

WILL L. LEE ELEMENTARY

May/June 2023



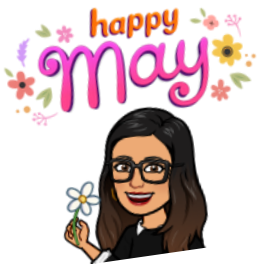
Principal, Mrs. Heidi Mangune
Dean of Students, Mr. Mike Gibson

It's hard to believe we are winding down another amazing year at Lee!!

Next week is Teacher/Staff Appreciation week and we are looking forward to Celebrating, and spoiling, our staff for their awesomeness!!! Lee is very lucky to have such a dedicated staff whose efforts show in the work they do each and every day for our children. This not only includes our awesome teachers, but also our office staff, paraprofessionals, custodial staff, cafeteria workers, and more.

May is always an extremely busy month for the teachers and students. The third grade is completing their M-STEP testing and the students have all been working hard, trying their best, and we appreciate their efforts. Kindergarten through third grade will be completing the NWEA assessment in the next few weeks and those reports will go home at the end of the year. The teachers will also be working on end of the year assessments and finishing up the curriculum requirements throughout May. Please encourage your child to continue to do their best. It's also VERY important that your child be in attendance and on time each morning!

It is that time of year where we receive many teacher request. Please understand that we cannot guarantee teacher placements but we do our best to honor them if we are able to. A lot of thought and consideration go into student placements for the following year. Please continue to trust that our staff has a deep understanding of where your child will be the most successful.



ALL TEACHER REQUESTS ARE DUE BY JUNE 1ST!!

Please email your child's name, the teacher you are requesting & the reason for request to:

hnapier@richmond.k12.mi.us

Congratulations!

I would personally like to wish Mrs. Schroeder & Mrs. Studer the absolute best on their upcoming retirement journey. Thank you for your many years of amazing service to the students and families of Lee Elementary and Richmond Community Schools! Your contagious smiles, selfless commitment & unwavering dedication have not gone unnoticed and you both will be missed tremendously!!

Dean's Message

We have a little over a month of school left and there are so many exciting events planned for all of our students. We are excited for warmer weather to return (eventually)! Please be sure to check out our lost and found items before the end of the year. There are a lot of missing items that have gone unclaimed!

Last week we held our PBIS assembly and focused on the topic of Self-Control. As the weather warms up, it is very easy to lose control with excitement. We talked about making good choices regardless of how excited we are. It was a great discussion, and we honored several students with True Blue Awards for continuously displaying self-control throughout the school year. We also honored students from each grade level who have shown excellent attendance. The top students from each grade level were called up to receive a special award for their awesome attendance this year. The attendance numbers for the month of April were an improvement compared to last year. Those results will be released soon, but I want to thank all of our families for your support in this initiative. It is so important that our students are here in the building and on time. I am confident that the month of May will be one of our best months yet. There are so many exciting field trips, events, and learning experiences planned for our students.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week and I just wanted to take a moment to give a special shout-out to our amazing teachers at Lee. We are very fortunate to have such an amazing staff here at Lee. If you happen to see a teacher next week, make sure to thank them for all that they do!

I also just want to emphasize that my door is always open. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me here in the office.

- Mr. Gibson



Richmond Early Childhood Center



It is crazy to think that this is our last month of school, but we have so many fun and exciting events planned for our preschoolers as we end the year. We have our preschool **field trip to Beebe Street Park** taking place on **Wednesday, May 10th**. The **Exotic Zoo** will be there to show off some wonderful animals and I know we are all excited about that! We will be having a **preschool end of the year party** on **Friday, May 19th**. Details will be coming home from your child's teacher very soon, but we will again have some books to send home with our students to promote our Early Literacy Initiative. There will be some fun activities for the students, and we are really crossing our fingers for some nice weather! We will have our first party at 10:00 for our A.M. preschoolers and our second party will take place at 2:00 P.M. for our P.M. preschool. **Popsicles with parents** will take place on **Wednesday, May 31st at 10:00 and 2:00** for our families. Finally, we will end our year with **preschool graduation** on **Thursday, June 1st**. Graduation will take place at 9:00 for our three-year-old preschoolers and 1:00 for our four-year-old preschoolers.



Recently the board approved the purchase of an outdoor classroom for our preschool wing through the childcare stabilization grant. We are very excited for this addition to the program, and we may even start to see the work begin before the end of the school year. It is scheduled to be ready by the start of the 2023-2024 school year. A Gazebo along with new sidewalks and fun outdoor learning materials will be installed. New furniture has also been ordered for our childcare rooms. New tables, chairs, bookshelves, and more have been purchased. We will share the new updates with our families as these projects progress!

Open enrollment is underway for all preschool sections, including our GSRP program. If you have any questions about our program or would even like a tour, please reach out to us here in the office @ 727-2509!!

-Mr. Gibson



Upcoming Events for Pre-School!!!



May 10th: Preschool/GSRP visit to Beebe Street Park

May 19th: End of the Year PARTY

May 24th: Preschool Field Day

May 31st: Popsicles with Parents

June 1st: Graduation (3 yr. old 9am & 4 yr. old 1pm)





Richmond Early Learning Center 2023 Pre-School Graduation

Please join us in celebration on

Thursday June 1st, 2023

Richmond High School Auditorium

3-Year-Old Celebration @ 9:00am

4-Year-Old Tuition & GSRP
Celebration @ 1:00pm

Refreshments will be served!

Questions? Call the Lee School Office @ 586-727-2509

ART



3rd grade Art students worked on creating using foreground, middle ground, background on their drawings.



2nd grade created art with a continuous line.



1st grade created a multi media owl using paint, oil pastels and weaving



Kindergarten made surprise fish!!!





ART + SCIENCE = PROGRESS

Kindergarten – Keva Plank Challenges and Lego Challenges

Students in kindergarten completed their animal unit in STEAM class by choosing an animal to create out of clay and building the habitat the animal lives in using a paper plate diorama. Students were able to accurately depict where their animal lives and what it needs to survive through the research stations they completed.



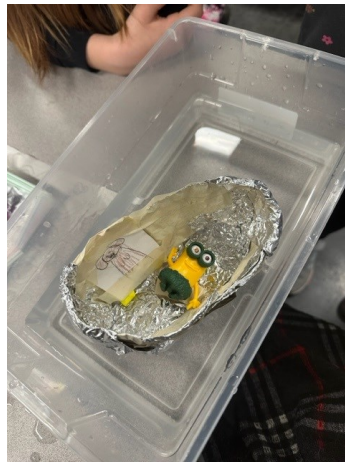
First Grade

Students in first grade completed their insect unit in STEAM. After researching insects during stations, students designed and created their own insect out of clay and classroom supplies. They named their new insect and described their habitat and any special attributes their insect had.



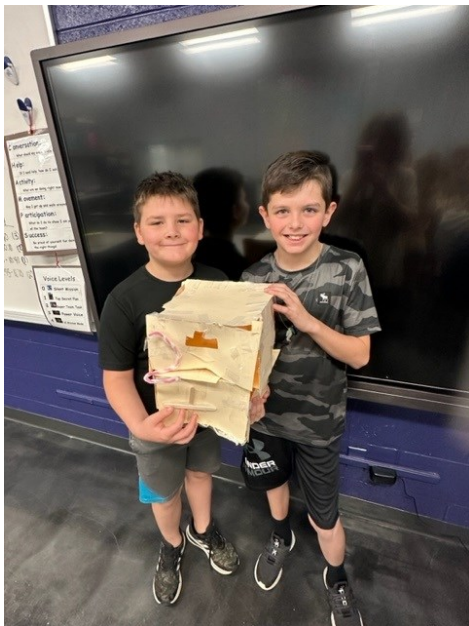
Second Grade Build It Unit: Paper airplanes and parachutes

Students in second grade designed, built, tested, and improved their boats to complete the Rescue Minion Challenge. Students used recycled materials and classroom supplies to build their boats. The boats needed to stay afloat for 2 minutes without taking in water.



Third Grade Programming/Minecraft Unit

Third grade students completed the Hurricane Resistant Build Challenge and Flood Safe Home Challenge. Students used recycled materials and classroom supplies to create their homes. The homes were tested (fan for wind and water for flood) and improved in order to pass the challenge.



Lee Media Center

News

Congratulations to our March is Reading Bookmark contest winners!

Their bookmark was printed and laminated for the entire grade to enjoy their beautiful work.

Preschool– Cole P.

Kindergarten– Chason W.

First grade– Josephine S.

Second grade– Sienna R.

Third grade– Camden H.



The end of the year is approaching very quickly. Our last week to check out books will be May 1st-5th. There will be no more book checkouts after this week. All books are due back the week of May 8th. The students will participate in a sucker pull when they return their library book. Look in your students Friday folder for more information coming home soon.

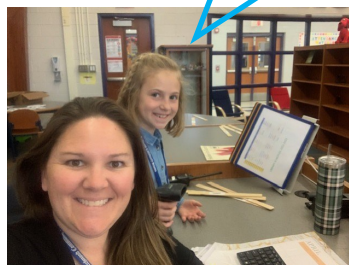
Technology Turn In Dates:

June 2nd: Kindergarten & 1st Grades

June 5th & 6th: 2nd & 3rd Grades



Thank you to our Principal 's of the day for helping me out in the library!



April in Review
1,346 Books
checked out! WOW!

**185 OVERDUE
BOOKS, help get
those back in!**

Reading is dreaming with eyes wide open!

GYM



This month we were able to get outside a few times and enjoy the nice weather! We also welcomed new classes to gym, and the students are doing a great job learning our daily routine, along with learning how to work together in different team settings. I'm excited to continue to build upon what we have learned and to try new things.



Mrs. Boettcher's Technology Newsletter

In the Computer Lab students are increasing their typing skills with two fun and challenging typing programs. In the younger grades the students are using **Typetastic** to become aware of key location. In grades 3 and 4 the students are starting to work on speed and accuracy in typing words using **Nitrotype**. Both programs are web-based and free! All students spend time at least once a month working on their typing skills.

Typetastic keeps kids engaged because they're playing games while learning geared to kindergarten and first grades typing skills! Because the games are so colorful and fun and visually appealing, the students want to play the games! And the more they play, the better they become at typing!



Nitro Type provides students practice typing by racing their car through the streets of a fictional town, either competing against themselves, anyone online at the time, or classmates they've selected. They can race as an individual or a class team. It is designed to improve typing skills rather than teach. Students can race as a guest.



Here are some guidelines I share with my students for each grade level

Kindergarten: Just learning key location and becoming familiar with the keyboard.

Grades 1-2: Should know where the keys are on the keyboard and begin to use 2-handed typing. Speed 7-12 wpm with 70% accuracy

Grade 3: Speed 10-15 wpm with 75% accuracy



April was a great month for Childcare. Lots of Crafts and outside play. Students made butterflies and Rainbows to decorate our springboard.



We added a new sign that we will put up whenever we are not in the classroom so you know where to pick up your child!! Look for the yellow sign on the gym door or playground fence!!

As temperatures rise... we will be spending more time outside. Please remember to send in water bottles and snacks!!



IMPORTANT

dates to remember

May 8th-12th: TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 8-12th: NWEA Testing

May 9th: LAST Student Council Meeting of 2023 & Lego Robotics

May 10th: Lego Robotics

May 11th: Green Club

May 15-19th: M-Step Testing

May 16th: 1st Grade ZOO Field Trip

May 18th: Kindergarten Stoney Creek Field Trip

May 18th: 2nd Grade Walking Field Trip– Historic School House

May 19th: PBIS Assembly

May 22-26th: NWEA Testing

May 22nd: Talent Show Rehearsal (Time/Location)

May 23rd: 3rd Grade Pizza with the Richmond Police Officers

**May 25th: 3rd Grade Henry Ford Field Trip &
School Talent Show @ 6pm (Location)**

May 26-29th: Memorial Day! No School Friday & Monday!

May 30th: Field Day (Kindergarten-3rd Grade)

June 1st: 3rd Grade Pioneer Day

June 2nd: 3rd Grade for Middle School Tour

**June 6th: Last Day of ECSE &
Kindergarten Awards @ 2pm**

June 7th: Half Day (11:15am Dismissal) & COLOR RUN

June 8th: Half Day (11:15am Dismissal) & 1st Grade Awards @ 10:30am

June 9th: Half Day (11:15am Dismissal) & 2nd Grade Awards @ 10:30am

**June 12th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL... Half Day (11:15am Dismissal)
& 3rd Grade Awards @ 8:30am**



**WILL L. LEE ELEMENTARY
AWARDS**

Kindergarten

June 6th, 2023 @ 2pm

First Grade

June 8th, 2023 @ 10:30am

Second Grade

June 9th, 2023 @ 10:30am

Third Grade

June 12th, 2023 @ 8:30am

Awards will be held in the
cafeteria!



Please enter through Door #35



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 \(michigan.gov\)](http://michigan.gov)

LOST & FOUND!!!!

Please stop by the Lee Lobby, starting Monday, May 8th, to check out our LARGE collection of found items!!

All remaining items will be donated at the end of the school year.

If your child attends Childcare.. Be sure to check out their collection of lost items as well!!

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



Will L Lee Parent Connection

Kroger C



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

Go to 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 name
- 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

Richmond Community Schools

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Guaranteed Learning for All Students

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**Registration
EVENT**
May 19th
4:00pm to 7:00pm
Richmond High School Gymnasium

**SUMMER
Learning
CAMP**

For current
5th and 6th
Grade Girls

GIRLS STEM CAMP
is proudly returning!
July 17-20
9am to 2pm



June 19-July 13
Monday-Thursday

Academic Camps
run from
8:00-11:30am
Athletic and
Enrichment
Camps run from
12:00-2:00pm



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Breakfast, Lunch, and Transportation will be provided

For Academic Questions call 586-727-7552 ext 6009
For Athletic Questions call 586-727-7552 ext 6013

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Academic Camp Offerings (FREE)
Housed at Will L. Lee Elementary School



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



Math Mindset
for Grades 5-7



Teacher Cadet Internship



Credit Forward
for Grades 8-11



Credit Recovery
for Grades 9-12

Enrichment Camp Offerings (FREE)



Gardening
for Grades PreK-1



Arts and Crafts
for Grades PreK-2



Lego City
for Grades 1-2



Campfire Stories
Creative Writing
for Grades 2-4



Wild Robot STEM
for Grades 3-5



Creating Clay Creations
for Grades 3-11



Puzzles, Pi, and Game Strategies
for Grades 5-8



Photography
for Grades 5-11

Athletic Camp Offerings

Housed at Richmond High School or Stadium



Boys Basketball
July 24-26 \$60



Cheerleading
(date) \$TBD



Football
July 17-19 \$75



Soccer
(date: TBD) \$TBD



Wrestling
July 11-13
Grades 1-6 \$50



Volleyball
June 27-29
Grades 5-8 from 2-4pm \$75



Girls Basketball
June 19-22 \$60

If you haven't already.. Please pre-register your child on the district website!!

4yr. Old
Preschool

3yr. Old
Preschool



Richmond Community Schools

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://ps.ric.misd.net/public/formbuilder/form.html?formid=351320>

2

Receive Confirmation Email

K-12 parents will receive a successful submission email.

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/Preschool> parents will receive a successful submission email and a link to MyProcure to make payment arrangements.

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