

# The Lee Traveller



Hello Young Generals,

What a great month October has been. We have had the chance to host one of the members from the District's Accreditation team. The member was extremely impressed with the many students and teachers she had the chance to meet. She was especially impressed with our "College Going Culture" here at Robert E. Lee HS. We also had the chance to host sixty members from Leadership Jacksonville this month. The 60 community members had the chance to see multiple teachers in action, speak with students, and have students teach them all in one day. The Leadership Jacksonville visitors were so impressed by our NJROTC cadets, Rising 5000 members, our teachers, and the many students that they met. They continued to mention how much they loved our college labeled stairs; college focused students, as well as meeting many students that were recently accepted into The Bethune Cookman University!

In addition to hosting community members and adults, we also had the chance to show how Generals mentor others and give back to our community. Here at Robert E. Lee High School we know that part of being a "LEEder" is giving back to our community. Ms. Fowler and our women's leadership class hosted our first annual Breast Cancer Awareness walk and party with a purpose. We had approximately 200 students participate and donate to Jeannie Blaylock's foundation. Our students raised over \$1800! Thank you so much for all our amazing students that participated as well as our many fantastic adults that helped. Last but definitely not least, we adopted a group of young women that our Generals will mentor this year. Robert E. Lee and Jeb Stuart have developed a collaboration to make sure our community feeder school will have phenomenal high school students to mentor them through middle school and through the transition to high school. We are so grateful for Jeb Stuart and their Principal Ms. Milliner-Smith for allowing us to give back to our community.

WOW! What an amazing October. I cannot wait to see what November holds for The Land of the Generals!

Thank you,  
Scott Schneider, Principal

## Editorials

Hey students, it's me again. Hopefully, you got to read my last editorial. It would mean a lot. To be honest, I felt a little stuck after I wrote my last letter because the topic was, and still is, the main problem going on in my life. I'm still contemplating a lot of things. But then I figured I could talk about my flaws and other concerns and relate to you all some more. Even though most of the time I feel alone and very distant from the world, I know some things can be relatable. So, this time I'm going to put out the message to be positive. Now, don't stop reading. I won't sound all cliché, I promise. Since I'm a very pessimistic person, I'm the one who actually needs this message. Although most of you aren't pessimistic people, you have been at times. For instance, you probably felt like you were going to fail a class when the first lesson wasn't even taught yet. It's not that I hope for the worst, I expect the worst. I know it's not the best mentality to have, but it's me. I decided to talk about positivity because its coming close to the end of the year. Which means it's the time to be thankful and cheery. Thanksgiving is coming up and there's plenty of things to be thankful for such as family and good health. Even the little things, like that one friend who's the highlight of your day because they uplift you with jokes. Or your English teacher extended the essay deadline. A lot of the times, I automatically think failure because I feel inadequate. But recently I read this book called "Positive Dog" by Jon Gordon that really opened my eyes. The book stated that all of our negativity is rooted in fear. When we fear that we are powerless, it causes us to complain. Like when your teacher gives out a project and it has a bunch of requirements. You'll complain that it's too much because you fear you won't get it done in time. Even though some of these teachers do a little bit extra. Another example is when the book states that "fear of failing leads to inaction". This quote is relatable for me because I often feel like I can't do things. Like when I write stories. I feel like my story isn't interesting and it would never make book sales or that I won't even get a book deal to begin with. A lot of the times, you'll have an essay or project due and you'll procrastinate. This will cause you to be too rushed under pressure and it will end up being messy or unorganized. Of course, since I'm a pro at procrastination, I don't know what that's like. Sorry, forgot we're trying to be positive. Anyway, the book continues with the fact that the opposite of fear is faith. Faith is hope and the belief in something positive. So, the last thing I want to leave you with is a quote from the book that struck powerful to me. It declares, "Fear believes in a negative future. Faith believes in a positive future. If neither the positive or negative hasn't happened yet, why not choose to believe in the positive future. Why not believe that great things are coming your way?" I know circumstances may not be the best at this point in your life, but why believe that your future will crumble when it hasn't happened yet? To me, the best thing is to be stuck in a situation. There's always a way out. Even if it takes some time.

-Brianna Watson

"Take responsibility for yourself because no one's going to take responsibility for you. I'm not a victim. I grow from this and I learn." – Tyra Banks

## Food Drives

### Fall is the Best

Fall is the best as the colors gets brighter.

Fall is the best as my body cools.

Fall is the best as a student of Lee High.

I will earn success as I strive.

Positive rise and ready to learn

I know I cannot fall into destruction

Fall is the best

### **Kester Kitchen of Murray Hill United Methodist Church**

College Street, Jacksonville, Florida, 32205

Phone number - 904-375-1304

### **Way man Community Development Corporation**

1176 LaBelle Street Monday, Jacksonville, Florida, 32205

Hours - Wednesday, Friday: 8:00am - 2:00pm

Phone - 904-693-1503

### **The Potter's House**

5119 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville, FL, 32205

Call for information on free food - 904-695-0181

### **Christ Church of Peace**

1240 McDuff Ave S., Jacksonville, FL, 32205

904-304-8749

Boxes of food, canned goods, formula, and other related items are distributed.

There are over 100 million homeless people worldwide. Over 1.6 billion people lack adequate housing. There is nearly a billion people, one eighth of the world's population, still living in hunger. One in four kids in the U.S. are faced with hunger every day and don't know where their next meal is coming from. One year alone there has been over 2.3 million people evicted and majority of the households were filled with children. Don't overlook these numbers, but take all of this in, and think about it when someone ask you this year on Thanksgiving "What are you thankful for?". Remember the little things that you can do that others can't. Things as simple as making a bowl of cereal or going to watch T.V or going to sleep in a room with a bed, and not having to worry about being cold this time of the year. Or worrying about if you would have dinner tomorrow or if someone would be generous enough to give you some money when they pass by you on the street. This year on Thanksgiving try to do something different. When your family and friends ask you "What are you thankful for?" instead of telling them, show them. If you know someone who isn't as blessed as you are, and you know their family can't afford to celebrate Thanksgiving don't hesitate to help them and simply show them that you care. When you help them don't look down on them or think you deserve something down the line. Do it out of the kindness of your heart, they will remember how you made them feel. Did you make them feel loved and gave them hope or did you make them feel as if you were doing them a favor? Your actions don't make you a good person but, it's the intentions behind your actions that determine who you are. Take that with you this time around when you celebrate Thanksgiving, and someone ask "What are you thankful for"? Don't just tell them, but show them by spreading love to others because you know that it could be you and you would want someone to show you that they care. Remember someone doesn't have to be homeless to be dealing with hunger. Yes, it's good to help the people you see out on the streets but don't forget about the people that may be in your own neighborhood.

How did the chicken, the pheasant, turkey, duck, and goose get in trouble?

How is it possible that a turkey can end up with 3 legs even though it has only 2 legs?

When the pilgrims walked off their boat into the new world, on what did they stand?

1. Because of their fowl language
2. Because it had grown another foot
3. Their feet

### Thanksgiving Word Search

Y B N E S H F W I S Y W G B D  
O A I O S N M A S N D Z A N I  
E P D A V S O M M C X W I J N  
T Z U I L E I I A I P J P P N  
Q Q I M L R M R T O L K O L E  
S R C A G O V B D I A Y C Y R  
O T H L M E H D E F D Q U M P  
S E I R R E B N A R C A N O Y  
M P G R A T E F U L P C R U S  
J D T S E V R A H U E Y O T M  
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C X X S Z L K Z M Y X R R J P  
J J Q C D I K K F T A U M R T  
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Turkey  
Pumpkin  
Squash  
Cranberries  
Thanks  
Family  
Dinner  
Grateful  
Traditions  
Harvest

Pilgrims  
Feast  
Holiday  
Cornucopia  
November  
Maize  
Yams  
Pie  
Plymouth  
Carve



What are you thankful for?

“I am thankful that I can spend time with my family”

Natira Jackson 9<sup>th</sup> grade

“I am thankful that I can go to the homeless shelter to pass out food with my family”

Kamya White 10<sup>th</sup> grade

“I am thankful for my Mama”

Kyara Phillips 11<sup>th</sup> grade

“I am thankful for Thanksgiving, because some people

don’t have the opportunity to eat as good as other families. So, I am thankful to have food on the table.”

Chamaya Jones 12<sup>th</sup> grade

## The day I smelled colors

That four-hour hike  
I swear I almost lost my sight  
With the tears that built up around my eyes  
I thought “wow I really need to get in shape”  
But anyone climbing up a mountain would think the same  
Even if they trained  
Only me and three or four others  
They really didn’t say much that day  
I talked the most but that’s not much of a change  
Quoting this song or that movie  
Keeping my mind on something so I wouldn’t give up halfway there  
We did stop and stare  
But didn’t see much  
Other than shades of green  
And that’s what I smelled  
Not just the woods or forest  
I smelled the colors it was showing me  
The ones I was walking with ask me what it smelled like  
I couldn’t describe  
I wish they could’ve smelled it to, it was beautiful  
In that moment I wasn’t just looking with my eyes, I was hearing it, feeling it  
I was really living in it