



R. J. Vial Elementary School

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Upcoming EVENTS

**Thursday, April 30th-
Thursday, May 7th**

LEAP Testing

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Friday, May 8th

5th Grade Satellite Center
Field Trip
5th Grade DARE Graduation
2:30pm

Monday, May 11th-

Friday, May 15th

Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, May 11th

HHS Grad Walk 12:40pm

Tuesday, May 12th

AES 2nd Grade Visit
Future 3rd Grader Family Night
6:00pm

Thursday, May 14th

5th Graders Visit JBM

Friday, May 15th

Snowball Truck \$3.00

*Students are encouraged to
invite a special man in their life
to attend the snowball event.

Monday, May 18th

Early Dismissal 12:45pm

Tuesday, May 19th

4th Grade Awards 10:00am
Early Dismissal 12:45pm

Wednesday, May 20th

4th Grade Awards 10:00am
Early Dismissal 12:45pm
RJV Spring Band/Choir Concert
@LPAC 6:30pm

Thursday, May 21st

5th Grade Awards 9:30am

Early Dismissal 12:45pm

Last Day For Students

**SCHOOL'S
OUT FOR
Summer**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Jaguar Families,

I am so grateful for our incredible Jaguar families and your continued support and partnership. Together, we have truly been riding the waves of success as we celebrated our *Jaguars' Golden Roar: 50 Years in Paradis(e)* throughout the 2025–2026 school year.

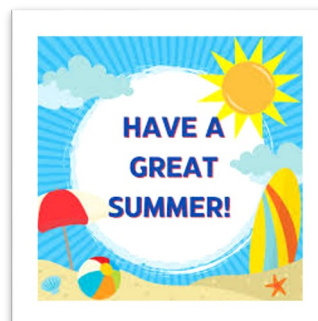
All year long, our Jaguars have made a splash! From celebrating academic achievements each quarter to honoring our Terrific Kids for their outstanding character, our students have continued to shine. Our 5th graders will take an important step on May 8th as they proudly pledged to stay drug-free during our DARE Graduation.

Our students have dazzled us with their talents through beautiful band and choir performances and engaging school plays. They have also shown the true spirit of giving by diving into service through our 4-H Food & Toy Drive, TEDDY CARES, and United Way efforts.

As we sail into the final stretch, we look forward to celebrating our students' fourth-quarter accomplishments during upcoming end-of-year award ceremonies. Please note that, due to construction of our new gym, we will not hold our annual family picnics this year. Additionally, 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 Vibe for important dates and details.

Wishing all of our Jaguar families a wonderful and relaxing summer. Thank you for helping us make this milestone year an unforgettable journey in Paradis(e)!

With gratitude,
Christina Mullins
Principal



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🐾 Congratulations 🐾

April Students of the Month



5th Grade: Jeremiah Stempel

4th Grade: Paisley Rizzuto

3rd Grade: Jayda Williams

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 Ms. Keva Jackson for Employee of the Month!

Here are just some of the reasons she was nominated:

“Ms. Jackson consistently goes above and beyond in her role, bringing a positive attitude that makes even the longest school days feel manageable for those around her. She is always welcoming to both staff and students, creating an environment where everyone feels valued and supported. Her dedication and uplifting presence makes everyone feel welcome in the cafeteria.”

Congratulations!

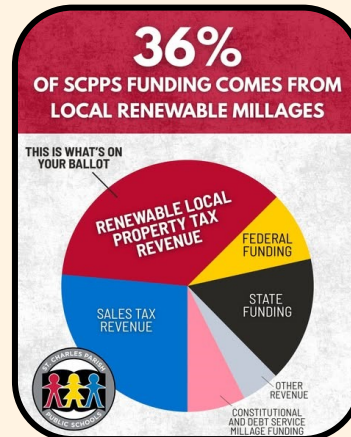


What to Know: School Millage Renewal Election

On May 16, voters in St. Charles Parish will consider renewing two existing school system millages. **These are not new taxes**, just a continuation of current funding that supports our local public schools. Notably, one of the renewals is proposed at a **lower** maximum rate than what is currently authorized.

These millages make up a significant portion of the district's budget (36%) and help pay for essential needs like teacher salaries, classroom resources, student programs, school safety, technology, and facility upkeep. In short, they help ensure students continue learning in safe, modern environments with strong academic opportunities and highly qualified educators.

Renewing this funding is key to maintaining the quality of education families expect and the success the district has achieved. For more information about the millages and what's on the ballot, visit wearescpss.org/renewals.



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Yearbook



THE R. J. VIAL 2025-2026 YEARBOOK
IS NOW ON SALE!
THE COST IS \$30.00.
WE ACCEPT CASH, A CHECK MADE
OUT TO R. J. VIAL ELEMENTARY, OR
YOU CAN PAY ONLINE:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/RJVYEARBOOK](https://tinyurl.com/rjvyearbook)



Important End Of The Year Announcements

- Report cards will be mailed home Tuesday, May 26th.
- 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 2026-2027 is Monday, August 10th (last names A-K) & Tuesday, August 11th (last names L-Z)



The library is preparing to close for the year. All books must be turned in no later than Monday, May 11, 2026. 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!



COME JOIN US FOR 5TH GRADE **DARE** **GRADUATION**

R. J. VIAL ELEMENTARY



FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

2:30 PM

GUESTS ARE LIMITED TO 2 PER STUDENT.
IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED AT CHECK-IN. SCPPS BAG PROTOCOL WILL BE IN PLACE FOR THIS EVENT.



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



SNOW MUCH FUN

WITH OUR
Favorite Guy

SHARE A
Sweet
MEMORY
TOGETHER!



Join us as we celebrate our **Favorite Guy** event by inviting the special men in our students' lives to share a **sweet snowball treat** together!



MAY 15TH



3RD GRADE: 2:30–2:45



4TH GRADE: 2:45–3:00



5TH GRADE: 3:00–3:15



SNOWBALLS ARE
\$3 EACH



We're excited to celebrate the men who cheer on, inspire, and stand beside our students.



Students may bring one guest. Guest must be a parent, guardian, or listed on the student's emergency card list.



Please scan the QR code to complete the pre-check-in form.



SCAN ME!

Thank you for being an important part
OF OUR JAGUAR FAMILY!

3rd Grade

It's hard to believe we are in the final month of school! Our 3rd graders have a busy and exciting time ahead. We'll kick things off with LEAP testing from April 29–May 7, followed by wrapping up our curriculum. Students are finishing a meaningful unit on "Voices in America," exploring individuals who created change and making strong connections to today's world.

We will also revisit key concepts from earlier in the year, giving students a chance to reflect on their growth, friendships, and achievements. Third grade is a year full of challenges and change, but our students have risen to the occasion—stronger, smarter, and full of Jaguar Pride!

Wishing you a wonderful summer, and don't forget to celebrate your amazing learner!



4TH GRADE

Fourth grade mathletes have been busy working on fractions and geometry. In Science, our students are learning about physical properties that affect how light reflects off of objects. In the pictures, students attended a field trip to the Historic New Orleans Collections Museum.



5TH GRADE

As the warm May breeze signals the end of our time in elementary school, our 5th graders are successfully crossing the finish line of an incredible year. In ELA, students will continue to learn about various immigrants and their experiences once in America. Students will wrap up Unit 3 by composing an essay, deciding if coming to America was worth the journey. In Social Studies, students will wrap up Unit 6 focusing on Chapter 3, The Columbian Exchange and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. In Math, the focus is on mastery as we solidify our understanding of volume and learn to navigate the coordinate system, ensuring everyone is middle-school ready with a strong grasp of graphing and spatial relationships. Meanwhile, our Science lessons are looking upward as we wrap up our studies of the sun, moon, and stars, exploring the patterns of the night sky and Earth's place in the universe. It has been a year of immense growth and hard work, and we are incredibly proud to see our students wrap up their 5th-grade journey with such confidence and skill!



Jaguar CHOIR

We are thrilled for our next adventure, which is to perform our Spring Concert for our friends and families on May 20 at the Lafon Center. The concert will be at 6:30 PM. We hope you will join us in a wonderful evening of music as we show off all that we have learned through singing together this year.

As we wrap up the year, we would like to give 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 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 Interest Form on the [RJV Music Department webpage](#).



The RJV bands are busy preparing for our concert. Come check us out Wednesday, May 20th @ the Lafon Center, starting at 6:30pm!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



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!

Artist Spotlight





Summer is a time for fun, friends, and outdoor adventures! Here are some important safety tips to help keep students safe while enjoying their summer break.

Sun Safety

- Wear sunscreen when playing outside.
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses to protect your skin and eyes.
- Drink plenty of water to stay cool.



Bike & Outdoor Safety

- Always wear a helmet when riding bikes, scooters, or skateboards.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Stay in areas where adults know where you are.



Water Safety

- Never swim without an adult nearby.
- Follow all pool and water rules.
- Walk near pools to prevent slipping.



Home Safety

- Never open the door for strangers.
- Know your home address and emergency phone numbers.
- Call 911 if there is an emergency.



Family Tip:

Take a few minutes to create a **Summer Safety Plan** together! Review emergency contacts, safe places, and trusted adults your child can go to for help.



NURSE'S NOTES

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, 2026. 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!



May 2026 Elementary Menus

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



SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY

Friday, May 1

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Fresh Hot Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Garden Salad
Orange Wedges
Cookie

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Help us express appreciation for our school cafeteria staff. These ladies are committed to caring for our students every day!

Monday, May 4

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, May 5

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Nacho's
Steamed Corn
Refried Beans
Sala
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, May 6

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Spaghetti & Meatsauce
Italian Salad
Broccoli Florets
Garlic Bread
Banana

Thursday, May 7

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Turkey & Sausage Gumbo
Steamed Rice
Potato Salad
Cucumber/Tomato Salad
Pineapple Tidbits

Friday, May 8

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Mini Corn Dogs
Crinkle Cut Fries
Baby Carrots w/Ranch
Orange Wedges
Jello w/Topping

Monday, May 11

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Totchos
Green Beans
Applesauce
Corn Bread

Tuesday, May 12

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
Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, May 13

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Vegetable Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Garden Salad
Banana
Brownie

Thursday, May 14

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Manager's Choice

Friday, May 15

Breakfast

Waffle
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 18

Breakfast

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

EARLY DISMISSAL

Lunch

Chicken Tenders
Crinkle Cut Fries
Green Beans
Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, May 19

Breakfast

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

EARLY DISMISSAL

Lunch

Fresh Hot Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Veggie
Fruit

Wednesday, May 20

Breakfast

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

EARLY DISMISSAL

Lunch

Mini Corndogs
Crinkle Cut Fries
Veggie
Fruit

Thursday, May 21

Breakfast

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

EARLY DISMISSAL

Lunch

Bosco Sticks
Marinara Sauce
Veggie
Fruit

Friday, May 22

SCHOOL'S
- out for -
SUMMER

May Celebrations

Daily Celebrations

1st - School Principals' Day
4th - National Orange Juice Day
6th - National Teacher Day
6th - National School Nurse Day
13th - International Hummus Day
15th - National Chocolate Chip Day
21st - Eat More Fruits and Vegetables Day
28th - World Hunger Day

Other Celebrations

Food Allergy Awareness Month
National Asparagus Month
National Egg Month
National Salad Month
National Salsa Month
National Strawberry Month
Mental Health Awareness Month

Have a
GREAT SUMMER!

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Talent Show Applications are due 	2
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24	25	26 Report Cards Mailed home today! 	27	28	29	30



50 Years in Paradis(e)!

