



R.J. VIAL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Jaguar Journal 

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St. Charles Parish Public Schools

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Upcoming EVENTS

**Monday, May 5th -
Friday, May 9th**
LEAP Testing

**Monday, May 12th -
Friday, May 16th**
Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, May 12th
Robotics 3:50pm-5:00pm

Tuesday, May 13th
HHS Grad Walk 12:35pm

Wednesday, May 14th
3rd Grade Art Club

Thursday, May 15th
4th & 5th Grade Art Club
5th Graders Visit JBM

Friday, May 16th
9:30am - 5th Grade
Award Ceremony
11:00am - 5th Grade
Family Picnic
Free Snowballs

Monday, May 19th
Early Dismissal 12:45pm

Tuesday, May 20th
Early Dismissal 12:45pm

Wednesday, May 21st
9:00am - 3rd Grade
Award Ceremony
10:00am - 4th Grade
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11:00am - 3rd & 4th Grade
Family Picnic
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Thursday, May 22nd
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Early Dismissal 12:45pm

SCHOOL'S
OUT FOR
Summer 



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Jaguar Families,

I am grateful for all of our Jaguar families and your continued support and partnership. Together, we will continue riding the waves of success as we wrap up the 2024-2025 school year!

Throughout the school year, we have made a splash celebrating the accomplishments of our Jaguars. Quarterly celebrations highlighted our students' academic achievements and Terrific Kids were selected for their commendable character choices. On May 2, our 5th-grade students made a bold pledge to stay drug-free during our DARE graduation program.

Our Jaguars have dazzled us with performances, from harmonious band and choir concerts to creative school plays. They have also shown their deep sense of community by diving into philanthropic efforts, contributing to our 4-H Food & Toy Drive, TEDDY CARES, and The UNITED WAY.

As we approach the final stretch, we are excited to recognize our students' fourth-quarter academic accomplishments during our end-of-year celebrations. These events will culminate in family picnics at each grade level. Please note that the last full week of school will be early dismissal days, with all students dismissing at 12:45 PM. Be sure to review our school calendar and weekly Jaguar Report for the dates and times of these special award ceremonies and picnics.

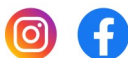
Wishing you a fin-tastic summer ahead, and thank you for helping make this school year an unforgettable journey beneath the waves!

Have a great summer!

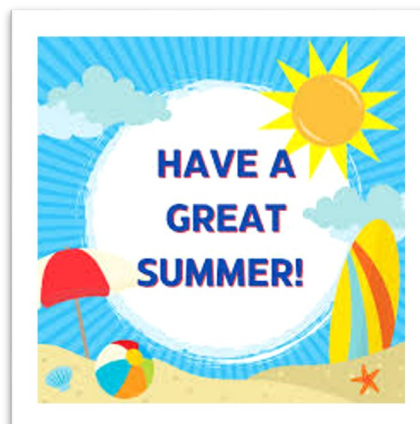
Dream it - Believe it - Achieve it!

Sincerely,

Christina Mullins
Principal



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🐾 Congratulations 🐾

April Students of the Month



Kye Knuppel
5th Grade



Brooklyn Reno
4th Grade



Ava Elliott
3rd Grade

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. Stephanie Hebert for Employee of the Month!

Here are just some of the reasons he was nominated:

"She is always willing to help a colleague no matter what the task. She shares that same positive energy when students need additional support. She is willing to go the extra mile to have the school demonstrate respect for our country and community while teaching students that same respect through demonstration. No matter what is on her mind, she stops and greets coworkers, students, and stakeholders with a smile and kind words."

Congratulations!



Important End Of The Year Announcements

- Report cards will be mailed home Tuesday, May 27th.
- If you have a change of address, please be sure the office is aware of your new address (proof of residence is required).
- Please be sure all library books are turned in, library fines/technology fees paid, any band or choir fees paid in full, Chromebook chargers are turned in, and all classroom books accounted for.
- The school office will be open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the month of June.
- The first day of school for 2025-2026 is Friday, August 8th (last names A-K) & Monday, August 11th (last names L-Z)



The library is preparing to close for the year. All books must be turned in no later than May 12, 2025. Mrs. Draughon will begin end of year inventory and letters will go home to students with outstanding books. Charges for lost books will go home on end of year fee sheets and will follow students to the next grade level if not paid. Unpaid book fees could result in loss of book checkout privileges for next year or prevent opportunities to attend school activities until paid. I hope you have a wonderful summer and don't forget to READ!



R.J. Vial YEARBOOKS

PURCHASE YOUR
yearbook
Today!



2 Ways To Purchase

1. Online: [YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM](https://ybpay.lifetouch.com)
(Yearbook ID: **14674725**)
2. Cash or Check made out to R.J.V. Elementary School.
(If you are paying with cash or check send to school in a sealed envelope with your child's name and grade)



THANK YOU

Thank you Lapis Energy, our partner in education, for providing our Cajun Open House raffle prizes!



NATIONAL PRINCIPALS DAY

MAY 1, 2025

Thank you for everything you do for our school, our students, and our staff. We appreciate you!



Christina Mullins

R. J. VIAL ELEMENTARY



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

2024-2025 LEAP TESTING DATES



Dates of Testing	All Grade Levels 3 rd -5 th
Monday, May 5, 2025	ELA Session 1 / Math Session 1
Tuesday, May 6, 2025	Math Session 2 / ELA Session 2
Wednesday, May 7, 2025	ELA Session 3 / Math Session 3
Thursday, May 8, 2025	Science Session 1 & 2 Science Session 3 (5th Grade)
Friday, May 9, 2025	Social Studies Session 1 & 2 Social Studies Session 3 (5th Grade)



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.

R.J. Vial Music

Outstanding performances by our Jaguar Band and Choir members at the Spring Concert!!



JOIN US FOR
R.J. Vial Elementary School's



**END OF
SCHOOL
PICNIC!**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

5th Grade - Friday, May 16

3rd & 4th Grade - Wednesday, May 21

**Bring a lunch
and enjoy a
picnic with your
Jaguar!**

Important Information

- Up to 4 adult family members may attend.
- School-age children who do not attend RJV and non school-age children are not allowed to attend.
- Only R.J. Vial students are allowed to play on inflatables.

**Feel free to bring
chairs, picnic
blankets, etc!**

The SCPPS Safety Protocols will be enforced. Please plan accordingly.

RSVP HERE!

CLICK THE LINK above or SCAN the QR Code to RSVP.

****All Guests must be registered to attend.****



In the event of inclement weather, the picnic will be cancelled.

St. Charles Parish School Board

Permission Slip

On Campus Event

May 1, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This is to inform you that your child, along with the other students from his/her school, may be part of an organized, on-campus event.

This event is End of School Picnic and will take place at R.J. Vial Elementary School on his or her grade level's designated day.

3rd Grade - Wednesday, May 21, 2025

4th Grade - Wednesday, May 21, 2025

5th Grade - Friday, May 16, 2025

While there are no apparent safety issues or concerns, we wanted to make you aware of a few of the activities available at this event as they are outside of the course and scope of a normal school day. We hereby ask for your permission allowing the aforementioned student to attend this event. The student will be able to:

·Play on and fully utilize an inflatable obstacle course, provided by a third party, under school supervision.

Student's Name: _____

I, _____, the parent/guardian of the aforementioned student, grant permission for the above. I hereby acknowledge that I have been informed about the details regarding this event and have been allowed to inquire about such details. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the school, its employees, volunteers, the school district, the school board, the individual members thereof, and all other district officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability, lawsuit, cost, expense, or claim of any type whatsoever for any harm, injury, or death arising out of the participant of my child in the above captioned event, for which one, or any, of the aforementioned parties, including a third party is, or may be, liable.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact Number: _____

In order for your child to participate in the inflatable obstacle course or bounce house of any kind, this form must be completed.

3rd Grade

In ELA, third graders are finishing up the unit "Voices in America". Students have learned about several activist who used their voice to stand up for what they believed in. They are completing an essay to demonstrate their understanding of the unit. Students are writing to the following prompt: *Choose one person that we have studied in this unit. How did this person's voice affect the United States of America?*

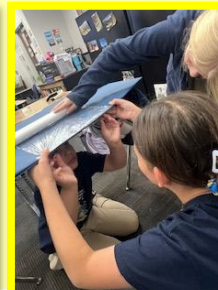
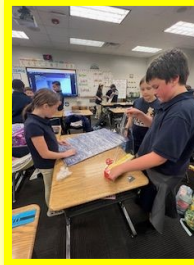
These students have grown so much since August. We cannot wait to see all the wonderful things that they accomplish in the future! Have a terrific summer!



4TH GRADE

In our final Science Module, students have been learning about light and how physical properties of an object affect how much light reflects to our eyes. We have been exploring theories for why Amelia Earhart had a hard time finding Howland Island on the last leg of her journey around the world. Students are pictured creating a model of Howland Island so that they can test the conditions of her flight.

In our final Math module, students have been learning about Geometry. They have learned to name and label figures, measure angles, and write equations to find the measure of unknown angles in a figure.



5TH GRADE

All year long, our 5th graders have navigated the vast ocean of learning, diving deep into new concepts and riding the waves of discovery. As the school year comes to a close, they're surfacing with confidence, ready to showcase the treasures of knowledge they've gathered along the way! We are excited for students to showcase their learning on end of the year assessments. We will wrap up the school year with various ELA projects focusing on character development, main idea, and theme. In Social Studies, students will engage in a review of all six units and demonstrate their learning through presentations. Students will wrap up Math by learning to plot and generate patterns on a coordinate system. We are so proud of the growth students have shown this school year. We hope everyone has a great summer! In Science, students will finish with learning about stars, their apparent motion, and why we see different stars in different seasons.



Jaguar CHOIR

A huge THANK YOU to all of the supporters of the R.J. Vial Jaguar Choir. It has been an incredible year, and we have learned so much. We are so appreciative of all of the support you all have given to us this busy school year. Through the honor choirs, festivals, and concerts - we have had a blast, and we look forward to an awesome musical summer!

If your child is interested in joining the Jaguar Choir next year, please scan the QR code and complete the Jaguar Choir Interest Form.

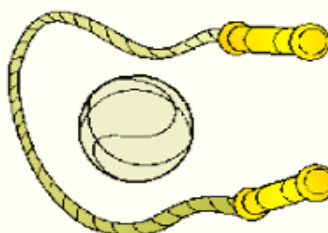


There are only a few weeks left to explore our creativity in art. Our last few projects have been landscapes using texture plates, and we have also delved into radial symmetry. First, students used a circle of paper to divide into equal parts to begin their design. Math became part of our lesson as we folded our paper circle into a half, then fourths, and finally one more fold to create eighths. Then, students used letters, numbers or both to repeat eight times to create a radial symmetrical piece of art. Since working with radial symmetry and circles, we transitioned to circle weaving using a paper plate. It has been a joy to teach the students at R. J. Vial during the 2024-2025 school year. I look forward to exploring new art techniques next school year.



From the Coach's Huddle

As the school year ends, I want my students to know that you have amazed me in so many ways! Each one of you have something to be proud of. I had a blast teaching you what it means to be physically fit for a lifetime. Have a happy summer my friends!



Physical Fitness



NURSE'S NOTES

May 2025



End of Year Information & Reminders:

If you have a child with medication checked in at school, you will need to come to school to sign out and pick up that medication. Please do so during the last week of school.

If your child will need medication at school next school year, please obtain a medication packet from the office. These forms are to be filled out by you and your child's doctor on or after July 1st, 2025. You must bring in the new orders with the medication appropriately labeled by the pharmacist at the beginning of school in August.

If your child has any changes in his/her medical history over the summer, please remember to update the school nurse at the start of the new school year and provide proper medical documentation if necessary. Medical issues that the school should be aware of include asthma and the use of an inhaler, diabetes, severe allergic reactions that require Benadryl and/or Epipen, seizure disorder, heart conditions, special diets, and any other type of medical diagnosis or special needs. We highly recommend communication with the school and school nurse for the safety and health of your child.

Please check to make sure your child is up-to-date on all required vaccines/immunizations. Immunizations are required at ages 4, 11, and 16 years. If necessary, have your child obtain the required shots over the summer break to avoid the possibility of exclusion in the fall.

Have a happy, safe, and productive summer!

Melissa Schexnaydre, RN
School Nurse
RJ Vial Elementary



Elementary Menus

MAY 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

Thursday, May 1

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Chicken/Sausage Jambalaya
Broccoli Florets
Steamed Carrots
WW Roll
Fruit

Friday, May 2

Breakfast

Waffles
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

Monday, May 5

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla
Salsa
Steamed Corn
Frozen Fruit Cup

Tuesday, May 6

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Chicken Tenders
Crinkle Cut Fries
Steamed Carrots
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, May 7

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Fresh Hot Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Broccoli Florets
Banana

Thursday, May 8

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Deli Turkey on Bun
Tater Tots
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle
Sliced Peaches

Friday, May 9

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Bosco Sticks
Marinara Sauce Cup
Green Beans
Strawberry Cup

Monday, May 12

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Totchos
Steamed Corn
Applesauce
Corn Bread

Tuesday, May 13

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Sliced Beef & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Peas
WW Roll
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, May 14

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Manager's Choice

Thursday, May 15

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Beef Dippers
Macaroni & Cheese
Broccoli Florets
Baked Beans
Fruit

Friday, May 16

Breakfast

French Toast Sticks
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Chicken Filet Sandwich
Crinkle Cut Fries
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle
Fresh Orange Wedges

Monday, May 19

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Chicken Filet Sandwich
Or Burger
Tater Tots or Fries
Veggie
Fruit

Tuesday, May 20

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Fresh Hot Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Veggie
Fruit

Wednesday, May 21

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Mini Corn Dogs
Tater Tots or Fries
Veggie
Fruit

Thursday, May 22

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Bosco Sticks
Marinara
Veggie
Fruit

**Have a great
summer!**
**Thanks for
eating with us this
year. We look
forward to
seeing you when
school starts up
again!**

Monday, May 19

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Chicken Filet Sandwich
Or Burger
Tater Tots or Fries
Veggie
Fruit

Tuesday, May 20

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Fresh Hot Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Veggie
Fruit

Wednesday, May 21

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Mini Corn Dogs
Tater Tots or Fries
Veggie
Fruit

Thursday, May 22

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Bosco Sticks
Mariana
Veggie
Fruit

National Egg Month
National Salad Month
National Salsa Month
National Asparagus Month
National Strawberry Month
Food Allergy Awareness Month
Asian American and Pacific Islander
Heritage Month
Jewish American Heritage Month
Mental Health Awareness Month
Military Appreciation Month

May



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Success Can Be Found Under
The Sea At RJV!

