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Learning for All"*



## WILL L. LEE ELEMENTARY

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

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

March is Reading Month is kicked off! We have many fun things planned to get the students excited about reading. We know that our lives can get busy with schedules and distractions. We encourage all of our families to take 15 minutes with their child to enjoy a book. **Happy Reading**

Lee is holding a science Night is March 16th.

Students will be experiencing activities such as creating, a vortex, experimenting with owl pellets, what's in soil. Hope to see you there.

To help you be an informed part of that learning team, I do my best to keep you up to date about what is going on at school. Please reach out, follow us on social media, or check out our website if you ever have questions!

- Mrs. Mangune



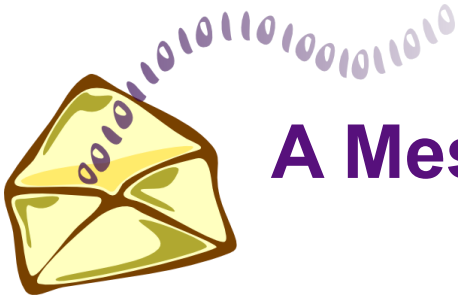
Do you have an incoming Kindergartner & Did you miss round up???

Come meet with us & get your registration completed!!!

**Lee Office**

3/8 12-3pm

3/9 12-3pm & 5-8pm



## A Message from...

### The Dean of Students

We had so much fun at our Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Ups! We had so many families here and we were excited to see both new and current families joining us for all of the festivities. The building looked amazing thanks to our amazing PTO, teachers, and other staff members who spent so much time decorating this week. We are very lucky to have such an amazing community.

Attendance numbers in January improved dramatically compared to last year and we are very excited about that! We hope to see that trend continue and February attendance numbers should be coming in soon. It is so important that our students are here and on time as much as possible. Thank you for your support as we move closer to Spring and hopefully some warmer weather!

Reading month activities are in full swing and those who came to our round-ups may have noticed all of the awesome decorations around the building. All classrooms will have some very special guest readers coming in throughout the month and we encourage you to read with them at home as well. Students who read 1,000,000 words per year will also fall in the top 2% in reading achievement! Let's get those books out! Don't forget to look at our reading month calendar for all of the fun activities that are taking place throughout the month of March.

We held our PBIS assembly recently and discussed a variety of topics, including continuing our efforts to be kind to others and being honest. Students in each classroom received awards for being trustworthy and honest leaders. Even though kindness month has ended, we will still be focusing on being kind throughout the month of March. **The next PBIS assembly will focus on kindness! That will take place on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.** As always if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us in the office.

--Mr. Gibson





# Richmond Early Childhood Center



We want to thank all of our current and incoming families who were able to attend preschool round-up Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was such a great night, and it was great to see all of our new and current families! Preschool Registration Day will be Friday, March 24 and will take place right in the main office. Families can come right in the building and register from 8:00-11:00 and from 12:00-2:30! Come in and reserve your spot now. Spots usually fill up very fast!

We held our winter formal in February, and it was a huge success. We saw some amazing dance moves and we can't wait to do it again next year! The Spring social will be coming up soon! More details will be coming home as we approach some warmer weather (hopefully)!

Reading month activities are in full swing and those who came to our round-up may have noticed all of the awesome decorations around the building. We want to thank our PTO, teachers, and other staff members who made our school look so great! Preschool will have some very special guest readers coming in throughout the month and we encourage you to read with them at home as well. Did you know that children who read 20 minutes a day will read 1,800,000 words in one year! Students who read 1,000,000 words per year will also fall in the top 2% in reading achievement! Let's get those books out! Don't forget to take a look at our reading month calendar!

Mr. Gibson



## Preschool Open Enrollment!!!!

Did you miss Preschool Round Up? Do you have questions about enrollment for next fall or just want to get enrollment completed early???

**Join us on March 24th from 9-11:30am OR 12:30-3pm for our 1st ever Open Enrollment Day!!**

Call the office for more details @ 727-2509!

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)



# Important Dates to Remember



3/8-3/9: 1/2 Day of School- 11:15am Dismissal  
(Parent Teacher Conferences)

3/10: 1/2 Day of School

3/14: Student Council Meeting

3/16: Green Club Meeting

3/17: St. Patrick's Day

3/20: 1st Day of Spring!!!

3/22: Geography Bee

3/31: 1/2 Day of School- 11:15am Dismissal &  
Last Day of Quarter 3

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



**Child Feeling Ill???**



Please remember the following guidelines to help keep everyone healthy...

- Children with fevers need to stay home for 24 hours once the fever breaks and there is no use of fever reducing medication
- Children who have vomited either at home or at school, must stay home for 24 hours once vomiting stops

## REMINDER....

All classroom/teacher requests for the 2023-2024 school year **MUST** be received no later than **Thursday, June 1st, 2023!!!**



# STUDENT CALENDAR

# MARCH 2023

## Dive into a good BOOK!

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| 5.<br>Book Fair<br>Shopping Week<br>& Parent<br>teacher<br>conferences                               | 6.<br>Let's make the<br>school as blue as<br>the ocean!<br>Wear blue jeans<br>and a blue shirt to<br>school. | 7.   | 8. DEAR Day<br>Bring your favorite<br>book to school to<br>read<br>1/2 day PTC                  | 9.<br>1/2 day PTC   | 10. Flashlight Friday!<br>Bring a flashlight to<br>read in the dark at<br>school!<br>1/2 day         | 11.<br><u>Try at Home!</u><br>Play a board game.<br>Read the<br>directions, cards,<br>and playing board! |
| 12.<br><u>Try at Home!</u><br>Read your favorite<br>book with your<br>family.                        | 13.<br>It's safe to say we<br>love reading!<br>Dress like a<br>lifeguard!                                    | 14.  | 15.<br>Reading makes us<br>bright!<br>Wear sunglasses to<br>school!                             | 16.   | 17.<br>St. Patrick's Day<br>Read about a<br>leprechaun! Wear<br>Green today.                         | 18.<br><u>Try at Home!</u><br>Read a recipe and<br>make it at home.                                      |
| 19.  | 20.<br>Hawaiian Day<br>Wear a lei,<br>flowered shirt, and<br>hula skirt to school!                           | 21.<br>Class Color Day!<br>Wear the same<br>color as your<br>grade level! <b>See<br/>below</b> | 22.<br>Reading "Knocks<br>your socks off"<br>Wear Crazy socks<br>to celebrate<br>reading today. | 23.   | 24.<br>You are shell-arious!<br>Bring a joke to read<br>at school!                                   | 25.<br><u>Try at Home!</u><br>Read in one of your<br>special places<br>today!                            |
| 26.<br><u>Try at Home!</u><br>Read about a pet<br>you'd like to own.<br>Learn all about its<br>care. | 27. Reading Minutes<br>are due!<br>PAJAMA DAY!<br>Wear PJs to<br>school!                                     | 28.<br><u>Try at Home!</u><br>Write a letter to a<br>family member.                            | 29.<br>DEAR Day<br>Bring your favorite<br>book to school to<br>read                             | 30.<br>You got caught<br>reading!<br>Dress like a<br>fisherman! | 31. 1/2 day<br>Ocean you glad you<br>participated?<br>Wear a shirt with<br>an ocean animal on<br>it! |  |

Reading minutes are due to your classroom teacher the following Monday. Final reading minutes are due Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Grade level colors: Pre-k - Purple, Kdg - Yellow, First - Black, Second - Green, Third - Blue, Specials, Office, Support Staff - Pink

# 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!

School bus  
pick up zone

No parking

## 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.

## Richmond Community Schools

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# A Lesson In Gratitude

## Welcome to Richmond!

I was able to meet with our students who recently transferred to Richmond. A “Welcome goodie bag” was hand delivered to each student which included a welcome handwritten note and some fun school related items that they can use and enjoy.

In February, I had a wonderful opportunity to meet all our K-3rd graders by reading a story about Mina and “The Gratitude Jar”. Students were able to sit in the comfy chairs and listen to the short story about how good it feels to be **grateful** for the little things in our lives. After the story, all students were given the chance to graffiti on large paper the people, places, and things they are most thankful for in their lives. Each class was provided a Gratitude Jar and students added to the jar by drawing or writing what they were thankful for on a piece of paper to be read in their classrooms in the following days.

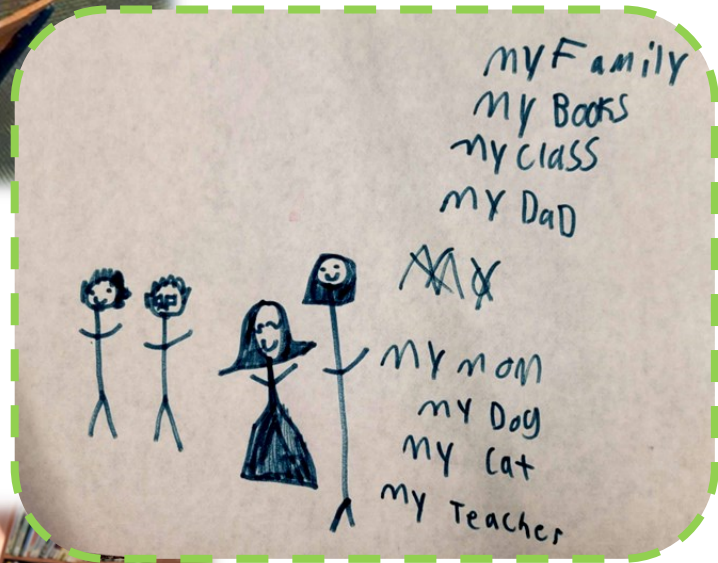
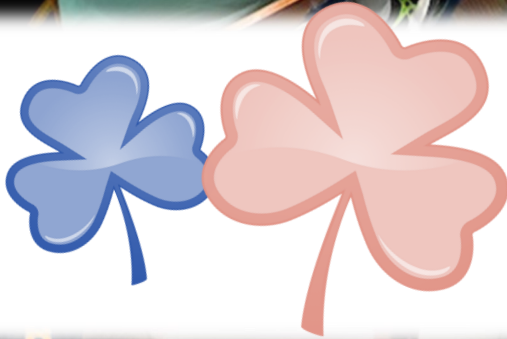
Looking forward to working with all of your amazing children throughout the year!!

Mrs. Retman  
K-12 Student Advocate





# Gratitude Lesson Continued...



Gratitude  
is an  
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# Art Class

**Exciting News...** 4 students had their art chosen to be in the Michigan Art Education Association's Region 6 art show that was at the Clinton Township Library.

## Congratulations

Bristol Blount Grade K

Luke Brentzel Grade 1

Tom Sawyer Grade 2

Madelyn Hendricks Grade 3





# 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*

## Mrs Boettcher's Mix

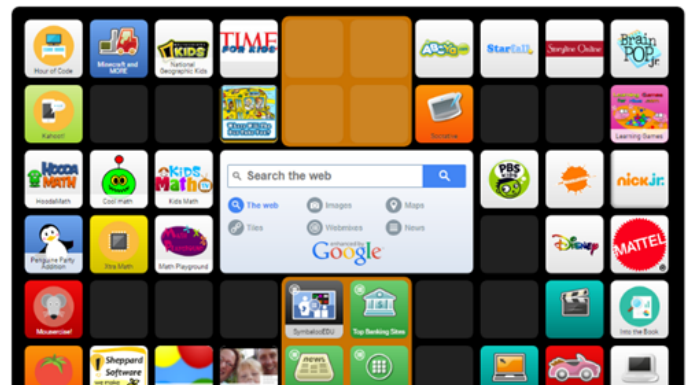
Mrs Boettcher's Mix

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# Music

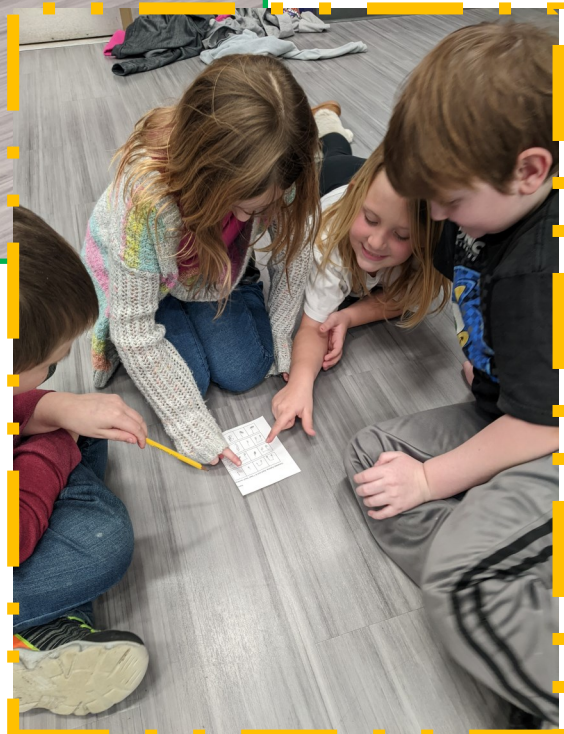


## Students are off to a good start in Mini 4!

Second and third grade are working on rhythm. They worked in groups to compose rhythms and practice with a steady beat. After that, they could decide how to perform each note with body percussion like patting and stomping.

Kindergarten and first are practicing steady beat with the game beat detective: whose beat is everyone copying? They are also showing the beat with locomotor and non locomotor movement. All students are often working on singing voice to achieve good tone and blend!

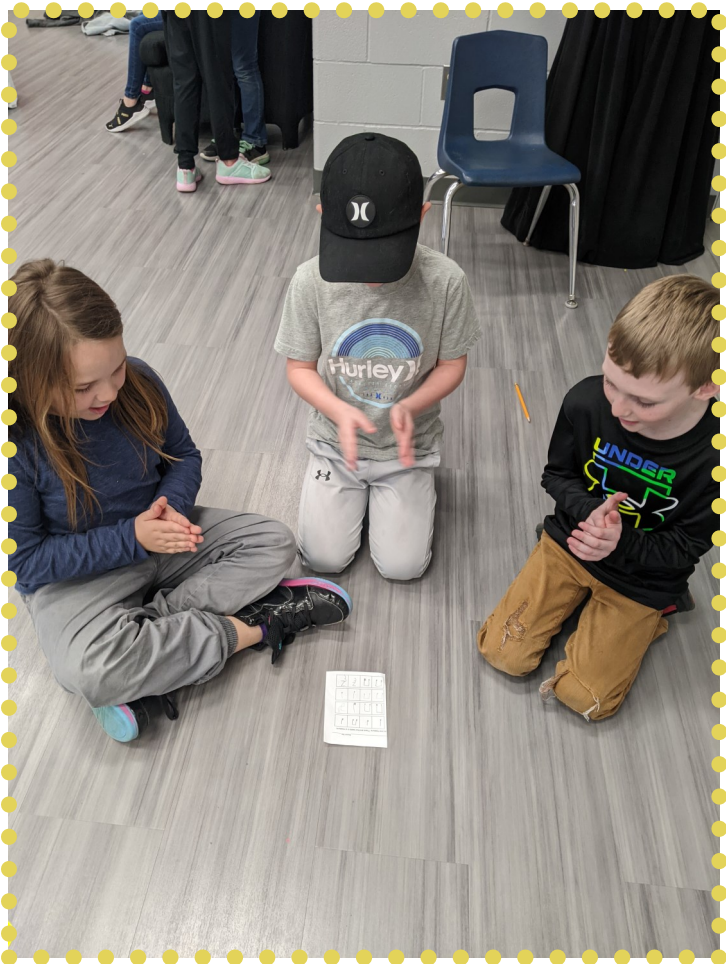
- Mrs. Yost







# Music





# GYM



In the month of February, we did many fun team building activities, learned new skills, and continued working hard on our exercise routine. We continue to jump rope every day and I have seen great progress from all students at each grade level.

Also, with the Super Bowl being played in the month of February, we implemented some fun football activities such as fowling and rock/paper/scissors football. The students really enjoyed these games and I look forward to another great month.

Mr. Williams







# GYM





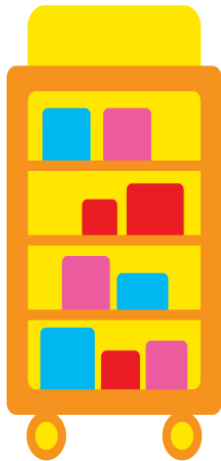


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# TOP 8 Titles for the Month of February

We currently have **279** overdue books. Please help your students remember to bring their library book back weekly! Thank you for your

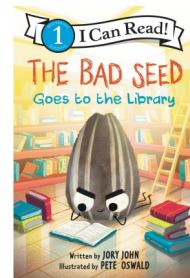
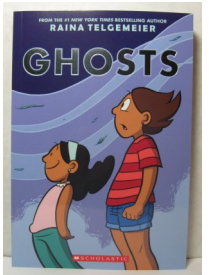
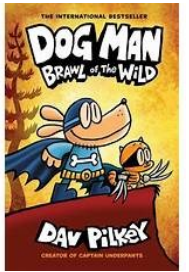


## BOOK FAIR

March 6-10th

Please visit our Scholastic homepage for more information.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/leespringfair23>



# Childcare F.U.N!!

The students had a great time last month making Valentines. The morning Childcare students enjoyed Donuts on Valentine's Day and afternoon school students all got a special treat.



## Reminders....

We have a lot of clothing adding up in our lost and found. Please take a moment to look for anything that may belong to your family!!

Remember to send in snacks for your child/children either daily or a box we keep here for them. Please be sure to label anything you send in.

All schedules should be sent to Ms. Chris on the Procure app or emailed to [cblanco@richmond.k12.mi.us](mailto:cblanco@richmond.k12.mi.us)

## Parents and/or Guardians

Please take a moment to review the Attendance Policy for Childcare. It is especially important that we work together to make Childcare a good and safe experience.

## **Attendance Policy:**

You **MUST** call to let us know if your child will not be attending. Absences without prior notification may be mistaken for a missing child and cause unnecessary concern and time are spent looking for your child. **There will be a \$10.00 fee charged to your account if we must look for your child. Childcare: 586.727.2509 ext. 1106.**



