten: 1st– Emma Semos, 2nd– Brayden Lemmex, 3rd– Bristol  
Blount

1st Grade: 1st– Emerson Mozal, 2nd– Madison Blake, 3rd– Luke Brentzel  
2nd: 1st– Lea Thompson, 2nd– Sienna Rush, 3rd– Rose Lemon  
3rd: 1st– Cooper Labish, 2nd– Olivia Rich, 3rd– Blake Purdy

### SCHOOL TOP 3 READERS

In addition to the prizes above.. these students will join

Mrs. Mangune as Principal for the Day!!!

Preschool: Amelia Blake  
Kindergarten: Emma Semos  
1st: Emerson Mozal  
2nd: Lea Thompson  
3rd: Cooper Labish

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!!!



Thank you to our **AMAZING** March  
is Reading Month committee and  
parent volunteers for a wonderful  
month!

The decorations were **AWESOME**  
and the kids **LOVED** the March is  
Reading Month activities!!

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



**Will L Lee Parent Connection**



Help Lee Elementary by signing up for  
the Kroger Community Rewards  
program!!!

Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com)

- Go to register if you need to make an account
- 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
- Search for Will L. Lee Elementary #23846
- Click that you support us and you are done
- Will L. Lee Elementary should show up on the bottom of your Kroger receipt

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.  
[www.richmond.k12.mi](http://www.richmond.k12.mi)

## Richmond Community Schools

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**At Richmond Community Schools, we provide a quality education that empowers students to be successful in a global community.**

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4yr. Old  
Preschool

3yr. Old  
Preschool



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## New Online Enrollment 5 Step Process

1

### 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>

2

### Receive Confirmation Email

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

3

### 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/>

4

### 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.

5

### 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!!

Kindergarten