



February 2025

St. Charles Parish Public Schools

Issue 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Jaguar Families,

Hello, February! This month is going to be full of excitement, and we're so thrilled to have our school community swimming along with us. A big thank you to our amazing families for their fantastic support of our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser! The fundraiser will wrap up at **12:00 PM on February 17, 2025** - thank you for helping us make it a huge success!

As we swim through February, we'll continue to celebrate Black History Month by sharing the important contributions of African Americans during our morning announcements. Our students will participate in a multicultural program put on by our Drama Club Friday, February 28th.

Let the good times roll in true Mardi Gras style! Our annual R.J. Vial Mardi Gras Parade is just around the corner, and we can't wait to march through the community! The parade will start at **1:00 PM on Friday, February 28, 2025**. We're still collecting bead and throw donations, so if you'd like to contribute, we'd love your help. Parents, guardians, and extended family members are invited to watch the parade from along the route—be sure to check out the parade route in this newsletter!

After the parade, all students will return to their homerooms, and attendance will be taken. Friday, February 28th, we will follow a regular schedule, with students being dismissed at 3:50 PM. Please note that students cannot be checked out until **2:00 PM** after the parade. Any check-outs on this day will count toward your child's attendance.

Looking ahead, the Mardi Gras holidays will take place from **March 3 – 7, 2025**, with school resuming on **Monday, March 10, 2025!**

Together, we continue to *Expect Excellence and make "RJV a Successful Place to Be" this school year!*

Sincerely,
Christina Mullins
Principal



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Thursday, February 6th

Early Dismissal 12:45
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 7th

Student Interest Clubs
Early Dismissal 12:45
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Saturday, February 8th

District VIII Honor Choir
Rehearsal @LPAC 9:00am
District VIII Honor Choir
Performance @LPAC 12:30pm

Monday, February 10th

4H 3:50pm-5:00pm

Tuesday, February 11th

Dress Down Day For Students
Who Attended Conferences

Wednesday, February 12th

Weather Make-Up Day

Thursday, February 13th

Special Olympics Bowling
Jaguar Buddies
3:50pm—5:00pm

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Happy Valentine's Day!
Students may wear a Valentine's
Shirt (Red, Pink, White)

Monday, February 17th

World's Finest Chocolate Money
Is Due By Noon

Tuesday, February 18th

Class/Club Pictures
(School Uniforms)

Tuesday, February 25th

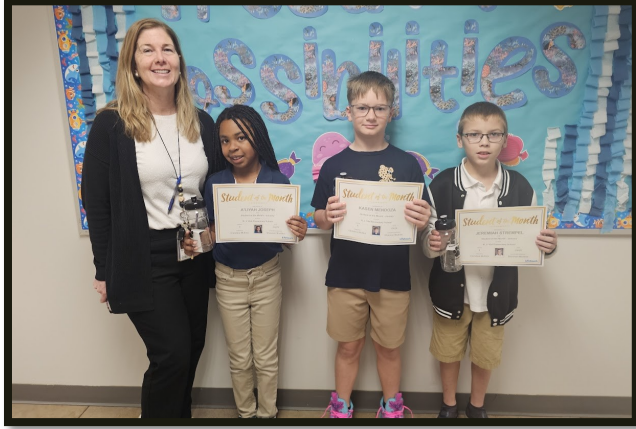
Ya'll Fest—Choir

Friday, February 28th

Mardi Gras Parade 1:00pm



January Students of the Month Congratulations



5th Grade: *Kasen Mendoza*

4th Grade: *Jeremiah Stremple*

3rd Grade: *A'Liyah Joseph*

The R. J. Vial students of the month are chosen based upon qualities including character, leadership, and citizenship. The student of the month must demonstrate an effort to learn subjects to the best of his or her ability, be prepared for class, and participate in class. R. J. Vial students of the month demonstrate excellent behavior in and out of the classroom, are well-mannered, and are respectful to both peers and teachers.

R. J. Vial Employee of the Month

Faculty and staff at R. J. Vial Elementary nominated Sarah Moore for Employee of the Month!

Here are just some of the reasons she was nominated:

"I am nominating Sarah for her amazing choir performance and her incredible ability to get the group to perform in perfect harmony. The concert was truly music to our ears, and her teaching talent was evident in every note. Beyond the music, Sarah also allows students to see strength and talent outside the classroom, inspiring them in ways that extend beyond just the choir. Her impact is felt both in and out of the performance space."



Congratulations!

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T.E.R.R.I.F.I.C. Kids

Terrific Kids is a student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem and perseverance. "Terrific" is an acronym for Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable. Quarterly, one student from each homeroom is selected as their classroom's Terrific Kid.

3rd Grade



Rhea Hill



Camille Landry



Keegan Matherne



Paisley Rizzuto

4th Grade



Peydon Comardelle



Kinsley Dufrene



Mia Frickey



Laken Watson

5th Grade



De'Mari January



Aiden Kidd



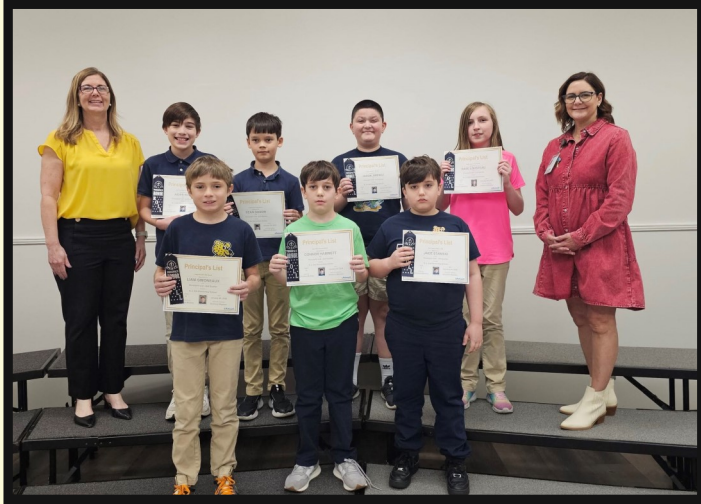
Kate Lousteau



Andrew Meyer

RJV Celebrates Achievements

2nd Quarter Principal's List



5th Grade

Sean Gaudin, Connor Hammett, Jaxon Jimenez, Aiden Kidd, Kate Lousteau, Liam Simoneaux, Jace Stawski

4th Grade

Cameron Hebert, Kolton Meadors



3rd Grade

Brandon Benitez-Amaya, Scarlet Brandon, Jacques Buras, Andrew Bueche, Aleigha Cooper, Jacob Dufrene, Ava Elliott, Talon Gros, Hayden Harrell, Madison Hernandez, Elijah Holt, Kynleigh Knuppel, Keegan Matherne, Kason Meadors, Lyla Morel, Jaxson Noto, Charlee Rawls, Myah Simoneaux

RJV Celebrates Achievements

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

5th Grade



Dylan Baxter, Claire Bueche, Eli Finstad, Madilynn Folse, Anthony Gervais, Layla Hernandez, Scarlet Hernandez-Sandoval, Kambrie Loupe, Quinn Malbrough, Kasen Mendoza, Andrew Meyer, Broxton Naquin, Baylee Pierre, Rayne Richardson, Sophia Roesler, Aaron Swaim

4th Grade

Cristhofer Acosta, Mila Cabibi, Brooklyn Capitano, Bella Comardelle, Peydon Comardelle, Ezekiel Cortez, Avah Creppel, Benton Dufrene, Kylie Dufrene, Mia Fickey, Alec Gonzalez, Alijah Gonzalez, Liam LaPlante, Eva Madere, Mignon Matherne, Tristan Matherne, Emalee Rawls, Beau Sassin, Mariah Williams



3rd Grade

Emily Arita Miralda, Allison Babin, Gabrielle Beaver, Christina Bourque, D'Qayla Butler, Jaxon Bychruch, Blake Conway, William Dubois, Cody Folse, Sophia Fonseca, Autumn Ford, Ryleigh Gaubert, Cason Graver, Sullivan Hogan, Adeline Krall, Alice Landry, Camille Landry, Ay'Lani Leahy, Chasen Lombard, Kash Longman, Kaine Mendoza, Wendy Orellana, Paisley Rizzuto, Brandon Ruiz, Braiden Schieffler, Amelia Sellers, Angelo Signorelli



RJV Celebrates Achievements

2nd Quarter BUG Club

5th Grade

Dylan Baxter, Eli Finstad, Anthony Gervais, Connor Hammett, Layla Hernandez, Aiden Kidd, Jayden Lanoue, Baylee Pierre, Sophia Roesler, Ross Sandras, Liam Simoneaux



4th Grade

Rhett Cortez, Avah Creppel, Ariel Dominique, Mia Frickey, Jessie Hogan, Lorelei Keller, Liam LaPlante, Anllely Paz, Ayden Rojas, Beau Sassin, Gabriel Stempel



3rd Grade

Brandon Benitez-Amaya, Paisleigh Breaux, Jacques Buras, Jaxon Bychruch, Emerie Colly, Aleigha Cooper, Blake Conway, Rhema Cortez, William Dubois, Haze Fahrigr, Sophia Fonseca, Skylar Glenn, Kinsley Hall, Daniel Harter, Madison Hernandez, Elijah Holt, Latrell Hutchinson, Darrel Joseph, Kunleigh Knuppel, Alice Landry, Camille Landry, Ay'Lani Leahy, Kash Longman, Franshesca Lopez, Ezra Matherne, Kasen Meadors, Wendy Orellana, Olivia Oxford, Paisley Rizzuto, Nolan Sabathe, Myah Simoneaux, Juan Summers



RJV Celebrates Achievements

2nd Quarter Perfect Attendance

5th Grade



Tazahn Alexander, Vivienne Falcon, Sean Gaudin, Adele Glore, Layla Hernandez, Cole Jackson, Justice Nichols, Logan Pervan, Kinley Santos, Jace Stawski, Elise Troxclair

4th Grade

Faith Brown, Mila Cabibi, Bella Comardelle, Sawyer Dufrene, Jordynn Fahrig, Mia Frickey, Cameron Hebert, Alec Gonzalez, Titan Jedrysek, Tristin Lee, Eva Madere, Emalee Rawls, Dylan Ruiz, Laken Watson



3rd Grade

Christina Bourque, Scarlet Brandon, D'Qayla Butler, Graham Dufrene, Ave Elliott, Cody Folse, Talon Gros, Ay'Lani Leahy, Keegan Matherne, Jaxson Noto, Charlee Rawls, Angelo Signorelli



CONGRATULATIONS Jaxon Jimenez on being selected to take part in the St. Charles Parish Honor Band!!



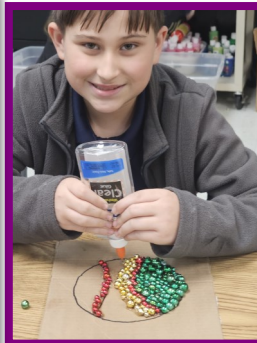
We are busy singing Jaguars over here in the Choir world. The Jaguar Choir is working hard in preparation of several performances in the coming months. On February 25, we are heading to the St. Charles Parish YALL Fest at the Lafon Center. Later on in March we have back to back performances at the LMEA Large Ensemble Festival and ArtsFest hosted by St. Charles Parish Public Schools.



physical education



In physical education class we have completed Steal the Ball in 4th and 5th grade. In 3rd grade we finished up dodgeball. In the coming weeks, all grade levels will be focusing on basketball skills that include dribbling, shooting, and passing. Students will learn the fundamentals of each skill followed by activities that reinforce what we have learned. This month our overall outcome is to dribble, shoot, and pass a basketball using the correct form.





DISTRICT Science FAIR



ELI FINSTAD



**PHYSICAL SCIENCE
2ND PLACE**

RHETT CORTEZ



**CHEMICAL SCIENCE
3RD PLACE**

**MARIANNA
STROUP**



**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE
HONORABLE MENTION**

Congratulations

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Lapis Energy, our amazing partner in education, for generously providing coffee to fuel our teachers on our Professional Learning Day! ☕

Your support means the world to us!



R. J. VIAL PRESENTS



HALL OF CHAMPIONS



BLACK HISTORY MONTH POSTER EXHIBITION

Be inspired! Be creative!

Create a poster to honor and recognize an African American who has achieved greatness.



EACH POSTER SHOULD INCLUDE:

- The person's first and last name
- A picture of the person
- Three facts or accomplishments
- **ON THE BACK:** Your Name, Grade, & Homeroom Teacher



This is an optional activity.

Any student who participates will receive a dress down pass and will be entered to win a \$20 Brooke's Sno-World gift card.

Turn in all posters to Mrs. Barbay by 2-14-25.



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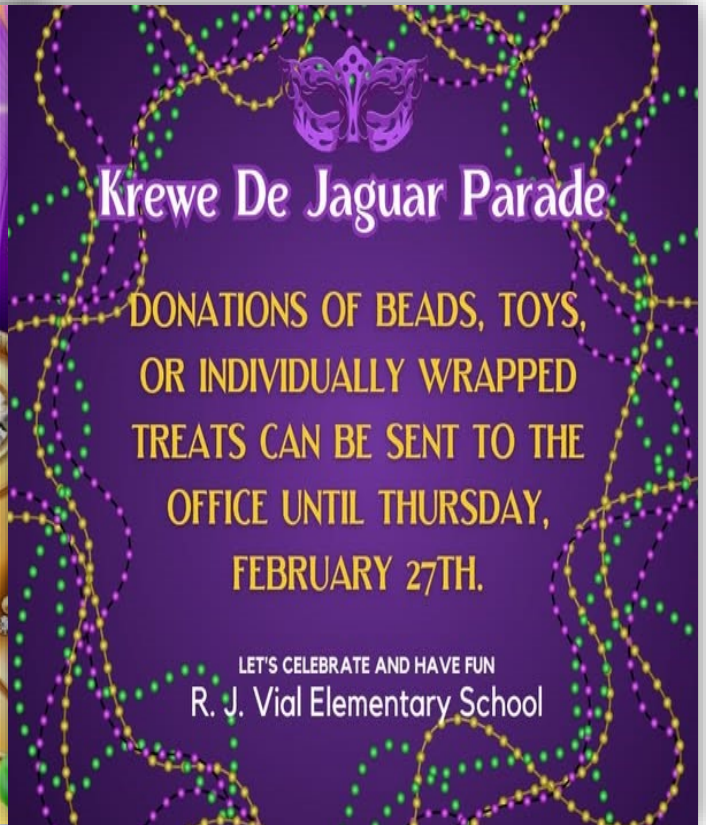
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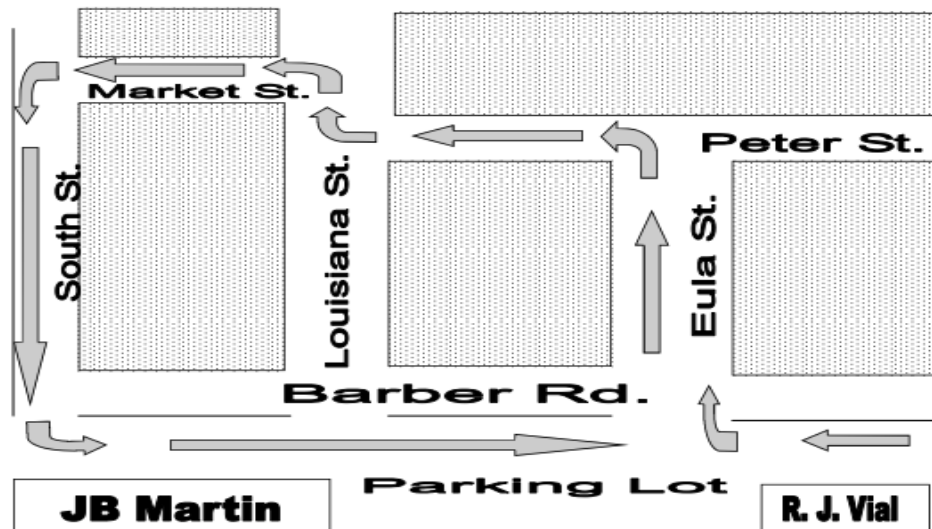
Wait for Approval

Stay Alert



Krewe of R.J. Vial Roams the Neighborhood!

R.J. Vial will host it's annual Mardi Gras Parade on February 28, 2025 at 1:00pm. ALL students will march in the parade!



Parade begins at R. J. Vial Elementary School. Turns right onto Eula St., left on Peter St., right on Louisiana St., left on Market St., left on South St., crosses the J. B. Martin Bridge, left in the J. B. Martin parking lot and continues in front of both schools back to R. J. Vial.

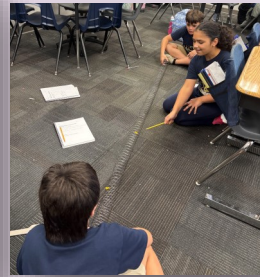
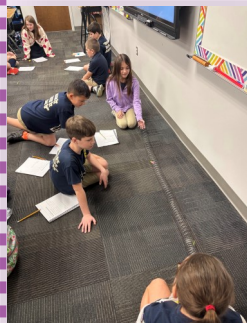
3rd Grade

In third grade, the students are learning about what makes a humpback whale unique. They began Module 3 by learning that individuals of the same species have the same characteristics but different traits. The students are using these variations of traits to identify individual humpback whales. During one lesson the students made observations and collected data about four different whales. They were able to identify the four whales because of their variation of traits. The whales identified in the lesson were Salt, Migaloo, Abrasion and Moonstar. The students will use their knowledge of survival from Module 2 to understand how traits can affect an individual's ability to



4TH GRADE

In our third science module, fourth graders are studying how sound travels. Students used spring toys to model how sound travels through air. They discovered that sound travels through the air like a spring, moving back and forth. They will use this new learning to understand how we hear sounds across a distance. In math, fourth graders are learning how to decompose fractions and find equivalent fractions using various models and equations.



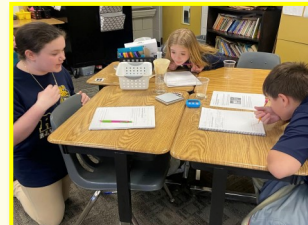
5TH GRADE

Students will begin the new ELA unit, *Shutting Out the Sky*, focusing on the American Dream and if it was worth the sacrifices of leaving their homeland. Students will discover immigrant motivations for coming to America and what life was like once in America.

In social studies, students will begin learning about the renaissance and how the achievements affected life around them.

Students are learning all about decimals in Math. They are engaged in mastering how to add, subtract, multiply and divide with decimals.

In Science, students are also learning about land and water interactions and what happens to precipitation when it reaches the geosphere. Students are relating their learning to the successful rice farming practices on the Indonesian island of Bali.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello Jaguars,

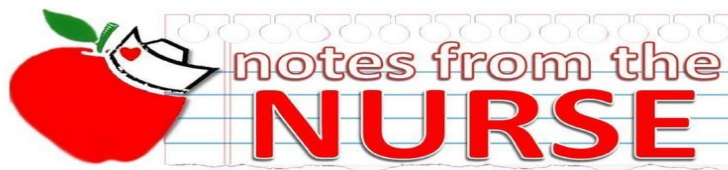
This month, we will be busy learning about acceptance and diversity- what it means, why it's important and how we can include others! Our goal is for students to understand that we should accept and celebrate both our similarities, as well as our differences, and to have a more inclusive environment.. Every student deserves to be treated with respect and should feel safe while at school. When we focus on diversity and inclusion in the classroom, students are able to approach learning with an open, confident, kind, and curious mindset. They learn to empathize with individuals from different backgrounds, abilities, languages, learning styles, family structures, religions, beliefs, and more.

You can help your child continue to learn about the theme of acceptance and diversity, through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We are excited to explore this next topic and hope your family will too!

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February is national Dental Health Month

Lifelong dental habits begin at home! Make dental health a part of your daily routine.

- * Brush your teeth with a fluoride toothpaste at least twice a day, especially after breakfast and before bed time.
- * Floss every day
- * Visit a dentist regularly for a checkup and cleaning.
- * Don't forget to change your toothbrush regularly and after an illness.

Melissa Schexnaydre, RN
School Nurse



GROUNDHOG DAY
FEBRUARY 2ND
ELEMENTARY MENUS
FEBRUARY 2025



St. Charles Parish Public Schools

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menus are subject to change.

Available Daily
 With all meals
 Low Fat White Milk
 Fat Free Flavored Milk

Cold Lunch Choice
 Monday: Sunbutter Sandwich
 Tuesday: Charley Box
 Weds.: Deli Sandwich
 Thursday: Entrée Salad
 Friday: Sunbutter Sandwich

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN!

Monday, February 3	Tuesday, February 4	Wednesday, February 5	Thursday, February 6	Friday, February 7
Breakfast Pancake on a Stick Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice Early Dismissal	Breakfast Donut Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice Early Dismissal
Lunch Pulled Turkey on Bun Tater Tots Cal Blend Veggies Baked Cinnamon Apples	Lunch Fish Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Cucumber & Tomato Salad Pears	Lunch Chili, Fritos Shredded Cheese Garden Salad Steamed Corn Banana Cake or Fruit Crisp	Lunch Hamburger/Cheeseburger Crinkle Cut Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Baked Beans Orange Wedges	Lunch Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Cup Fresh Veggies w/Ranch Dip Pineapple Tidbits

Happy Valentine's Day!

Monday, February 10	Tuesday, February 11	Wednesday, February 12	Thursday, February 13	Friday, February 14
Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast French Toast Sticks Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Chicken Tenders Waffles Green Beans Steamed Carrots Sliced Peaches	Lunch Orange Chicken Fried Rice Asian Chopped Salad Edamame Beans Tropical Fruit	Lunch Manager's Choice	Lunch Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Italian Salad Broccoli Florets Garlic Bread Pineapple Tidbits	Lunch Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baby Carrots w/Ranch Dip Orange Wedges

What's on YOUR plate?

Protein Power!

Steaks and hamburgers and other kinds of beef are loaded with protein. But a lot of red meat is also very high in fat and saturated fat. That's why experts tell us we should only eat beef once in awhile. Luckily, there are lots of other good sources of protein. Six ounces of salmon, for example, contains almost as much protein as a 6-ounce porterhouse steak -- but with less than 1/2 the fat and 1/4 of the saturated fat. Can you make all of the protein sources in the list fit in the spaces in the crossword puzzle?

- Almonds
- Beans
- Chicken
- Eggs
- Fish
- Lentils
- Milk
- Pork
- Soy
- Turkey
- Walnuts
- Yogurt

Learn more at www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.gov or http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/food/pyramid.html

Monday, February 17	Tuesday, February 18	Wednesday, February 19	Thursday, February 20	Friday, February 21
Breakfast Confetti Pancakes Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Waffle Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Totchos Green Beans Steamed Corn Applesauce Corn Bread	Lunch Baked Chicken Loaded Mashed Potatoes Corn or Green Beans WW Roll Apple Wedges	Lunch Beef Vegetable Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Garden Salad Banana	Lunch Beef Dippers Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Florets Baked Beans Pineapple Tidbits Brownie	Lunch Chicken Filet Sandwich Crinkle Cut Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Fresh Orange Wedges

Monday, February 24	Tuesday, February 25	Wednesday, February 26	Thursday, February 27	Friday, February 28
Breakfast Cheesy Grits or Parfait Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Fresh Donut Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Red Beans w/Steamed Rice Seasoned Mustard Greens Steamed Carrots Cornbread Sliced Peaches	Lunch Nachos w/Shredded Cheese Steamed Corn Refried Beans Taco Salad Cup, Salsa Apple Wedges	Lunch Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Banana, Cookie	Lunch Turkey Stew Steamed Rice Candied Sweet Potatoes Steamed Cabbage Strawberry Cup	Lunch Fresh Hot Pizza Marinara Sauce Garden Salad Fresh Orange Wedges

MARDI GRAS HOLIDAYS
 MONDAY, MAR. 3 through FRIDAY, MAR. 7
 We'll see you on Monday, March 10th!

Brain Ticklers
 Which month has 28 days?
 (Hold the page upside down and read it in a mirror for the answer!)

February 2025

**CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY
CULTURE
EXCELLENCE**

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2 National School Counseling Week

3 *World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Begins*

Drama Club
3:50pm-5:00pm

4
Drama Club
3:50pm-5:00pm

Scholastic Book Fair
February 4th - 7th
R.J. Vail Elementary School

5 Parish Honor Band Rehearsal @LPAC 6:00pm-8:00pm

Parish Honor Band Performance @LPAC 7:00pm

6
Early Dismissal 12:45am Parent/Teacher Conferences

7 Student Interest Clubs
District VIII Honor Choir Rehearsal @Nichols

Early Dismissal 12:45am Parent/Teacher Conferences

8 District VIII Honor Choir Rehearsal @LPAC 9:00am

District VIII Honor Choir Performance @LPAC 12:30pm

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4H
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Snow MAKE-UP DAY

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Jaguar Buddies 3:50pm-5:00pm

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17 *World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Ends. All Money Due By Noon.*

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Class/Club Picture Day (School Uniforms)

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25 Y'all Fest - Choir Attends

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28 Mardi Gras Parade 1:00pm

Happy Mardi Gras



Success Can Be Found Under the Sea at RJV!

