

Hello LVS Surfers!

We are in the home stretch for finishing up the school year, and this is the time to finish strong. May is going to be a busy time and I'm so excited to see our students in person for testing and graduation. As a reminder, students are to be completed with their courses by May 26th. Seniors must have all courses completed and have all graduation requirements met by May 5th. Keep working and keep pushing to meet the finish line!

We celebrated our wonderful Assistant Principals last month for National Assistant Principals Week. Thank you to all those who shared a kind message of appreciation to these two outstanding leaders. Dr. Iovine and Ms. Berry work hard every day and are committed to educating our students. We also celebrated our office staff for Administrative Assistant's Week. Thank you to the entire office staff for your dedication to LVS. We couldn't do it without you

I would also like to remind families that all end-of-year testing is mandatory and will be administered in person. Please be sure to read the testing information section thoroughly in this newsletter.

Fall enrollment is now open for Lee Virtual School. Please share this information with family and friends. To enroll in the full-time program at LVS, a family must complete an application with the Student Enrollment office. They can email Student Enrollment to get the application electronically at studentenrollment@leeschools.net.

This year Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8 - May 12, 2023. During this time, I encourage students and families to reach out to our LVS teachers and show them some love and appreciation by sending them a kind message of appreciation during this week. LVS teachers work hard to meet every student's individual needs and go above and beyond every day to connect and provide resources. A kind word of appreciation from a student or family member makes it all worth it.

Keep working! You've got this!
Mrs. Jennifer McMillan Barnes, Principal

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End-of-Year Testing Information

Parents, please read the following information very carefully as participation in State testing is **required** for Lee Virtual School students. We want you to have the information ahead of time so you can plan your schedule around the dates to ensure your child attends. End-of-year testing has to be completed in person for grades 3-12.

Here's what you need to know now:

- End-of-year testing has to be completed in person for grades 3-12.
- You received a letter in April with all the information you need. It is best practice to post that letter in an area that is visible to serve as a reminder.
- Please call the main office at 239-337-8178 if you have any questions about testing. Every question is important!



The safety and security of students is a core value of Lee Virtual School. Safety and security are not only of great importance while your student is *inside* the Lee County Public Education Center, but it is also a top priority *entering* and *exiting* the North Entrance. After consulting with enforcement professionals, the sign-in and dismissal process for Spring FAST Testing has been **significantly updated**. Please carefully review the following information; these changes will result in slower processes but will ensure safety for all students.

Grades 3, 4, 5

Entering the North Entrance:

- A single lane of traffic flow - West to East
- Cars will line up against the curb, students remain in the car
- An LVS staff member will greet the car, assist the student in exiting the car, walking directly to North Entrance
- An LVS staff member will provide the car with documentation including the **student's name tag**, exiting procedure, and anticipated test completion times
- **Parents do not park or personally escort their student to the North Entrance**
- Students enter into the North Entrance vestibule
 - An LVS staff member will sign in students
 - An LVS staff member will escort students to their testing location, bathroom, etc

Exiting the North Entrance:

- **Parents will park and walk up to the North Entrance** (MUST have the **student's name tag**)
 - An LVS staff member will be stationed outside
 - Parents will present their **student name tag** to an LVS staff member
 - An LVS staff member will communicate parent arrival to each test location/administrator, allowing the student to exit the building
 - Students will exit the North Entrance, **parents will escort their student across the parking lot to their parked vehicle**
- For students utilizing extra time, an LVS staff member will communicate with test administrators to update the parent re: the student's status

General Reminders:

- Dropping off your student as early as possible is highly recommended. (ex. 8:30 am for the 9:00 am test; 12:30 pm for the 1:00 pm test)
- Test completion times are approximate. While there is a minimum amount of minutes a student must be present (*not permitted to leave earlier than that given time*), the Spring FAST testing allows all students to utilize time as much time as needed.
- Parent/guardian entry into the Lee County Public Education Center is discouraged.
- In the event of inclement weather (ex. rain/lightning), LVS will adhere to enforcement processes including possible delay in dismissal.

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Grades 6 - 12

Entering the North Entrance:

- A single lane of traffic flow - West to East
- Cars will line up against the curb, students remain in the car
- An LVS staff member will greet the car, assist the student in exiting the car, walking directly to North Entrance
- An LVS staff member will provide the car with documentation including the exiting procedure and anticipated test completion times
- **Parents do not park or personally escort their student to the North Entrance**
- Students permitted to drive will park their vehicles and proceed with caution through the parking lot toward the North Entrance
- Students enter into the North Entrance vestibule
 - An LVS staff member will sign in students
 - An LVS staff member will escort students to their testing location, bathroom, etc

Exiting the North Entrance:

- Parents will park in the parking lot
- Test Administrators will dismiss students in **staggered groups**
- An LVS staff member will sign out students prior to leaving the building, indicating their exit time
- Students will wait outside, and LVS staff will be present to ensure the safety
- Students will proceed with caution through the parking lot toward their parent/personal parked vehicle

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- Parent/guardian entry into the Lee County Public Education Center is discouraged.
- In the event of inclement weather (ex. rain/lightning), LVS will adhere to enforcement processes including possible delay in dismissal.



Elementary Families

Please note the testing dates for your child on the calendar below. All testing will be in person at the Lee County Public Education Center on Colonial Blvd. Families of 5th graders, please note that the NGSSS Science test is a 2-day assessment. You must attend both days to receive a score. Students will need to bring their computer fully charged on testing days.

Assessment		Date	Student Arrival Time	Test Start Time	Approx. Test Completion Time
Grade 3					
Grade 3 FAST Reading (CBT)		Monday, May 1	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Grade 3 FAST Math (CBT)		Monday, May 8	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Grade 4					
Grade 4 FAST Reading (CBT)		Monday, May 1	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Grade 4 FAST Math (CBT)		Monday, May 8	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Grade 5					
Grade 5 FAST Reading (CBT)		Monday, May 1	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Grade 5 FAST Math (CBT)		Monday, May 8	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Grade 5 NGSSS Science (PBT)		Day 1: Tuesday, May 9 Day 2: Wednesday, May 10	12:30 – 12:50 PM	1:00 PM	3:00 PM

CBT - Computer Based Test

PBT - Paper Based Test

***All FAST/EOC Assessments are administered at the Lee County Public Education Center on Colonial Blvd. Students enter/exit via the NORTH Entrance.**



Middle School Families

Please note the testing dates for your child below. Some assessments are based on a student's grade level while others are based on enrollment in a specific course. All testing will be **in person** at the **Lee County Public Education Center** on Colonial Blvd. Students will need to bring their computer fully charged on testing days.

Assessment	Date	Student Arrival Time	Test Start Time	Approx. Test Completion Time
Grade 6				
Grade 6 FAST Reading (CBT)	Tuesday, May 2	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM
Grade 6 FAST Math (CBT)	Monday, May 15	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	11:45 AM
Grade 7				
Grade 7 FAST Reading (CBT)	Wednesday, May 3	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM
Grade 7 FAST Math (CBT)	Thursday, May 18	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	11:45 AM
Grade 8				
Grade 8 FAST Reading (CBT)	Wednesday, May 3	12:30 – 12:50 PM	1:00 PM	3:00 PM
Grade 8 NGSSS Science (PBT)	Tuesday, May 10	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	12:00 PM
Grade 8 FAST Math (CBT)	Thursday, May 18	12:30 – 12:50 PM	1:00 PM	3:00 PM
EOCs				
Civics EOC (CBT)	Wednesday, May 24	12:30 – 12:50 PM	1:00 PM	3:45 PM
Algebra 1 EOC (CBT)	Monday, May 22	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM
Geometry EOC (CBT)	Monday, May 22	11:30 – 11:50 PM	12:00 PM	1:45 PM

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High School Families

Please note the testing dates for your child below. Some assessments are based on a student's grade level while others are based on enrollment in a specific course. All testing will be **in person** at the **Lee County Public Education Center** on Colonial Blvd. Students will need to bring their computer fully charged on testing days.

Assessment	Date	Student Arrival Time	Test Start Time	Approx. Test Completion Time
Grade 9				
Grade 9 FAST Reading (CBT)	Friday, May 5	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM
Grade 10				
Grade 10 FAST Reading (CBT)	Friday, May 5	12:30 – 12:50 PM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM
EOCs				
Algebra 1 EOC (CBT)	Monday, May 22	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM
Geometry EOC (CBT)	Monday, May 22	12:30 – 12:50 PM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM
Biology EOC (CBT)	Tuesday, May 23	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	11:45 AM
Florida Civic Literacy Exam	Tuesday, May 23	12:30 – 12:50 PM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM
U.S. History EOC (High School) (CBT)	Wednesday, May 24	8:30 – 8:50 AM	9:00 AM	11:45 AM

CBT - Computer Based Test

PBT - Paper Based Test

Note: It is a graduation requirement that students earn a proficient level on the Grade 10 FAST Reading Assessment and Algebra EOC by their graduation date. It is also a graduation requirement that students take the test in geometry, biology, and U.S. History.

The Florida Civic Literacy Exam is only for our dual enrollment students seeking to earn an A.A. degree.

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Students enter/exit via the NORTH Entrance.



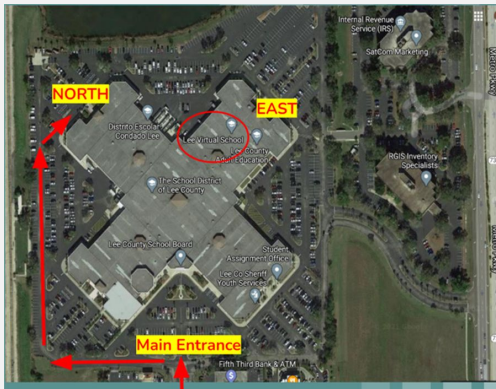
TESTING at LEE VIRTUAL SCHOOL



Main Entrance

In-person Testing

Go to NORTH Entrance



How to get to the North Entrance at the LCPEC



Actual testing rooms and tables with chairs.

May 1 - 24

Details for arriving, drop off, parking, and pick up are included in this newsletter.



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VIRTUAL SCHOOL IMPORTANT REMINDER

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**All Student Work
is Due by May 26th**

- Students may
contact their teachers
for more details



More Information Call Us

→ **Call Your Teachers**

Our Website

→ **LVS.LeeSchools.net**

All *senior* students' work is to be completed by **Friday, May 5, 2023**
at 4pm. Please plan accordingly.

DESIGNS and Dreams OF YOUNG ARTISTS



Designs and Dreams holds the distinction of being the largest student art show in the state of Florida.

This exhibit is yearlong and held at the district office (LPEC Building). All the art on the walls of the district office and the Superintendent's suite are part of this show, along with the 3D cases in the front entrance and Superintendent's office.

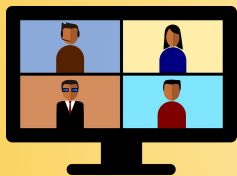
We are looking for Lee Virtual students to participate in the 2023-2024 show.

To be part of our Designs and Dreams show. Please deliver any artwork your child made you would like to show as a part of Lee Virtual Schools contribution to the show to the LVS office. Ten of the pieces will be selected to be in the show.

To Enter please have the Artwork delivered to the LVS office by **May 16th**.
On the back please attach the students name, grade and a description of the work.

*****Do not write it on the back unless you use a pencil.*****

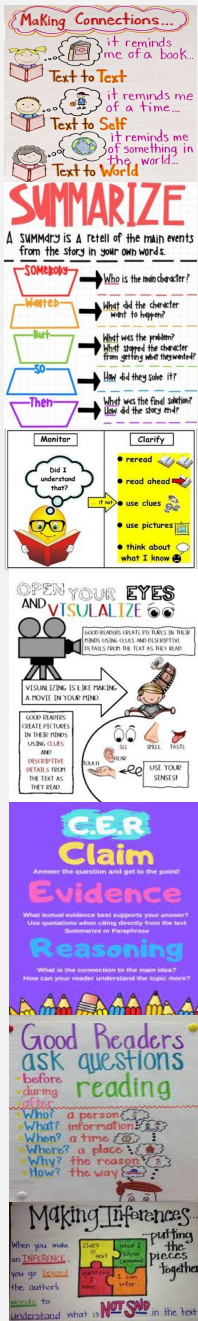
For information contact Mr. McNew at kennethmcc@leeschools.net



Just a reminder that our next **Parent Informational Meeting** will be held **Thursday, May 18th** beginning at 6pm via Zoom.

Strategies All Good Readers Do

Good readers are strategic readers. They use comprehension strategies to get text meaning.



1. **Activating:** Students use their past experiences and/or knowledge to better understand the text. (Example: text connections.)

2. **Summarizing:** Students restate the purpose and meaning of a text in their own words. (Example: magnet summaries.)

3. **Monitoring and Clarifying:** Students determine if they understand the text. If there are misunderstandings, they clarify and correct the confusion during and after reading a text. (Example: text coding.)

4. **Visualizing and Organizing:** Students create mental images of the text. Graphic organizers help to provide structure and allow students to generate ideas from the text. (Example: graphic organizer.)

5. **Searching and Selecting:** Students gather information from various resources to select that which allows them to define key words, answer questions, or solve problems. (Example: claim, evidence, and reasoning.)

6. **Questioning:** Students create questions about the text, ask themselves questions while reading the text, and answer different levels of questions about the text from their peers and/or teacher. (Example: question-answer relationship.)

7. **Inferring:** Students interpret the text and draw logical conclusions. (Example: say-mean-matter.)

US History EOC May 24th all 11th Grade Students Enrolled in US History

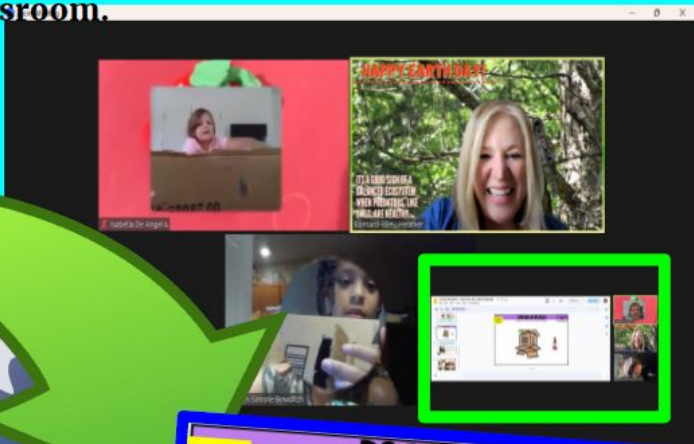
US History EOC Study Guide:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k93VqIYy0VsFbygTXvwrHRBoO6vcfPZ4/view>

Tubular Times

The LVS Gifted Program welcomed two new students! We are so excited that they are a part of our classroom.

April 22nd was **Earth Day**. LVS Primary students worked on a STEM project called **Build With A Box** using **recyclables**.



RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Draw & label your challenge.

What recycled materials did you use?

How does your design work? What does it do?

How would you improve your design?

Created by: *Janine Lovell*

DRAG & BUILD

Drag and move the pieces to build!

25 minute timer

RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Puppy Clubhouse

Cap Box Jug

What recycled materials did you use?
I used a box, tape roll, a jug, and 3 caps.

How does your design work? What does it do?
My design is for my two dogs, Heidi and Thor. It is a puppy clubhouse. Heidi is white and Thor is brown.

How would you improve your design?
I could use more recycled materials to make it bigger.

Cap with flower

Created by: *Lauran Mickelot*

• Please note that I did not include all student work.

LVS Intermediate Gifted students participated in the **Changemaker Project**. They learned about Earth Day and how to calculate their Carbon Footprint. Then, they created a pledge of ways they can impact the earth positively.



Earth Day

Lee Virtual School Gifted I Am A "CHANGEMAKER" Earth Day Project

SMALL & CONSISTENT CHANGE

Name: _____

- What good things are you already doing that helps the earth, or helps you to appreciate the earth?
I read books that educate me about the environment and how to protect it.
- What is one small thing you can change?
Study more to understand what can be done.
- What barriers or scenarios might make implementing this change difficult? What will you do when your habit meets a barrier or a difficult or inconvenient scenario?
Lack of time to think about the topic and come up with new ideas on how to be Earth friendly.
- What was your reaction to the Calculating your Carbon Footprint activity? Explain.
The extent of my carbon footprint is much more extensive than I believed it would be. It proves that we can always do better if we give it a little thought.

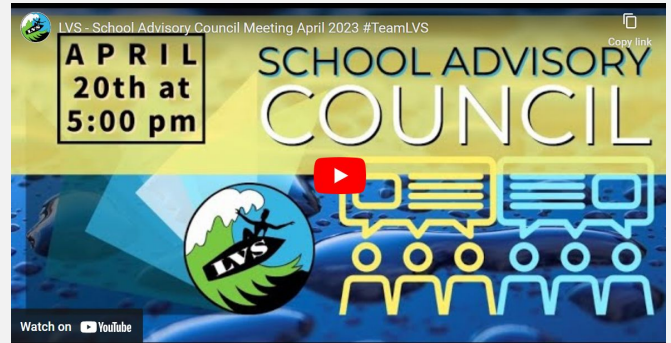
CHANGEMAKER

Created by: *Christina*

Kamila Quintero Hatem



The **April 20th** meeting brought discussions about the school's highly optimistic and vitally safe processes revolving around testing.



The principal, Mrs. McMillan Barnes, provided insight into the school's newsletter and how many things are going on at LVS. We headed right into the testing processes for this May. The biggest focus was on students safely getting to their testing area and back to their vehicles. Our counselors wish to remind everyone that testing may indeed be happening almost every day, but for us to relax, breathe, and remember that we can do this! **Keep your head up --- we are nearing the end!**



**These are not true representations of the testing environment at LVS. These photos are added for newsletter decoration only.

Video Game / ESports club meets on the last Thursday of every month at 6pm. Please register for [our Zoom room](#). Also, please join our Google Classroom by using the code:



E S P O R T S

h3wqlke You will see all of our club updates on this page. Please call or text Mr. O'Grady at 239-357-8013. You can also email him at SeanJO@LeeSchools.net. If you have any ideas for the club, feel free to let him know.



Deaf Awareness Club - Our next meeting is over Zoom. Please join us via this [Zoom Link](#)

During the next meeting we will be learning about assistive technologies for Deaf and hard of hearing and sharing community resources for everyone.

Contact Mrs. Pankey with any questions at 239-296-6972

Google Classroom Code **dn51g4r**

CHECK IT OUT!! Sally J. Pimental

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center

<https://dhhc.life>





CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION

**MAY 20
10 AM**

CALOOSA SOUND

CONVENTION CENTER

1375 MONROE STREET
FORT MYERS, FL 33901



LVS SENIORS

CHROMEBOOK & TECHNOLOGY

RETURN EVENT

MAY 12TH

8 AM - 3:45 PM

Seniors-only return event on Friday, May 12th from 8am - 3:45pm. All current Chromebooks, older Chromebooks, and technology along with accessories. Turn it all in. Clear your account.

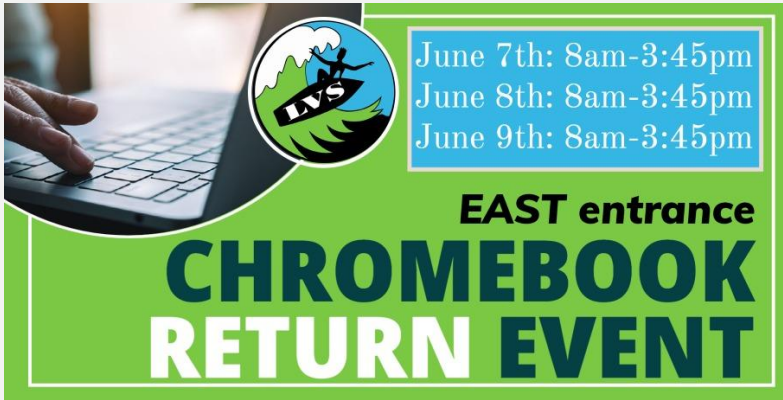
May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Slideshow Photo(s) due Use Google Form Individual Photo & Family/Friends Photo (see Google Form for details) 	By 4:00 pm	Google Form will be used
May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors - All work is due Stay in contact with your teachers 	By 4:00 pm	Includes dual enrollment courses
May 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Senior Meeting via Zoom 	1:00 pm	Zoom Registration
May 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Chromebook Return At the EAST entrance Check that your account is clear 	8am - 4pm	EAST entrance of the district building
May 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Survey due Google Form 	End of Day	Google Form
May 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Practice Mandatory for all attending ceremony Practice is for students only 	6:00 pm	Students enter at NORTH entrance of the district building and go into the Caloosahatchee Room
May 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Ceremony Cap and Gown required RSVP also required 	10:00 am	Caloosa Sound Convention Center 1375 Monroe St, Fort Myers 33901
May 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All student work is due No late submissions, so plan Keep in contact with your teachers 	By 4:00pm	All work due for Segment 2

[Slideshow](#)

[Class Meeting](#)

[Chromebook Event](#)

[Senior Survey](#)



June 7th: 8am-3:45pm
 June 8th: 8am-3:45pm
 June 9th: 8am-3:45pm

EAST entrance
CHROMEBOOK
RETURN EVENT

These dates and times will be our official dates of return for the students and families. Return all devices and accessories, including hotspots and chargers. Schoolwide Return Event Dates: **JUNE 7, 8, and 9, 2023** Times: **8am - 3:45pm**. Receipts are not made available for simple return of devices.

All payments may be made in either check or cash with exact change on site (**credit cards are not accepted**). There is a mobile ATM just inside the East entrance for your convenience for even amounts. NOTE: Please have exact change as we do not have change available (LVS normally does not keep currency on the premises).

Costs of Replacements

The Technology Department of LVS is responsible for the proper support of students' acceptable use of all district-owned and LVS issued student-assigned components of the complete Chromebook Package (CBP). The listed components of the CBP are the current costs and are considered "replacement fees" for each of the items listed below at the following rates [current costs per LCSD policies regarding the components listed]:

1. Chromebook (with LCSD badging/etching/labeling) - \$310.00
2. OEM Power Supply - \$32.50
3. Brand name Sleeve/Case - \$17.50
4. Hotspot (with charger, card, and proper labeling with box) - \$85.00
5. Hotspot charger - \$32.50



TEACHERS! The ending of the year is near and this means that all teacher assets are to be returned to LVS by the end of this school year. This includes: computers, laptop accessories, drawing tablets, doc cams, hotspots, and other device assets; regardless of summer school teaching. Return everything to LVS, please.



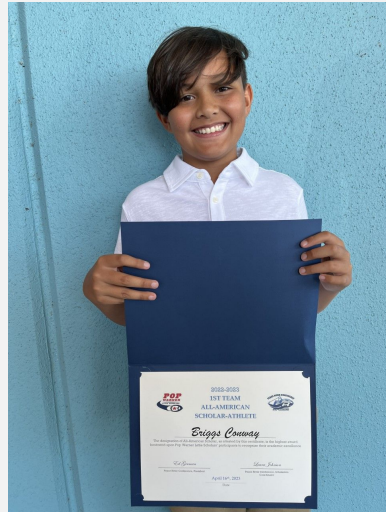
Hi, my name is Jaxson Warren, and I am currently in the 5th grade. I have been attending Lee Virtual School since the COVID pandemic that started at the end of my 3rd grade year when my school, Rayma C. Page, closed. Even though I miss seeing my friends and teachers in school, going to Lee Virtual School has helped me in more ways than you could imagine. When I was born, I was born with kidney disease, which caused me to have more than 13 surgeries, blood transfusions, dialysis, feeding tubes, and so many hospitalizations. I received my life-saving kidney transplant when I was two years old. Since then, I have had to take anti-rejection medications every day and will do so for the rest of my life. The medicine causes my immune system to go down, and it makes it very easy for me to get sick. So the time when Covid first started was a very scary time for me.

When I was first put on the anti-rejection medications, they told my parents all the possible side effects. But to them, the side effects did not outweigh the fact that this would save my life. One of the rare side effects, less than 1% is that it will cause cancer. Well, the month of my 9th birthday, I woke up and couldn't walk. My parents rushed me to the hospital, where they found cancer in my spine and in my stomach. I immediately started chemotherapy and spinal surgery. I thankfully was able to continue to do my schoolwork once school started back up because I could do it from my home on the computer with Lee Virtual School without the risk of being exposed to sick kids, which would make me sick and put me back in the hospital. If you fast forward to 6 months later, I kicked cancer's butt!! I learned how to be braver and stronger than I thought I ever could be. I was then nominated to be the Children's Miracle Network Champion for the state of Florida. I have been able to share my story and help raise money for the same children's hospital that saved my life so many times. My goal is to give other kids like me hope that they, too, can beat whatever illness they are fighting too! I get to go to Ohio in June on my first airplane ride to attend a golf tournament that will be raising money for the children's hospital, and I will be there for the state of Florida. My mom always said that I was good at talking in front of people, but I didn't think so until I started speaking in front of so many people, and I started to enjoy it. This has also helped me get better at writing all the Language Arts writing assignments that I so often have to do!!

If it weren't for Lee Virtual School, there is a good chance I would have spent most of my time over the last few years in and out of the hospital due to sickness. I am very thankful I can wake up every morning and not have to worry about putting on a mask and getting sick or having to wash my hands every 5 minutes at school. I do miss school very much, but having this option is awesome!



Outstanding Achievement



Briggs Conway was awarded **First Team Academic All-American Scholar-Athlete** on April 16th! Athletic students with grades of *98.6 or higher* are given this award; his family members are very proud of him and appreciate LVS for recognizing students' hard work.



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The last test date for seniors to qualify for the **Bright Futures Scholarship** will be **June 3rd** for the SAT and **June 10th** for the ACT. Many of you have the GPA and the hours but just need test scores to qualify! Please complete the Bright Futures application if you have not already - www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org



DISTRICT News Link