



# R. J. Vial Elementary School

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Jaguar Journal 



## February 2026



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Jaguar Families,

Hello, February! We're diving into a month full of celebration, learning, and Jaguar pride, and we're so grateful to have our school community swimming right alongside us in this special 50th Anniversary year at R.J. Vial!

A huge thank you to our amazing families for your incredible support of the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser. Your generosity truly makes a difference! The fundraiser will officially wrap up at 12:00 PM on February 9, 2026. Thank you for helping make it such a sweet success.

As we cruise through February, our Jaguars will honor Black History Month by learning about and celebrating the important contributions of African Americans through daily morning announcements. We will also recognize School Counselor Appreciation Week, February 2–6, 2026. Please join us in celebrating the impactful work of our school counselor, Mrs. Jasmine Barbay, and our Mental Health Professional, Ms. Alyssa Disalvo, who support our students each and every day with care and dedication.

From February 9–13, 2026, our students will take part in Kindness Week, focusing on positivity, compassion, and lifting one another up. We'll kick off the week with the NED Show on Monday, February 9, sharing an anti-bullying message centered on:

- Never Give Up
- Encourage Others
- Do Your Best

Students will learn about resilience, overcoming challenges, and the powerful reminder that there is a Champion in Each of us.

Let the good times roll—Jaguar style! Our annual R.J. Vial Mardi Gras Parade will take place on Friday, February 13, 2026, beginning at 1:00 PM. This year's parade is extra special as we celebrate our Jaguars Golden Roar: 50 Years of Excellence! We are still accepting bead and throw donations, and we appreciate your continued support. Families are invited to line the parade route—please see the route map included in this newsletter. Following the parade, all students will return to their homerooms, attendance will be taken, and we will follow a regular dismissal schedule at 3:50 PM. Please note that students may not be checked out until after 2:00 PM, and any check-outs will count toward attendance for the day.

Looking ahead, Mardi Gras Holidays will be observed February 16–20, 2026, with students returning to school on Monday, February 23, 2026. Thank you for your continued partnership as we celebrate our past, embrace our present, and roar confidently into the future.

Sincerely,  
Christina Mullins



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, February 2nd**  
Winter Band & Choir Concert @ LPAC 6:30pm

**Tuesday, February 3rd**  
Parish Honor Band Rehearsal @ LPAC 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Wednesday, February 4th**  
Robotics 3:50pm-5:00pm

**Thursday, February 5th**  
Early Dismissal 12:45  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Thursday, February 6th**  
Student Interest Clubs  
Early Dismissal 12:45  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Monday, February 9th—  
Friday, February 13th**  
Kindness Week—see flyer for dress down days

**Monday, February 9th**  
World's Finest Chocolate Money Is Due By Noon  
NED's Resiliency Ride  
3rd Quarter Progress Reports

**Tuesday, February 10th**  
4th Grade Bowling Field Trip

**Wednesday, February 11th**  
Class / Club Picture Day (School Uniforms Must Be Worn)

**Thursday, February 12th**  
Jaguar Buddies 3:50pm-5:00pm

**Friday, February 13th**  
Mardi Gras Parade 1:00pm

**Monday, February 16th—  
Friday, February 20th**  
Mardi Gras Holidays—no school



# 🐾 Congratulations 🐾

## January Students of the Month



3rd Grade  
Casen Bourgeois



4th Grade  
D'Mari Robinson



5th Grade  
Laken Watson

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

Traci Fletcher



*Congratulations!*

### CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Tanya Diaz is the recipient of the First Place Award of the VFW Post 3750 and Louisiana District 2 Smart/Maher VFW Citizenship Education Teacher Award for Elementary Schools. 🇺🇸



# 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



Eva Madere



Josiah Polly



Paisleigh Breaux



Emerie Colly



Ava Strength



Dillon Toups



Sophia Fonseca



LeNiyah Wicker

## 3rd Grade



Evelyn Bordelon



Jordan Cortez



Bryce Fanguy



Andi Landry



Aubree Roux

# RJV Celebrates Achievements

## 2nd Quarter Principal's List



### 5th Grade

Mia Cabibi, Kylie Dufrene, Mia Frickey, Alec Gonzalez, Cameron Hebert, Eva Madere, Mignon Matherne, Tristan Matherne, Kolton Meadors, Beau Sassin

### 4th Grade

Andrew Bueche, Jacob Dufrene, Keegan Matherne



### 3rd Grade

Evelyn Bordelon, Chiasson Camden, Jordan Cortez, Rowan Dufrene, Bryce Fanguy, Chase Hartman, Adelaide Hymel, Kyle Kernan, Dreux LeBouef, Avery Luquette, Emma Naquin, Laycen Snyder, Avery Swaim, Tru Tegtmeier, Alexis Wedge

# RJV Celebrates Achievements

## 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

### 5th Grade

Cristhofer Acosta, Michael Calderera, Brooklyn Capitano, Peydon Comardelle, Rhett Cortez, Alijah Gonzalez, Jessie Hogan, Lily Kubelka, Camila Pereira Espinoza, Emalee Rawls, Cora Sellers, Gabriel Stempel, Marianna Stroup, Mariah Williams



### 4th Grade

Allison Babin, Gabrielle Beaver, Brandon Benitez-Amaya, Christina Bourque, Ava Elliott, Cody Folse, Ryleigh Gaubert, Talon Gros, Hayden Harrell, Madison Hernandez, Elijah Holt, Adeline Krall, Camille Landry, Chasen Lombard, Kason Meadors, Lyla Morel, Jaxson Noto, Charles Putman, Charlee Rawls, Brandon Ruiz, Angelo Signorelli, Myah Simoneaux, LeNiyah Wicker



### 3rd Grade

Colin Alvarez, Casen Bourgeois, Lincoln Champagne, Korbin Chiasson, Aiden Clark, Beau Cortez, Kamila Cortez, Mia Crawford, Blakely Desoto, Kambri Duffy, Ethan Dufrene, Logan Gonzalez, D'Michael Harris, Andi Landry, Elise Landry, Austin Madere, Kamryn Mayeux, Paul Rousselle, Aubree Roux, Leland Santos, Mekhi Smith, Kohyn Snyder, Karsyn Soudelier, Danika Thibodeaux, Paige Troxclair, Jayda Williams



# RJV Celebrates Achievements

## 2nd Quarter Bug Club

### 5th Grade

Cristhofer Acosta, Colton Babin, Mila Cabibi, Brooklyn Capitano, Addison Cole, Rhett Cortez, Kylie Dufrene, Sawyer Dufrene, Mia Frickey, Ronald Gilmore, Alec Gonzalez, Jessie Hogan, Michael Kaminsky, Lily Kubelka, Brantley Lanoue, Mignon Matherne, Tristan Matherne, Camila Pereira Espinoza, Josiah Polly, Beau Sassin, Cora Sellers, Ariyan Smith, Gabriel Stempel, Ava Strength, Mariah Williams



### 4th Grade

Emily Arita Miralda, Gabrielle Beaver, Brandon Benitez-Amaya, Paisleigh Breaux, Haze Fahrig, Ryleigh Gaubert, Kinsley Hall, Madison Hernandez, Elijah Holt, Darrel Joseph, Kynleigh Knuppel, Alice Landry, Camille Landry, Chasen Lombard, Kason Meadors, Paisley Rizzuto, Angelo Signorelli, Kaeyla Small, Eva Tregle



### 3rd Grade

Cullen Allen, Lincoln Champagne, Camden Chiasson, Korbin Chiasson, Jordan Cortez, Kamila Cortez, Mia Crawford, Kambri Duffy, Ethan Dufrene, Rowan Dufrene, Anastasia Dugas, Kourtney Duhe, Logan Gonzalez, William Gutierrez Bruno, D'Michael Harris, Naomi Jenkins, Elise Landry, Dreux LeBouef, Avery Luquette, Kamryn Mayeux, Gabriela Medina, Samara Nunez, Paul Oliver, Charles Owcarz, Paul Roussele, Aubree Roux, Leland Santos, Mekhi Smith, Kohyn Snyder, Avery Swaim, Tru Tegtmeier, Danika Thibodeaux, Alexis Wedge, Jayda Williams



# RJV Celebrates Achievements

## 2nd Quarter Perfect Attendance

### 5th Grade

Mila Cabibi, Bella Comardelle, Kylie Dufrene, Cameron Hebert, Jessie Hogan, Josiah Polly, Emalee Rawls, Ayden Rojas, Jeremiah Stempel



### 4th Grade

Gabrielle Beaver, Ava Elliott, Haze Fahrig, Elijah Holt, Adeline Krall, Ay'Lani Leahy, Keegan Matherne, Charles Putman



### 3rd Grade

Cullen Allen, Ethan Dufrene, Andi Landry, Elise Landry, Jair Leal Velasquez, Dreux LeBouef, Kohyn Snyder, Laycen Snyder, Alexis Wedge



# KINDNESS WEEK

FEB 9-13

Show your commitment to being a kind kid by dressing up according to each day's theme. Have fun with the daily themes, but be sure to adhere to District Dress Code Guidelines.

**M**

Let Kindness Shine- Wear sparkles, sequins, or a neon shirt with school uniform bottoms.

**T**

Team Kindness- Wear your favorite sports shirt and uniform bottoms to show that you are a good sport.

**W**

Hats off to kindness- Wear a hat with your school uniform.

**TH**

Spread the Love -Wear your favorite Valentine's, hearts, red, or pink shirt with school appropriate bottoms.

**F**

RJV Kindness Krewe- Wear school appropriate jeans and a Mardi Gras shirt.



Save the Date

# Krewe De Jaguars

## February 13, 2026

1:00pm

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R. J. VIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Krewe De Jaguar Parade

DONATIONS OF BEADS, TOYS,  
OR INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED  
TREATS CAN BE SENT TO THE  
OFFICE UNTIL THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 12TH.

LET'S CELEBRATE AND HAVE FUN  
R. J. Vial Elementary School

# Krewe De Jaguar Parade

## February 13, 2026 @ 1:00pm

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.

LET'S CELEBRATE AND HAVE FUN  
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# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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.



# Art Enrichment



The R.J. Vial Bands are working hard preparing for our upcoming concert!



# Jaguar CHORIR

We are working to refine our Winter concert music to present to our friends and family on Monday, February 2 at the Lafon Center. We will also begin preparing new music for our upcoming performances at the Louisiana Music Educators Association (LMEA) Large Ensemble Festival and ArtsFest in March. We have a very busy season ahead of us!



## 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. 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 survive.



## 4TH GRADE

Fourth Graders are learning all about fractions. So far, they have learned how to decompose fractions and record the decomposition using equations and how to find equivalent fractions using models and multiplication. In Science, students have investigated waves in order to visualize how vibrations travel through the ground and how sound travels in the air. Here you can see students using a slinky to investigate how particles in the air move back and forth when a sound is created.



## 5TH GRADE

Our 5th graders have been hard at work in PARADISE, diving into a variety of exciting new lessons! In English Language Arts, students will continue to analyze how point of view has influence over how a text is written and the details that are provided to the reader. Students will be wrapping up *The Lion, Witch, and Wardrobe* unit by completing their Culminating Task. In Social studies, we have begun learning about the Inca and Aztec civilizations. In Math, students are leveling up their skills as they begin to explore decimals! For Science, our young researchers are now investigating the fascinating ways that Earth's systems work together.

To support this learning at home, please encourage your child to continue building their skills by reading Amira stories and completing their Zearn lessons.





# ≡School≡ Counselors



## Mardi Gras Safety Tips from Your School Counselors:

Mardi Gras is a time for celebration, parades, and family fun! While the festivities can be exciting, it's important for children to stay safe and make smart choices. Here are a few reminders to help your family enjoy Mardi Gras safely:

- **Stick together** – Keep an eye on children in crowded areas and consider a meeting spot if anyone gets separated.
- **Follow parade rules** – Stay behind barriers, respect floats, and only cross streets at designated areas.
- **Use sun and weather protection** – Hats, sunscreen, and staying hydrated help prevent sunburn or heat issues.
- **Be mindful with throws** – Encourage children to catch beads and trinkets safely and avoid throwing items at others.
- **Talk about crowds and boundaries** – Help children know how to ask for help and respect personal space.
- **Plan for breaks** – Take quiet breaks or a snack/rest stop to prevent feeling overwhelmed.

We hope your family has a fun, joyful, and safe Mardi Gras season!  
Let the good times roll — **Laissez les bons temps rouler!**



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

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPOptidLJLkmbNpjV2Fty8elx6LAjVgNn8ILLY4c5shI3jw/viewform?>



## 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.

# February 2026 Elementary Menus

## St. Charles Parish Public Schools



Every complete meal we serve comes with your choice of low fat or nonfat milk!

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, February 2	Tuesday, February 3	Wednesday, February 4	Thursday, February 5	Friday, February 6
<b>Breakfast</b> Pancake on a Stick Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> French Toast Sticks Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Egg Bites Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
<b>Lunch</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cal Blend Veggies Cinnamon Apple Slices	<b>Lunch</b> Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Florets Steamed Carrots WW Roll Pineapple Tidbits	<b>Lunch</b> Chili, Fritos Garden Salad Steamed Corn Banana Cake or Crisp	<b>Lunch</b> Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Fruit	<b>Lunch</b> Hamburger/Cheeseburger Crinkle Cut Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Baked Beans Orange Wedges
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**SUPERBOWL  
SUNDAY**

Monday, February 9	Tuesday, February 10	Wednesday, February 11	Thursday, February 12	Friday, February 13
<b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Pizza Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Scone Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
<b>Lunch</b> Chicken Tenders Waffles Green Beans Steamed Carrots Sliced Peaches	<b>Lunch</b> Orange Chicken Fried Rice Asian Chopped Salad Edamame Beans Mandarin Oranges	<b>Lunch</b> Spaghetti & Meatsauce Italian Salad Broccoli Garlic Bread Banana	<b>Lunch</b> Turkey & Sausage Gumbo Steamed Rice Potato Salad Cucumber/Tomato Salad Pineapple Tidbits	<b>Lunch</b> Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Carrots w/Ranch Orange Wedges Jello w/Topping



**Feb. 14**

### Local Mardi Gras celebrations

Saturday, Feb. 14  
Krewe of Lul

Sunday, Feb. 15  
Krewe of  
Des Allemands

Tuesday, Feb. 17  
Mardi Gras Day

### Mardi Gras Holiday No School

Monday, February 16 through Friday, February 20



### Special Days

- Feb 2 | Groundhog Day
- Feb 4 | National Homemade Soup Day
- Feb 6 | National Chopsticks Day
- Feb 14 | Valentines Day
- Feb 16 | President's Day
- Feb 17 | National Cabbage Day
- Feb 20 | National Muffin Day
- Feb 27 | National Chili Day
- Feb 28 | National Pancake Day

### Monthly celebrations

- Pride in Foodservice Week | Feb. 2-6
- Random Acts of Kindness Week | Feb. 14-20
- Black History Month
- International Friendship Month
- National Cherry Month
- National Sweet Potato Month
- National Women Inventors Month
- Potato Lovers Month



# February 2026



1 	2 Winter Band & Choir Concert @ LPAC 6:30pm 	3 Parish Honor Band Rehearsal @LPAC 6:00pm-8:00pm 	4 Robotics 3:50pm-5:00pm 	5  12:45pm Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences	6 Student Interest Clubs  12:45pm Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences	7
8	9 3rd Quarter Progress Reports NED's Resiliency Ride World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Ends. All Money Due By Noon. 	10 4th Grade Bowling Field Trip 	11 Class/Club Picture Day (School Uniforms) 	12  Jaguar Buddies 3:50pm-5:00pm	13 Mardi Gras Parade 1:00pm 	14
<b>Kindness Week 9th - 13th</b>						
15	<b>Mardi Gras Holiday No School</b>					21
22	23	24	25	26 ART CLUB	27	28



## 50 Years in Paradis(e)

