



R.J. VIAL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Upcoming
EVENTS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Hello, March! Let's Dive In!

Ahoy, Jaguar families! A tidal wave of gratitude goes out to you for your incredible support and generous contributions to our annual Mardi Gras Parade and classroom parties. Your enthusiasm makes these events sparkle like treasures under the sea!

As we dive into the busy waters of March here at R. J. Vial, we encourage you to stay informed about our upcoming events by checking the **Jaguar Weekly Report** and the calendar at the end of this newsletter. The third quarter will come to a close on **March 14th**, with report cards making their way home on **Monday, March 24th**. Please sign the report card cover and return it to your child's homeroom teacher. If you have any questions about your child's 3rd-quarter progress, don't hesitate to reach out to their teachers. Our **3rd quarter award celebrations** will take place on **Friday, March 28, 2025**, and we're excited to recognize the hard work of our students!

Mark your calendars for our annual **Literacy Night on March 26th!** Dive into a cozy evening of literacy fun. Family members are invited to wear their pajamas for this delightful event, where refreshments will be provided to keep the energy flowing.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in making RJV a successful place to be!

Dream it - Believe it - Achieve it!

Sincerely,

Christina Mullins
Principal

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Thursday, March 13th

Jaguar Buddies 3:50pm-5:00pm

Friday, March 14th

Q3 Ends Today!

Saturday, March 15th

ARTSFEST @ LPAC

Monday, March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Students may wear a green shirt

Tuesday, March 18th

Drama Club 3:50pm-5:00pm

Thursday, March 20th

Choir Rehearsal 3:50pm-5:00pm

Friday, March 21st

Choir Attends LMEA District VII
Large Ensemble Festival

Saturday, March 22nd

Elementary Parish Honor Choir
Auditions 9:00am-11:00am
@HHS

Monday, March 24th

Quarter 3 Report Cards

Students may wear a college /
university shirt

Tuesday, March 25th

Spring Picture day:
Students May Wear School
Appropriate Spring Clothes

Wednesday, March 26th

Career Dress Down Day
Family Literacy Night

Thursday, March 27th

Nicholls Regional
Social Studies Fair
Special Olympics Track Meet

Friday, March 28th

Q3 Awards Celebration
9:00am—3rd Grade
9:50am—4th Grade
10:40am—5th Grade
Snowball Truck—\$3.00



February Students of the Month

Congratulations



5th Grade: Adele Glore

4th Grade: Sydaleigh Cortez

3rd Grade: Kaeyla Small

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 Mrs. Ashley Tero for Employee of the Month!

Here are just some of the reasons she was nominated:

“Ashley's dedication to supporting all students is deeply appreciated. Her flexibility and commitment to providing additional support to students when needed does not go unnoticed. In the math world, we continuously develop "out of the box" ways to meet students' diverse needs, and Ashley consistently demonstrates a willingness to adapt and collaborate. Additionally, her detailed anecdotal notes provide valuable insights that greatly benefit teachers, making them an invaluable resource for student growth and success. Thank you for all that you do to support each student at R. J. Vial.”



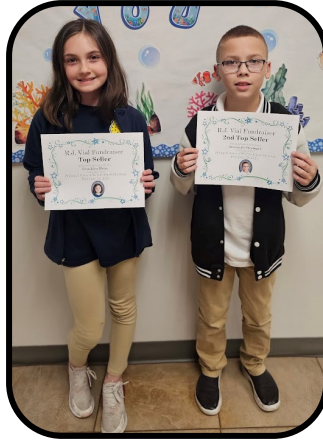
Congratulations!



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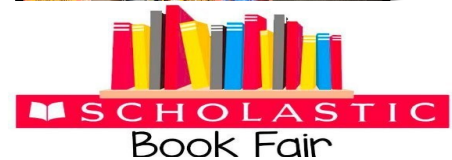
Congratulations to our two top sellers, Brooklyn Reno and Jeremiah Strempel! They will have the opportunity to be Principal and Assistant Principal for the day on Friday, March 14th.



A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser!



Thank you for supporting our book fair. It was a huge success. The profit will go towards new merchandise for the library.



Amira Superstars Alert!

These amazing students crushed their 400-minute reading goal in Amira! That's a whole lot of stories and knowledge gained!

A special thank you to our generous sponsor, Nothing Bundt Cakes, for celebrating our hardworking readers with a sweet treat



Order Your YEARBOOK

The R. J. Vial 2024-2025 Yearbook is now on sale! The cost is \$30.00.

Click on the link: YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM to order. Yearbook ID: 14674725





3rd Grade

We are excited to begin piloting a new English Language Arts unit called *Voices in America!* This unit will introduce students to inspiring individuals throughout history who stood up for what they believed in. Through engaging stories and discussions, we will explore important topics such as women's suffrage and the civil rights movement.

Students will read about brave people who used their voices to create change, helping them understand the power of speaking up for what they believe is right. As we explore these historical moments, we encourage thoughtful conversations at home about standing up for what is right and making a difference in our communities. We look forward to an exciting journey of learning and discovery with our third graders!



4TH GRADE

Students are successfully swimming through the year!

In ELA we are wrapping up our second ELA unit, *The Lighting Thief*. We will begin our third unit, *The American Revolution* in which students will learn about the Patriots and the Loyalists. By the end of the unit, they will choose a side to defend in the war. In social studies, we are studying Early Civilizations in North America. We will learn about Louisiana's first peoples.



5TH GRADE

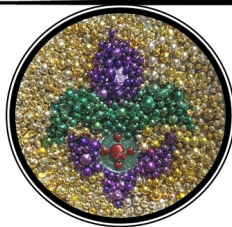
The school year is swimming by at full speed, and we're in crunch time! It's more important than ever for students to buckle down and stay focused. In **Math**, students have been diving deep into geometry with Module 5, where they've been constructing, analyzing, and classifying shapes like trapezoids, kites, parallelograms, rectangles, rhombuses, and squares. They've explored these shapes like navigating through an underwater coral reef, uncovering all their unique properties. In **Science**, students have been exploring the phenomenon question: *What separates Earth from outer space?* They examined the boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space, coming up with analogies to better understand it. They discovered that Earth's atmosphere is like a glowing ocean of gas particles that scatter sunlight, giving it a bright blue appearance, while outer space is a vast, empty abyss, black as the deep sea. In **ELA**, students will soon wrap up Unit 3 by composing an essay, deciding if coming to America was worth the journey, similar to embarking on an underwater exploration to discover new worlds. Afterward, they will dive into the Application Unit, focusing on writing, poetry, and vocabulary—ready to explore new depths of creativity. In **Social Studies**, students have completed all the standards for 5th grade, and now they are reviewing everything like deep-sea explorers preparing for the big LEAP dive. They'll revisit all the units to help them prepare for the upcoming assessments. With the finish line in sight, it's time to dive in headfirst and make the most of every moment!



Jaguar CHOR

The Jaguar Choir did a marvelous job representing R.J. Vial at Young Artists Live @ Lafon (YALL) Fest. Our next step is to take all of our hard work and learning experiences and bring them to the Louisiana Music Educators Association (LMEA) District VII Large Ensemble Assessment on March 21. These Singing Jaguars are really working so hard and are shining everywhere they go.

The Jaguar Choir will also perform at ArtsFest on Saturday, March 16. Be on the lookout for specific information and performance time from Mrs. Moore. If you have never been to ArtsFest, it is a wonderful day of artistic activities, performances, and exploration. The event takes place at the Dr. Rodney R. Lafon Performing Arts Center, and runs from 10 AM - 3 PM. We hope to see you there.



Congratulations to Michael Caldarera (4th Grade)! His artwork has been selected to hang in the Superintendent's Gallery in the LPAC. The grand opening will take place on **Tuesday, March 11** from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Dr. Rodney R. Lafon Performing Arts Center (LPAC). A recognition ceremony for students with work in the Superintendent's Gallery will begin at 6:00 PM in the Shell Theatre. The Superintendent's Gallery will be displayed at the LPAC for the next school year, after which it will rotate to be displayed at the school board office. The Art Show is accessible to the public from March 11-April 11 and available for viewing during regular Box Office hours, Wednesday-Friday from 12:00-2:00 PM. This culminates with ArtsFest on Saturday, March 15 at the LPAC from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Students are encouraged to attend. Food vendors, hands-on activities, artistic displays, and performances will be held throughout the day and available to students, families, and the community.

physical education

In Physical Education, students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades have successfully completed their basketball unit. This month, we are excited to focus on Kickball, where students will learn and demonstrate the game's rules and skills.





HOP ON OVER TO LITERACY NIGHT

WEDNESDAY. MARCH 26 | 6 PM

at R. J. Vial Elementary School

Come for cozy reading fun in your PJs!

Refreshments!

Door Prizes!

RSVP HERE

BY MARCH 21





March is National Nutrition Month

Use this month to start making informed choices about your food. Some ways to kick start healthy habits are listed below:

- Plan weekly meals ahead of time
- Use the nutrition fact labels to help compare ingredients and find foods with higher amounts of vitamins, minerals and dietary fibers. Look for foods with low amounts of sodium, saturated fats and added sugars.
- Use [Myplate.gov](https://www.myplate.gov) to create healthy complete meals that cover all 5 food groups.



Melissa Schexnaydre, RN
School Nurse



“Handle With Care” If your student is coming to school after a difficult night, morning, or weekend, please message me with a quick “Handle with care”. This can be sent through email or a phone message. Nothing else will be said, asked, or expected. This will just let me know that you child may need some extra time, patience, help, and love during the day

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St. Charles Parish
Public Schools

MARCH 2025 Elementary Menu

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



Let's get Clued In to School Breakfast!
St. Charles Parish Public Schools will celebrate
National School Breakfast Week

Monday, March 10 - Friday March 14.

This week's Elementary School activities are:

Monday: Get your Activity Books and Clue Cards.

Tuesday: Find the Clue.

Wednesday: Bring a friend to Breakfast and you both get a
Friendship Bracelet. Don't forget to Find the Clue.

Thursday: Find the Clue.

Friday: Completed Clue Cards get a prize!

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025



SPRING FORWARD
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR

What to know about daylight saving time:

- ✿ We all lose an hour of sleep when going to DST, as the day is only 23 hours long.
- ✿ We will be on daylight saving time for about 65% of the year.
- ✿ Only two states don't observe daylight saving time - Hawaii and Arizona.
- ✿ We will go back to standard time in November.

DAILY OPTIONS

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

OFF THE GRIDDLE.

Eating a healthy breakfast is SO important, we shouldn't let traditional thinking stop us from eating a morning meal. Don't like eggs or juice or bananas or bacon? Have a piece of ham with fresh veggies on 100% wheat bread. It's still breakfast, we promise!



EAT BETTER. PLAY HARDER. LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.
WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!

Louisiana School Lunch Week March 17-21

Monday: Going Green!

Green Jell-O w/Whipped Topping

Tuesday: Lucky Winner!

Students participating in School Lunch will have chances to win prizes.

Wednesday: Lucky to be Local!

Featuring **Local Louisiana Farm Raised Beef**. Get your Beef coloring/activity sheets.

Thursday: Taste the Rainbow!

Local Louisiana Strawberries. Get your Strawberry coloring/activity sheets.

Friday: Go for the Gold!

Students participating in School Lunch will have chances to win prizes.



SPINACH

I am spinach.
I am green.
I am leafy and soft.
I am healthy and tasty in salads.



Monday, March 17

Breakfast

Confetti Pancake
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Totchos
Steamed Corn
Applesauce
Corn Bread
Green Jell-O w/Topping

Tuesday, March 18

Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Meatballs & Gravy
Loaded Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Corn
WW Roll
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, March 19

Breakfast

Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Fresh Louisiana Beef!
Beef Vegetable Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Garden Salad
Banana

Thursday, March 20

Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Beef Dippers
Macaroni & Cheese
Broccoli Florets
Baked Beans
Louisiana Strawberries!

Friday, March 21

Breakfast

Donut
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Bosco Sticks
Marinara Sauce
Fresh Veggies w/Ranch Dip
Fruit Choice

Monday, March 24

Breakfast

Grits / Yogurt Parfait
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Red Beans w/Steamed Rice
Seasoned Mustard Greens
Steamed Carrots
Cornbread
Diced Pears

Tuesday, March 25

Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Tacos w/Cheese
Steamed Corn
Refried Beans
Taco Salad Cup
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, March 26

Breakfast

Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Shepherd's Pie
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Banana
Cookie

Thursday, March 27

Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Turkey Stew w/Rice
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Steamed Cabbage
Strawberry Cup

Friday, March 28

Breakfast

Fresh Donut
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Fresh Hot Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Garden Salad
Fresh Orange Wedges

Monday, March 31

Breakfast

Pancake on a Stick
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Popcorn Chicken
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Cal Blend Veggies
Cinnamon Apples

March
monthly celebrations

Berries and Cherries Month
Gender Equality Month
Irish-American Heritage Month
National Development Disabilities Awareness Month
National Celery Month
National Crafting Month
National Music in Our Schools Month
National Nutrition Month
National Noodle Month
National Reading Month
Women's History Month



MARCH

2025



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Mardi Gras Holiday No School						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	4H 3:50pm-5:00pm	March 11th—14th JBM Cheer Clinic and Tryouts Superintendent's Gallery 6:00pm	Tutoring 7:30am-8:30am Robotics 3:50pm-5:00pm Choir Rehearsal 3:50pm-5:00pm	Jaguar Buddies 3:50pm-5:00pm	Q3 Ends Today!	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Success Can Be Found Under The Sea At RJV!

