



R.J. VIAL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Christina Mullins, Principal
Shannon Madden, Assistant Principal

Jaguar Journal 

April 2025



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Jaguar families - Dive into April!

Ahoy, Jaguar Crew! As we swim through the 4th quarter of this school year, let's continue to lift each other up like dolphins in pod—encouraging our young sea stars to never give up, support their fellow fish, and keep the current toward a *fin*-tastic finish!

We're *shell*-berating the academic and extracurricular achievements of our Jaguars with deep pride! With about six weeks left in our journey through these academic waters, there's still plenty of time to help your child master the remaining grade-level benchmarks. For those students navigating rougher seas, it's crucial to keep the communication currents flowing with their teachers. As a united crew, we can chart the best course to meet every child's needs. When we paddle together, we ride the waves of success!

Every instructional minute is a treasure—so if your child is feeling shipshape, be sure they are present and punctual every day.

Dream it - Believe it - Achieve it!

Sincerely,

Christina Mullins
Principal



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St. Charles Parish Public Schools

Issue 8

Upcoming EVENTS

Monday, April 7th

5th Grade Artsperience
4H 3:50pm - 5:00pm

Tuesday, April 8th

Parish Honor Choir @ LPAC
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday, April 9th

Tutoring 7:30am - 8:30am
Parish Honor Choir @ LPAC
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, April 10th

Tutoring 7:30am - 8:30am
Jaguar Buddies 3:50pm-5:00pm

Friday, April 11th

Engineering and Writers Camp
Applications Due

Monday, April 14th -

Friday, April 18th

Spring Break—No School



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5th Grade Field Trip to the
Children's Museum

Tuesday, April 22nd

Talented Art Field Trip

Wednesday, April 23rd

Tutoring 7:30am - 8:30am

Thursday, April 24th

Tutoring 7:30am - 8:30am

Friday, April 25th

Cajun Open House 1:15pm-3:00pm

Monday, April 28th -

Friday, May 2nd

Student Appreciation Week

Monday, April 28th

AES Second Graders Visit
AES Future 3rd Grader Parent Night
6:00pm

Wednesday, April 30th

RJV Spring Band/Choir Concert
@LPAC 6:30pm

Congratulations March Students of the Month



3rd Grade
Autumn Ford



4th Grade
Josiah Polly



5th Grade
Sophia Roesler

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 Heidi Stein for Employee of the Month!

Here are just some of the reasons she was nominated:

"Ms. Heidi Stein consistently demonstrates a willingness to assist wherever needed, providing invaluable support with a calm and reassuring presence. Whether she is helping a colleague or offering comfort to a student, her dedication makes a meaningful impact. She is highly regarded by the students and staff members, who are drawn to her kindness, patience, and genuine care for those around her."



Congratulations!

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**



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS WEEK APRIL 7TH - 11TH



R. J. Vial Elementary
Shannon Madden



thank you



2024-2025 LEAP TESTING DATES: May 5-9, 2024

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders must attend school on scheduled testing dates. Testing will be scheduled to start by 9:15 AM each morning after breakfast. Please be mindful of late check-ins, and early check-outs, as this will lead to a student having to make up missed sessions. Test sessions last between 45 and 90 minutes. **Testing days count as instructional days. Regular classroom instruction will continue following testing each day.**

Regional Social Studies Fair

Mia Frickey
Louisiana History-1st Place



Congratulations!

Test-Taking Strategies

R

Read the question carefully, then reread the passage or the problem.

E

Examine every answer choice before you choose your answer.

L

Label your answer (Math)
Look for proof in the passage and underline it (ELA)

A

Always check your work!

X

X-out answers that you know are wrong

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kinsley Santos
2025-2026
JBM Cheerleader



River Parishes Special Olympics

Cooper Tero—1st place in the 25m race
Daniel Harter—2nd place in the tennis ball throw



WAY TO GO!

Student Appreciation Week

April 28-May 2

Monday

Seas the Day
We O'Fish'ally have the best students!
Wear a neon-colored shirt since you're a star!

Extra Recess



Tuesday

Allow us to SHELL-o'brate you!
Celebrate as your favorite icon!
Whether a singer, athlete, author or more!

Club Day



Wednesday

Students at RJ are FIN-tastic!
Jaguar Performance
Students will attend the Jaguar band and choir rehearsal at the LPAC.



Thursday

Turtle-y Awesome Kids!
Keep Swimming Toward Your Dreams by wearing green, blue, or dress as a sea creature.

Extra Recess



Friday

Catch the Waves as we LEAP into our Future!
Rest Up, Dream Big, and Do Your Best on the Test!



Movie Celebration

Students at RJV Make Waves of Greatness!

RJV PRESENTS:

CAJUN OPEN HOUSE

Friday, April 25th

SCHEDULE

12:45pm-1:15pm: Check in

SCPPS Bag Protocol will be in Place

1:15pm-1:30pm: Cajun Dancers

1:30pm-2:45pm: Event

2:45pm - 3:00pm: 50/50 Raffle

**Price of Raffle Ticket - \$ 1.00*



** RJV Students Only, 4 Adult Guests Per Student**

1 Ticket = \$1.00

Concessions Prices

Candy - 2 Ticket

Pickles - 1 Ticket

Chips - 1 Ticket

Jambalaya - 5 Tickets

Hotdog (plain) - 2 Tickets

Hotdog (chili or cheese) - 3 Tickets

Hotdog (chili & cheese) - 4 Tickets

Nachos - 5 Tickets

Nachos (w/chili) - 6 Tickets

Drinks - 1 Ticket

Snowball - 3 Tickets

Click the Link or Scan the QR Code to
Pre-Register:

<https://forms.gle/HX7tR7yJFHMBjyoeA>



FREE GAMES

*Bayou Bowl

*Cajun Dice

*Cast Net Throw

*Cajun Golf

*Tire Race

*Weaving

*Hip Boot

*Sack Race

*Flip Cup

*Shake That Thang

*Corn Hole

*Photo Booth

Game Prices

Cake Walk- 3 Tickets

BINGO - 3 Tickets



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



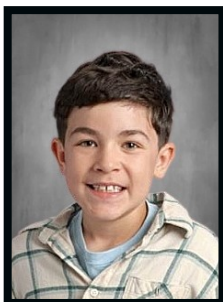
Jacob Dufrene



Cody Folse

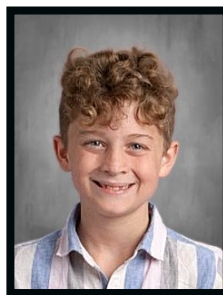


Talon Gros



Braiden Schieffler

4th Grade



Michael Calderera



Kimberlei Chester



Amelia Cole



Rowan Rousseau

5th Grade



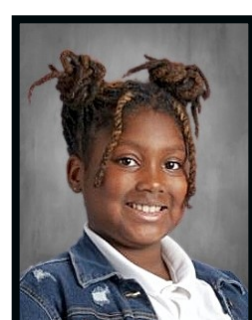
Tazahn Alexander



Remi Arabi



Carter Hall

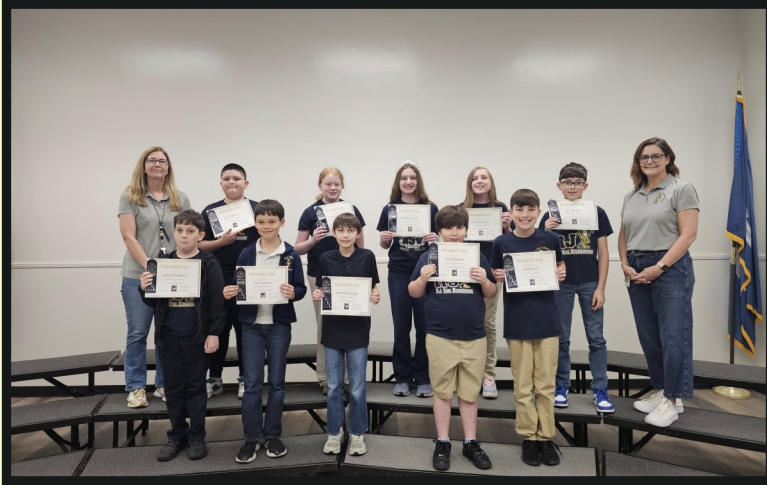


Massiah Williams

RJV Celebrates Achievements

3rd Quarter Principal's List

5th Grade



Claire Bueche, Eli Finstad, Madilynn Folse, Sean Gaudin, Connor Hammett, Jaxon Jimenez, Aiden Kidd, Kate Lousteau, Broxton Naquin, Jace Stawski

4th Grade

Alec Gonzales, Cameron Hebert, Eva Madere, Kolton Meadors



3rd Grade

Emily Arita Miralda, Brandon Benitez-Amaya, Christina Bourque, Scarlet Brandon, Andrew Bueche, Aleigha Cooper, Jacob Dufrene, Ava Elliott, Cody Folse, Talon Gros, Hayden Harrell, Sullivan Hogan, Keegan Matherne, Lyla Morel, Jaxson Noto, Charlee Rawls, Braiden Schieffler, Amelia Sellers

RJV Celebrates Achievements

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

5th Grade



Tazahn Alexander, Dylan Baxter, Hope Berthelot, Brelynn Devillier, Elaisha Diaz, Anthony Gervais, Adele Glore, Scarlet Hernandez-Sandoval, Kye Knuppel, Kambrie Loupe, Quinn Malbrough, Kasen Mendoza, Andrew Meyer, Rayne Richardson, Liam Simoneaux, Edalie Sternberger, Aaron Swaim, Aiden Walters

4th Grade

Cristhofer Acosta, Mila Cabibi, Michael Caldarera, Brooklyn Capitano, Bella Comardelle, Peydon Comardelle, Ezekiel Cortez, Rhett Cortez, Benton Dufrene, Kylie Dufrene, Mia Frickey, Ronald Gilmore, Alijah Gonzalez, Cash Hunter, Liam LaPlante, Mignon Matherne, Tristan Matherne, Emalee Rawls, Beau Sassin, Adelynn Schexsnayder, Cora Sellers, Gabriel Strempel, Ava Strength, Marianna Stroup, Mariah Williams



3rd Grade



Allison Babin, Gabrielle Beaver, Jacques Buras, D'Qayla Butler, Jaxon Bychurch, William Dubois, Autumn Ford, Ryleigh Gaubert, Cason Graver, Madison Hernandez, Rhea Hill, Elijah Holt, Adeline Krall, Kynleigh Knuppel, Camille Landry, Chasen Lombard, Kason Meadors, Kaine Mendoza, Paisley Rizzuto, Brandon Ruiz, Angelo Signorelli, Myah Simoneaux, Eva Tregle

RJV Celebrates Achievements

3rd Quarter BUG Club



5th Grade

Tazahn Alexander, Remi Arabi, Claire Bueche, Brelynn Devillier, Elaisha Diaz, Vivienne Falcon, Madilynn Folse, Eli Finstad, Avery Foster, Adele Glore, Kambrie Loupe, Quinn Malbrough, Ellie Matherne, Broxton Naquin, Justice Nichols, Aaron Swaim, Mia Wingo

4th Grade

Colton Babin, Michael Caldarera, Brooklyn Capitano, Anna Champagne, Kenzley Chiasson, Kimberlei Chester, Addison Cole, Ezekiel Cortez, Rhett Cortez, Sydaleigh Cortez, Ariel Dominique, Makenzie Dow, Benton Dufrene, Kylie Dufrene, Jonael Garcia, Ronald Gilmore, Corbin Gaubert, Alec Gonzalez, Alijah Gonzalez, Cash Hunter, Lily Kubelka, Ava Lampo-Clifton, Liam LaPlante, Tristin Lee, Eva Madere, Trippton O'Neil, Breelynn Ortego, Anllely Paz, Brooklyn Reno, Ryan Slicker, Ariyan Smith, Gabriel Strempel, Ava Strength, Marianna Stroup, Jamii Tatum, Mariah William



3rd Grade

Emily Arita Miralda, Colton Baudoin, Christina Bourque, Jaxon Bychurch, Cody Folse, Autumn Ford, Leiken Hale, Rhea Hill, Sullivan Hogan, Kai'Ja Howard, Gibson Linder, Kaine Mendoza, Braiden Schieffler, Amelia Sellers, Eva Tregle

RJV Celebrates Achievements

3rd Quarter Perfect Attendance



5th Grade

*Remi Arabi, Dylan Baxter, Avery Foster,
Kinley Santos, Jace Stawski*

4th Grade

Dylan Ruiz



3rd Grade

*Allison Babin, Scarlet Brandon,
Jacques Buras, D'Qayla Butler,
Rhema Cortez, Jacob Dufrene, Ava
Elliott, Cody Folse, Skylar Glenn,
Hayden Harrell, Alice Landry, Camille
Landry, Kason Meadors, Charlee
Rawls, Brandon Ruiz, Juan Summers*

3rd Grade

We are excited to learn about Geometry, Measurement, and Data in Math. We will find ways to tell time and solve time word problems. Additionally, we will sort and describe attributes of two-dimensional figures. We will determine the perimeter of two-dimensional figures. We will solve real-world problems involving perimeter and unknown measurements. Lastly, we will collect, display, and analyze data on scaled picture graphs and related bar graphs.

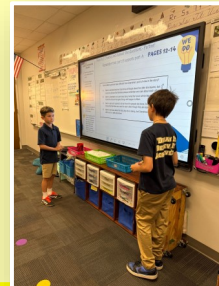
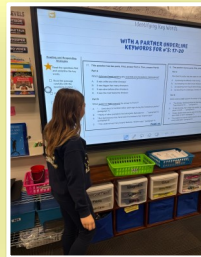
We are also preparing for the 3rd grade LEAP daily by reviewing skills and strategies taught this school year. This preparation includes us learning different types of questions stems such as multiple choice, multi-select, technology enhanced, evidence based selected response, and prose constructed response which will be seen on this end of the year assessment.

4TH GRADE

Keep on swimming!

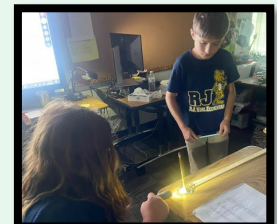
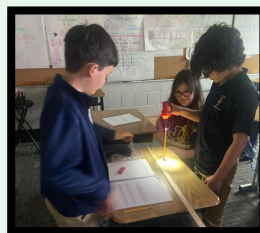
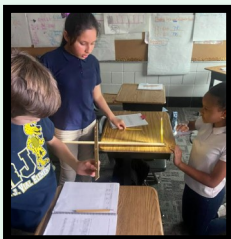
In ELA students have been working on learning and applying test taking strategies for reading and responding to texts. Students will also be participating in a week-long writing boot camp in which we will be discussing test taking strategies for responding to prompts.

In social studies, students are learning about early Louisiana peoples. Students are learning about the people who lived in our backyards!



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. 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 units for the year. Students will 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!







FITNESS FACTS for KIDS

Kids this age need physical activity to build strength, coordination, and confidence — and to lay the groundwork for a healthy lifestyle. They are also gaining more control over how active they are.

School-age kids should have many chances to do a variety of activities, sports, and games that fit their personality, ability, age, and interests. Brainstorm with your kids on activities that feel right. Most kids will not mind a daily dose of fitness as long as it is fun.

Physical activity guidelines for school-age kids recommend that they get 1 hour or more of moderate to strong physical activity daily.

Most of the physical activity should be aerobic, where kids use large muscles and continue for a period of time. Examples of aerobic activity are running, swimming, and dancing.

School-age kids usually have brief bouts of moderate to strong physical activity alternating with light activity or rest throughout the day. Any moderate to strong activity counts toward the 60-minute goal. Children naturally build strong muscles and bones when they run, jump, and play.

Here are some ways to keep your kids moving at home:

Make physical activity part of the daily routine. From household chores to an after-dinner walk, keep your family active every day.

Allow enough time free play. Kids can burn more calories and have more fun when left to their own devices. Playing tag, riding bikes around the neighborhood, and building snowmen are fun and healthy.

Keep a variety of games and sports equipment on hand. It does not have to be expensive — an assortment of balls, hula-hoops, and jump ropes can keep kids busy for hours.

Be active together. It will get you moving, and kids love to play with their parents.

Limit time spent in sedentary activities, such as watching TV, using electronic devices, being online, and playing video games.

If you run out of possibilities at home, take advantage of local playgrounds and athletic fields. Make family fitness outings part of your regular routine. Let family members choose an activity — go hiking, or try out the rock-climbing gym. Anything goes, as long as everyone can participate.

*information gathered from <https://kidshealth.org>

Melissa Schexnaydre, RN
School Nurse RJV and AES.



Elementary Menus APRIL 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



Louisiana HARVEST of the MONTH

Strawberries

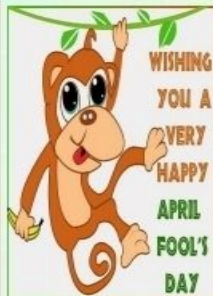
Fun Facts About Strawberries!

- Strawberries are Louisiana's state fruit.
- Wash berries just before eating. Excess moisture during storage can encourage molding.
- The seeds on the outside of strawberries are actually the fruit! On average, there are 200 on every strawberry.

Strawberries Are Nutritious and Good for You!

- Good source of fiber.
- Excellent source of vitamin C.
- Good source of manganese.

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Tuesday, April 1
Breakfast
Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Crinkle Cut Fries
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle
Baked Beans
Orange Wedges

Wednesday, April 2
Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Chili, Fritos
Shredded Cheese
Garden Salad
Steamed Corn
Banana
Cake or Fruit Crisp

Thursday, April 3
Breakfast
Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Chicken/Sausage Jambalaya
Broccoli Florets
Steamed Carrots
Fruit
Dinner Roll

Friday, April 4
Breakfast
Chocolate Donut Bites
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Fish Nuggets
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Cucumber & Tomato Salad
Pears

Monday, April 7
Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Chicken Tenders
Waffles
Green Beans
Steamed Carrots
Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, April 8
Breakfast
Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Orange Chicken
Fried Rice
Asian Chopped Salad
Edamame Beans
Orange Wedges

Wednesday, April 9
Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Turkey & Sausage Gumbo
Steamed Rice
Potato Salad
Cucumber/Tomato Salad
Banana

Thursday, April 10
Breakfast
Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Easter Brunch
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage
Grits, Biscuit
Potato Coins, Salsa
Strawberry Kiwi Frozen Cup

Friday, April 11
Breakfast
French Toast Sticks
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Bosco Sticks
Marinara Sauce Cup
Green Beans
Fruit

NUTRITION TO GO

Green bell peppers were once about the only kind of bell peppers sold fresh in America. Now, red, yellow, orange, and even purple bell peppers are common in grocery stores. They all start out the same way - all bell peppers are green when they are immature, and get their color (and sweetness) if allowed to ripen on the vine.

A TASTY MORSEL FOR PARENTS



Break begins on:
Monday, April 14
Classes resume:
Monday, April 21



Monday, April 21
Breakfast
Cheesy Grits or 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
Pear Halves

Tuesday, April 22
Breakfast
Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Nachos w/Shredded Cheese
Steamed Corn
Refried Beans
Taco Salad Cup, Salsa
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, April 23
Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Manager's Choice

Thursday, April 24
Breakfast
Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Turkey Stew
Steamed Rice
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Steamed Cabbage
Strawberry Cup

Friday, April 25
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

april

Arab-American Heritage Month
Earth Month
Move More Month
National Garden Month
National Garlic Month
National Grilled Cheese Month
National Humor Month
National Poetry Month
National Volunteer Month
School Library Month
World Autism Month

Monday, April 28
Breakfast
Pancake on Stick
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Popcorn Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Cal Blend Veggies
Apple Wedges

Tuesday, April 29
Breakfast
Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Fish Nuggets
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Cucumber & Tomato Salad
Pears

Wednesday, April 30
Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch
Chili, Fritos
Shredded Cheese
Garden Salad
Steamed Corn
Banana
Cake or Fruit Crisp



APRIL 30, 1812
Happy Birthday Louisiana!

APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Talented Theater 3:50pm-5:00pm Parish Honor Choir @ LPAC 6:00pm—8:00pm	2 Tutoring 7:30am-8:30am Talented Theater presents Kingdom Tales @ 6:30pm	3 Tutoring 7:30am-8:30am Parish Honor Choir @ LPAC 6:00pm—8:00pm	4	5
6 	7 5th Grade Artsperience 4H 3:50pm -5:00pm	8 Parish Honor Choir @ LPAC 6:00pm—8:00pm	9 Tutoring 7:30am-8:30am Parish Honor Choir @ LPAC 6:00pm—8:00pm	10 Tutoring 7:30am-8:30am Jaguar Buddies 3:50pm-5:00pm	11 Engineering & Writers Camp Applications Due	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Spring Break No School						
20 	21 5th Grade Field Trip to the Children's Museum 	22 Talented Art Field Trip 	23 Tutoring 7:30am-8:30am	24 Tutoring 7:30am-8:30am	25 Cajun Open House 1:15pm-3:00pm	26
27	28 AES 2nd Graders Visit Welcome AES Future 3rd Grader Parent Night 6:00pm	29	30 RJV Spring Band / Choir Concert @ LPAC 6:30pm	April is Autism Awareness Month		
Student Appreciation Week						



Success Can Be Found Under The Sea At RJV!

