



R. J. Vial Elementary School

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Upcoming EVENTS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Jaguar Families,

As November begins and the Thanksgiving holiday season approaches, my heart is filled with gratitude for our wonderful school community here at R.J. Vial Elementary. This school is a thriving place of learning and growth, and with only three weeks until the break, I want to thank the dedicated faculty and staff, supportive parents, and the amazing students who make our school excel. Your commitment creates the perfect environment for our students to succeed. This support is especially meaningful as we celebrate a monumental milestone this year: Jaguars' Golden Roar - Celebrating 50 Years in Paradis(e)! For five decades, R.J. Vial has been a pillar in our community, and your involvement helps ensure this legacy continues for future generations.

October was a month of high engagement and fellowship thanks to the fantastic support from our jaguar families. The success of Red Ribbon Week, the Fall Fundraiser, Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences, Q1 Awards, and the Halloween Walk truly brought our community together. Now, in November, we transition to the theme of community service. Students will have multiple opportunities to give back and develop empathy, including the United Way Change Challenge, the 4-H Club's toy and non-perishable food drive, and a special \$2.00 Dress Down Day to support Teddy Cares.

As we look forward to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there is much to be thankful for within our school and in each other. Every act of support and dedication helps keep our educational community strong and vibrant. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving filled with warmth and good cheer!

Dream it - Believe it - Achieve it!

Christina Mullins
Principal

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We are
Thankful for
YOU!



Sunday, November 2nd



Monday, November 3rd

Robotics 3:50pm-5:00pm
4H 3:50pm-5:00pm

Tuesday, November 4th

Dress Down Day for students
who attended Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Wednesday, November 5th

Robotics 3:50pm-5:00pm

Monday, November 10th

Robotics 3:50pm-5:00pm

Tuesday, November 11th



Wednesday, November 12th



Monday, November 17th

Robotics 3:50pm-5:00pm

Tuesday, November 18th

Literacy Night 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 19th

Holiday Pictures
Robotics 3:50pm-5:00pm

Thursday, November 20th

Teddy Cares Dress down in
athletic wear for a \$2.00
donation

Monday, November 25th –

Friday, November 29th

No School



October Students of the Month

The R. J. Vial students of the month are chosen based upon qualities including character, leadership, and citizenship. Students 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.



5th Grade: Cristhofer Acosta

4th Grade: Eva Tregle

3rd Grade: Elise Landry

Congratulations!

R.J. Vial Employee of the Month

Faculty and staff at R. J. Vial Elementary nominated Mrs. Lisa Bass for Employee of the Month!

Here are just some of the reasons she was nominated:

“In addition to teaching Keyboarding, Mrs. Bass leads Project Lead the Way lessons and helps organize the BizTown field trip with Junior Achievement for our 5th graders. She is truly a jack of all trades—supporting enrichment, capturing photos for our website and yearbook, and stepping in wherever help is needed. Her kindness, teamwork, and dedication make her an invaluable member of the RJV family.”

Congratulations!



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.

5th Grade



Beau Dufrene



Kylie Dufrene



Gabrielle Beaver



Jaxson Noto



Camila Pereira
Espinoza



Marianna Stroup



Brandon Ruiz



Angelo Signorelli

3rd Grade



Aiden Clark



Kamila Cortez



Adelaide Hymel



Paige Troxclair



Alexis Wedge

RJV Celebrates Achievements

1st Quarter Principal's List



5th Grade

Cameron Hebert, Eva Madere,
Kolton Meadors

4th Grade

Andrew Bueche, Jacob Dufrene, Ava Elliott, Cody Folse, Hayden Harrell, Charles Putman, Keegan Matherne, Charlee Rawls



3rd Grade

Evelyn Bordelon, Beau Cortez, Bryce Fanguy, Chase Hartman, Adelaide Hymel, Kyle Kernan, Austin Madere, Emma Naquin, Laycen Snyder, Karsyn Soudelier

RJV Celebrates Achievements

1st Quarter Honor Roll



5th Grade

Mila Cabibi, Michael Caldarera, Brooklyn Capitano, Peydon Comardelle, Kylie Dufrene, Corbin Gaubert, Alec Gonzalez, Alijah Gonzalez, Mignon Matherne, Tristan Matherne, Emalee Rawls, Cora Sellers, Mariah Williams

4th Grade

Allison Babin, Jacques Buras, Talon Gros, Elijah Holt, Adeline Krall, Kason Meadors, Kaine Mendoza, Lyla Morel, Jaxson Noto, Brandon Ruiz, Braiden Schieffler, Amelia Sellers, Angelo Signorelli, Myah Simoneaux, LeNiyah Wicker



3rd Grade

Colin Alvarez, Casen Bourgeois, Camden Chiasson, Korbin Chiasson, Aiden Clark, Jordan Cortez, Mia Crawford, Blakely Desoto, Kambri Duffy, Rowan Dufrene, Carson Howeth, Logan Gonzalez, Andi Landry, Elise Landry, Dreux LeBouef, Avery Luquette, Kamryn Mayeux, Paul Rousselle, Leland Santos, Avery Swaim, Alexis Wedge, Jayda Williams



RJV Celebrates Achievements

1st Quarter Perfect Attendance

5th Grade

Christofer Acosta, Michael Calderera, Kenzley Chiasson, Rhett Cortez, Kylie Dufrene, Jordynn Fahrig, Mia Fickey, Corbin Gaubert, Alec Gonzalez, La'Riyah Gross, Jessie Hogan, Brantley Lanoue, Breelynn Ortego, Camila Pereira Espinoza, Dylan Ruiz, Cora Sellers, Jeremiah Stempel, Cooper Tero



4th Grade

Allison Babin, Gabrielle Beaver, Christina Bourque, Ava Elliott, Haze Fahrig, Cody Folse, Ryleigh Gaubert, Talon Gros, Madison Hernandez, Rhea Hill, Ay'Lani Leahy, Kash Longman, Christina Major, Keegan Matherne, Kason Meadors, Charlee Rawls, Brandon Ruiz, Nolan Sabathe, Amelia Sellers



3rd Grade

Cullen Allen, Hector Aparicio, Evelyn Bordelon, Jordan Cortez, Ethan Dufrene, William Gutierrez, Eddie Hall, Elise Landry, Dreux Lebouef, Kamryn Mayeux, Paul Oliver, Aubree Roux, Kohyn Snyder, Laycen Snyder, Karsyn Soudelier, Avery Swaim, Paige Troxclair, Alexis Wedge





R. J. Vial Elementary School

JAGUARS' GOLDEN ROAR: 50 YEARS IN PARADIS(E)!

Dream it - Believe it - Achieve it



Fall Into
Literacy Night

Tuesday, November 18th
6:00 PM

Reading Fun for the Family
R. J. Vial Elementary

Come for cozy reading fun in your PJs!
Refreshments!
Door Prizes!

RSVP
here




The 4-H members are collecting canned goods for their annual food drive throughout November. We invite all students to bring **non-perishable food items** to school to support families in need. Join us in making a difference in our local community and helping to share the joy of the holiday season!




Scan Here to Pre-Order Online!



Holiday Portraits
New Holiday Backgrounds!



BKG 1



BKG 2



BKG 3



BKG 4

Holiday Portraits November 19, 2025

Package 1 - \$60 2 - 8x10's 24 - Wallets 2 - 5x7's 1 - Digital Download 4 - 3x5's	Package 2 - \$40 1 - 8x10 4 - 5x7's 16 - Wallets		
Package 10 - \$30 Digital Download <small>You will receive a physical insert with a code for your digital image and the copyrights.</small> <small>*No services will be done on the same day.</small>	Package 3 - \$30 1 - 8x10 8 - Wallets	Package 4 - \$25 1 - 5x7 4 - Wallets	Package 5 - \$20 2 - 3x5's 4 - Wallets
Add-Ons : Individual Prints			
\$30 Package 6 1 - 8x10 \$15	Package 7 2 - 5x7's \$15	Package 8 4 - 3x5's \$15	Package 9 8 - Wallets \$15
Specialty Items Each item features your child's photo! <small>*Backgrounds for Packages 11, 12, and 13 will come as shown below</small>			
Package 11 Holiday Cards 12 - 5x7 Holiday Cards <small>WITHOUT ENVELOPES</small> \$20	Package 12 Magnets 4 - 3x5 Magnets \$15	Package 13 Ornament 1 - Ornament \$15	

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Jaguar CHOIR



We have a lot to be proud of in our Choir family this month. The Jaguar Choir would like to congratulate two members for earning a coveted spot in the Louisiana American Choral Directors Association 2025 All-State Honor Choir. **Elizabeth Fletcher and Emalee Rawls** represented R.J. Vial in the Louisiana All-State Children's Honor Choir earlier this month. This is truly an immense honor and we are so proud of these Jaguars.



Louisiana All-State Choir Members
Elizabeth Fletcher and Emalee Rawls



The RJV 4th and 5th Grade Bands are working very hard putting together the music for our Winter Concert!



Artist Spotlight



Elise Landry



Jayda Willams



Paige Troxclair

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



In physical education class, all students will be focusing on skills that will lead students to play a game of dodgeball while using sportsmanship. This month our overall outcome is to play a game of dodgeball while having fair and generous treatment of others.





3rd Grade



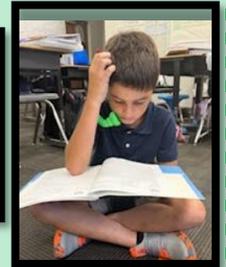
In Science, we began Module 2 on Survival. Students will be able to observe characteristics of different organisms and determine how this helps that organism survive. We will delve deep into survival of a caterpillar and get to watch caterpillars morph into butterflies right before our eyes! Students will track the stages a caterpillar goes through to become a butterfly and we will observe the characteristics of the caterpillar and the characteristics of a butterfly that helps them survive in their environment. .



4TH GRADE

4th graders are currently reading “The Whipping Boy.” We are learning about how the characters are changing as they face challenges and conflicts arise.

In Social Studies we are currently learning about Ancient Civilizations, such as Mesopotamia, Israel, and Egypt.



5TH GRADE



This month in ELA, students continue to learn about theme through Omakayas’ actions and the development of her relationships. Students will wrap up The Birchbark House learning by completing the Culminating Task. In social studies, students will begin their journey throughout North America focusing on Indigenous Native Groups and how geography played a role in their way of life. In Math, students are wrapping up adding and subtracting fractions and will soon be diving into multiplying and dividing fractions. In Science, students are discovering the flow of matter and energy as they answer the phenomenon question, “How can a tree support so much life?”





⇒ School ⇐ Counselors



Thanksgiving Reflections from Your School Counselors

As we head into Thanksgiving, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on the things we're grateful for. Practicing gratitude not only helps us appreciate what we have, but it also strengthens our relationships and supports our mental well-being.

Here are a few ways to bring the spirit of Thanksgiving into your home and daily life:

- **Start a gratitude tradition** – At the dinner table, have each person share one thing they are thankful for.
- **Practice kindness** – A simple thank-you, a smile, or helping someone in need can go a long way.
- **Take care of yourself** – The holidays can be busy; remember, it's okay to slow down and rest.
- **Stay connected** – Reach out to friends, neighbors, or loved ones you don't see often.
- **Give back** – Donate food, clothing, or time to help others in the community.

We are grateful for each of you and for the chance to be part of this exceptional school community. Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with warmth, gratitude, and joy.

With gratitude,
Your School Counselors

If you ever need to reach us, please don't hesitate to contact us by phone or email at jbarbay@wearescpps.org or adisalvo@wearescpps.org.

You can request a counseling session for your student anytime by filling out the counselor request Google form.

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November 2025 Elementary Menus

St. Charles Parish Public Schools

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5

NATIONAL DONUT DAY



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

Monday, November 3	Tuesday, November 4	Wednesday, November 5	Thursday, November 6	Friday, November 7
Breakfast Grits w/Sausage 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 Fresh Donut 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 Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Red Beans w/Steamed Rice Seasoned Mustard Greens Steamed Carrots Cornbread Peaches	Lunch Nachos Steamed Corn Refried Beans Salsa Apple Wedges	Lunch Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Florets Dinner Roll Banana	Lunch Turkey Stew Steamed Rice Candied Yams Steamed Cabbage Strawberry Cup	Lunch Fresh Hot Pizza Marinara Sauce Garden Salad Orange Wedges Cookie



EVERY COMPLETE MEAL WE SERVE COMES WITH YOUR CHOICE OF LOW FAT OR NONFAT MILK!

Monday, November 10	Tuesday, November 11	Wednesday, November 12	Thursday, November 13	Friday, November 14
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	NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Egg Bites Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cal Blend Veggies Cinnamon Apple Slices	Lunch Jambalaya Broccoli Florets Steamed Carrots WW Roll Pineapple Tidbits		Lunch Fish Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Cucumber & Tomato Salad Pears	Lunch Hamburger/Cheeseburger Crinkle Cut Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Baked Beans Orange Wedges

Monday, November 17	Tuesday, November 18	Wednesday, November 19	Thursday, November 20	Friday, November 21
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 Scone Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Chicken Tenders Waffles Broccoli Steamed Carrots Sliced Peaches	Lunch Orange Chicken Fried Rice Asian Chopped Salad Edamame Beans Mandarin Oranges	Lunch Spaghetti & Meatsauce Italian Salad Broccoli Florets Garlic Bread Banana	Thanksgiving Lunch Sliced Turkey w/Gravy Cornbread or Rice Dressing Sweet Potato Soufflé Green Beans, Dinner Roll Strawberry Shortcake, Fruit	Lunch Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Carrots w/Ranch Orange Wedges

1621
THE 1ST THANKSGIVING

Each year, the president pardons one turkey from not being eaten

Thanksgiving is the biggest travel day of the year.

The 1st Thanksgiving was in Plymouth, Massachusetts

THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS for kids

- 46 million turkeys eaten every year
- The Mayflower brought the Pilgrims from England
- Cranberries are native to North America
- The first Macy's Thanksgiving Parade was held in 1924 in New York.
- There was pumpkin but no pumpkin pie at the 1st feast
- There are 4 towns in the US named Turkey
- 1st Thanksgiving was held over 3 days between Pilgrims & Wampanoag Indians
- The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876
- President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday & the 4th Thursday of November in 1863
- President George Washington declared the 1st national Thanksgiving Day in 1789 & 1795

We will be closed
Mon., Nov. 24 - Fri., Nov. 28
in observance of the
Thanksgiving Holiday.

See you next month!

HAPPY Thanksgiving

What has four legs and is really loud?



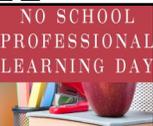
Answer: The kid's table

What do you call a running turkey?



Answer: Fast food

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  FALL BACK	3  Robotics 3:50pm - 5:00pm  4H Club 3:50pm - 5:00pm	4 PTSC Dress Down Day 	5  Robotics 3:50pm - 5:00pm	6	7	8
9	10  Robotics 3:50pm - 5:00pm	11 	12 	13	14	15
16	17  Robotics 3:50pm - 5:00pm	18  Literacy Night 6:00pm	19  Holiday Pictures  Robotics 3:50pm - 5:00pm	20  Teddy Cares Dress Down in Athletic Wear \$2.00	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 	29
Thanksgiving Break No School November 24-28						



50 Years in Paradis(e)!

