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# SHARK BITES

**MARCH 2024**

**WHERE EVERY STUDENT EXCELS**

## March's Message from Mrs. Terry

Greeting Schoeffner Families,

It's hard to believe that our third nine weeks grading period will be coming to an end in just a couple of weeks. It feels like it was just yesterday that we began this year. We are beginning to see the finish line, but there is still much work that needs to be done. Students need to be very focused during these last few months of school. Parents, we need your assistance in reminding your child how important it is that they try their very best, persevere when faced with challenges, and come to school ready to learn every day. Please stress the importance of effort. I see that this is indeed one of our biggest challenges to being as successful as I know we can be. Quarter three report cards will be issued on March 21.

Last month was quite busy at ESE. Our students participated in a carnival to celebrate their success from Finley's Fun Run. The Krewe of Finley paraded on over to New Sarpy Elementary. What a blast they all had! Thanks to our very own 310 Stompers and King Creole with the New Orleans rugby team, NOLA Gold Rugby for participating! We also appreciate Raising Canes for their generous donations that were thrown by our Royal Court and our student and teachers of the year! We welcomed storyteller Donald Lewis to share some African American folktales. Our choir and 5<sup>th</sup> grade band participated in YALL Fest where they received great feedback that will be used as they continue to prepare for our Spring concert which will be held on April 29. To end the month of February, students participated in a book raffle sponsored by our Partner in Education, Valero St. Charles Refinery. Valero employees donated over 160 books to students in honor of Black History Month.



A very exciting event taking place at the end of March is our annual SPRING FLING! It will be held on March 28. Please check your child's folder for three important letters regarding Spring Fling that were stapled together and printed on green paper! You may click on the following link to volunteer to help.

<https://forms.gle/pgR6HEzGR3nss5eM8>

We need many volunteers to assist with set-up, inflatables, games, face painting, concessions, etc. during this annual event. We appreciate any time you can give us and hope you will consider taking the time out to spend this fun day with our students.

**To prevent overcrowding, we are only able to allow parents who volunteer to work a shift to be present. In addition, no younger siblings will be allowed on campus during this event.**

# March Counselor Connection

## Career Awareness

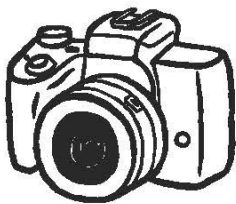


Our fifth grade students recently participated in our 5th annual career speaker series. Hosted in partnership with Junior Achievement, this experience provided an opportunity to learn more about different career options. Speakers included ( pictured below left to right) Chevey James (Acadian Ambulance), Ellen Windmann (Capital One), Karla Morris (Priour Properties), Patrick Phelan (St. Charles Parish Satellite Center Culinary Arts Department), and Alcindo Frye (Delgado Welding Department).



In March, we will also share our “Picture the Possibilities” Google slides presentation with all students. If you would like to share your career information with our students, please send the following to [kpethe@stcharles.k12.la.us](mailto:kpethe@stcharles.k12.la.us):

- Picture of yourself
- Name of your child
- Brief description of your job



The students love learning more about our ESE family, so please consider sending in your information!

Karen Pethe  
ESE Counselor  
[kpethe@stcharles.k12.la.us](mailto:kpethe@stcharles.k12.la.us)







## March is National Nutrition Month!

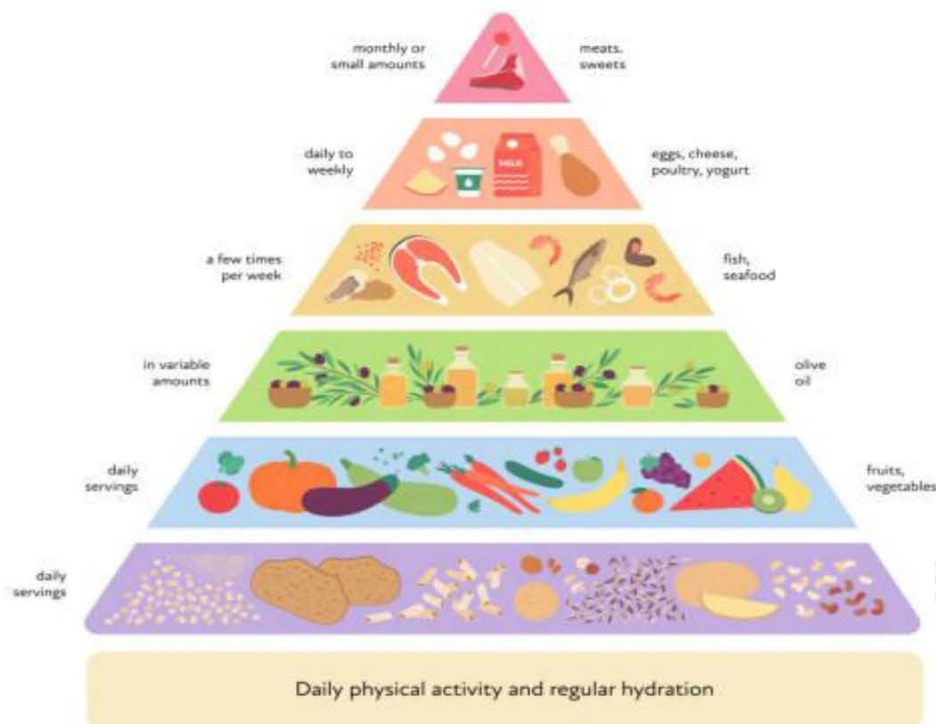
Eating healthy foods can help prevent many medical problems, not only in adults, but also in children. Being overweight, heart disease and diabetes are problems facing young children in today's world. These are serious problems with potentially deadly consequences.

Making healthy choices for the whole family is important. Children imitate not only what you do, but also what you eat. Try new foods and encourage your children to do the same. Eat your fruits, vegetables and whole grains. You will not only feel better, but you will set a great example for your family.

Please remember to check with your doctor before making changes in your lifestyle that include exercise. Check with your child's doctor concerning specific diet needs, such as food allergies and difficulty tolerating certain foods.

Healthy choices include:

- 🍎 A variety of foods
- 🍞 Whole grain products, like breads and cereals
- 🥦 Vegetables and fruits (5 a day)
- 💧 Water, milk and real fruit juice
- 🥩 Foods that are low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol
- 🍬 Foods that are low in sugar and salt (sodium)
- 🏃 Exercise to balance the foods you eat, like running, jumping and just playing outdoors!



Your School Nurse,  
Jamie Byrd, RN, BSN  
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# 3rd Grade

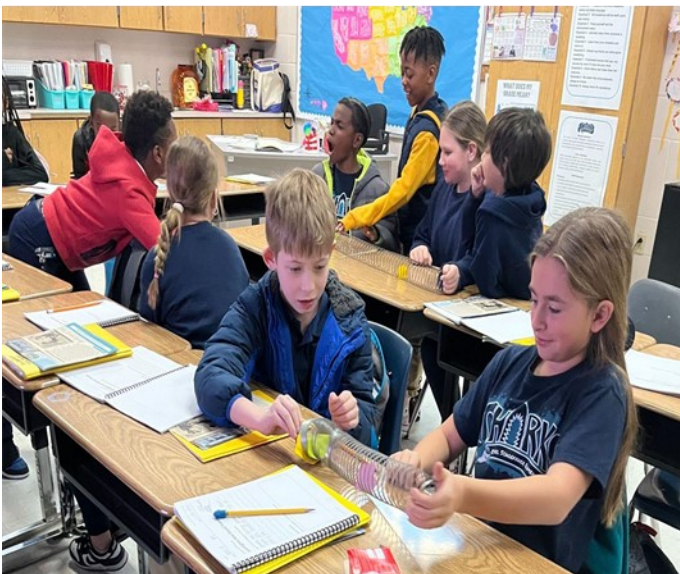
We can't believe how fast the year is going!!!! In ELA we are about to begin our unit covering the Louisiana Purchase. We will explore who benefited the most and least from the Louisiana Purchase. We have also started Social Studies where we are learning about how the Americans got their independence. In math we are heavy in our fractions unit working hands on with fraction tiles and models to visually and concretely represent problems. In science we are discussing traits, how organisms grow and develop over time, and how inheritance and the environment can change an organisms traits. We are loving the stations within this module where we get to act out certain things like trap and kick feeding and observing finch offspring and their traits.





# 4th Grade

Fourth grade has been making a big splash this school year! In ELA, we have begun our new unit, the American Revolution. So far, we have been discussing life for colonists during the 18th century and their relationship with Great Britain prior to the American Revolution. As readers and writers, we are analyzing informational text for text evidence and context clues, and expanding our writing to express our understanding. In Science, fourth graders have been learning about sense and response. Recently, we have been learning about sound and vibrations. In Social Studies, we have been continuing our exploration of Unit 2: The Ancient Near East. We will be wrapping up with our final chapter, Ancient Egypt, and will soon begin Unit 3: Early Civilizations India, China, and Greece. As mathematicians, students have been focused on adding and subtracting fractions. We are making so many real-life connections in our learning!





# 5th Grade

**ELA**—In ELA, the students will start a new unit, “Shutting Out the Sky”, which focuses on immigrant life in the United States and how families sought the American dream. Students will gain an understanding of how members of a culture meld into communities while trying to maintain cultural identity and honor their ancestors.

**Math**—In Math, the students will finish up Module 4 which focuses on multiplication and division of fractions and decimals fractions. They will begin Module 5 which concentrates on addition and multiplication with volume and area. Students will work with two and three dimensional figures.

**Science**—In Science, the students will explore the Dust Bowl to learn how natural processes and human activity can disrupt Earth's Systems. They will also explore some human activities that have disrupted stable systems and some that have restored stability to other systems.

**Social Studies**—In Social Studies, the students will be finishing up our study of West African Kingdoms. We will then be focusing on North America and learn about the cultures of the peoples of the Southeast, Plains, Northeast, Southwest, and West Coast. Students will explore the cultures of these various peoples, including the types of homes they lived in, the types of foods they ate, the types of clothing they wore and art they made, and other relevant aspects of society.





# February Students of the Month

Isabella Finkenbiner, Shannon Ryan, Chase Spencer, Holden Jacob, Harper Cook, Bevyn Ficaro, Bessy Martinez, Eliana Pate, Khloe Downing, Cameron Herbert, Ben Mays, Dallas Burton, Kruz Wilson, Zayden Fay, Rhett Surmik, Matthew Bagwell, Lauren Johnson, Ethan Hummel, Kaylee Gonzales

## P.E. News

We have spent the month of February strengthening muscles, improving balance, and giving the heart a good workout by focusing on the lifelong skill of dance. The students have learned several different dances that they can put to use outside of the classroom.

## Testing Tips



Want to experiment with the features available on the LEAP test?

The **Online Tools Training** can be accessed by using the following link.  
(CTRL+Click to follow link)

[Online Tools Training](#)

Learn more about the English Language Arts sessions of the LEAP test.

**What is an SPO?**

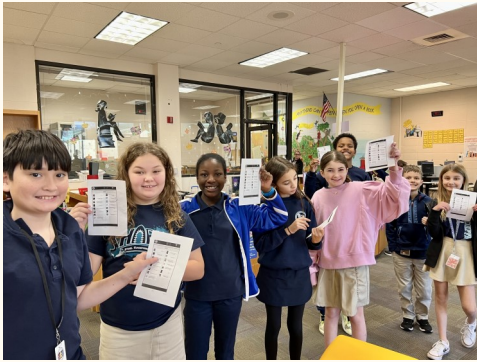
**What is an EBSR?**

Click the link to watch a video.  
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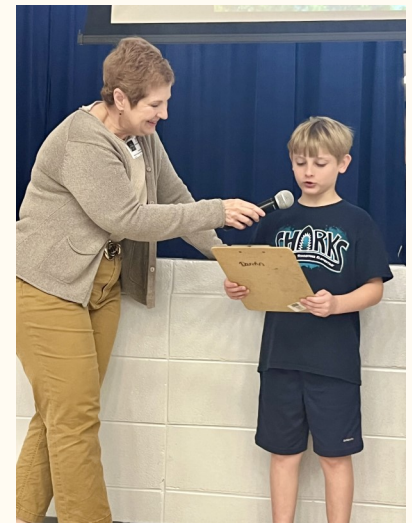
[LEAP ELA](#)



On January 30th students at ESE voted for their favorite nominated book in the Louisiana Young Readers Choice Awards. The Secretary of State's office was kind enough to send actual voting machines so students could get a feel for what real voting is. The book that received the most votes at our school was *The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field*. All of our students' votes have been sent to the Louisiana state library. The winning book will be announced soon!



Award-winning author Kimberly Willis Holt recently visited Schoeffner Elementary. Her books include *My Louisiana Sky*, the *Piper Reed* series, and *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*. She spoke to our fourth and fifth grade students about writing and being an author. She held a mini-writing workshop for the students where they were able to try their hand at the craft of writing a story. Her visit was enjoyed by all!





The ESE Library held a Mardi Gras mask design contest. Students were asked to design and decorate a mask that represented a book, a book character, or promoted reading in general. Many creative masks were submitted. All winners received an autographed copy of *My Louisiana Sky* by Kimberly Willis Holt.



## District Young Authors Winners

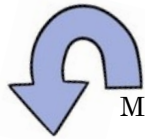
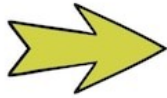
3rd Place Fiction	Emery McVay	The Family Walk
3rd Place Nonfiction	Jaisyn Alexander	All About Planets
2nd Place Poetry	Wesson Mumbower	Love and Hate
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade		
1st Place Fiction	Emory Stone	The Lonely Dragon
1st Place Nonfiction	Chloe Doucet	A Girl Named Chloe
1st Place Poetry	Yvette Niceley	Grateful
3rd Place Poetry	Aiden Kidd	Christmas
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade		
1st Place Nonfiction	Micah Taliancich	The Invention of the Light Bulb
3rd Place Nonfiction	Kaylee Gonzales	The Difference Martin Luther King, Jr. Made to the World

1<sup>st</sup> place winners will advance to the state level competition.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Mrs. Soignier's class went on down to the Audubon Zoo!!!!!!



Ms. Jacob with some of the 5th grade students.



Landon dressed as a beignet!



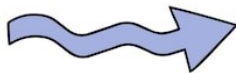
LSU, Geaux Tigers!





Chauvin's 310 Stompers:)

Ms Hebert's homeroom prepares to march as the 310 stompers.



Here is a class picture of Cafe' Du Monde workers! :) Sorapuru's Sweet Beignets.





# Enrichment Technology

Third & Fifth Grade students have been working hard on Digital Citizenship Lessons. We have completed: Media Balance and Well-Being – We discussed what makes different media choices healthy and how to make responsible choices. Privacy and Security – We discussed clickbait and how to avoid it and how the internet is full of catchy headlines and outrageous images, all to make us curious and get our attention. Digital Footprint & Identity – We discussed our online tracks and how our online activity affects the digital footprints of ourselves and others. We also discussed Relationships and Communication, and Cyberbullying. In upcoming weeks, we will read and discuss *The Gossip Monster*, and News Media & Literacy.



Fourth Grade students have been working on the Project Lead The Way module, Input/Output: Computer Systems. In this module, students are becoming computer scientists as they explore computing systems. Students learned about computing systems and how the systems process input to produce output. Students are in the process of creating programs using a block-based coding language in Scratch. They will apply the skills and knowledge learned from the activities and projects to design and program a digital game that keeps children busy while they are waiting. Suggestions for ways that you can build upon the concepts in this module include:

- Ask your child to explain the Engineering Design Process.
- Ask them to share their Activity–Notebook Input\_Output Computer Systems located in their Google Classroom for Technology.
- Play a video game together as a family. Have your child identify the inputs and outputs of the game.\
- For more information about *Project Lead The Way*, please visit [www.pltw.org](http://www.pltw.org).





# March 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1  Student of the Month Luncheons	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Concessions @ lunch <i>maximum \$2</i> 3rd Grade 90 Day Read-a-thon kicks off	9
10	11 Scholastic Book Fair	12 Scholastic Book Fair	13 Scholastic Book Fair	14 Scholastic Book Fair	15 Scholastic Book Fair  Early Dismissal 1:55 AM Faculty Study	16  Arts Fest
17	18	19	20  Class Pictures	21  3rd Quarter Report Cards Go Home	22	23
24	25	26  4th Grade Quarter 3 Awards 1:45 PM	27 3rd Grade Quarter 3 Awards 9 AM 5th Grade Quarter 3 Awards 10:15 AM 4H Meeting 3:05-4:05 PM	28  Spring Fling 12:00-2:00 PM	29  Good Friday HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	30
31 HAPPY EASTER						



**ST. CHARLES PARISH  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**ELEMENTARY  
MENUS FOR  
MARCH 2024**

*This institution is an equal  
opportunity provider  
and employer.  
Menus are subject to  
change.*

**SURF'S UP**  
WITH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

**Kids!**  
Join us March 4-8  
for  
**National School  
Breakfast Week  
2024!**

**AVAILABLE DAILY  
With all meals**  
Low Fat White Milk  
Fat Free Flavored Milk  
**Cold Lunch Choice**  
Monday: Sunbutter Sandwich  
Tuesday: Chef Salad  
Weds.: Deli Turkey  
or Ham Sandwich  
Thursday: Charley Box  
Friday: Sunbutter Sandwich

**FIRST THINGS FIRST!**

This year, we've been telling you a lot about the educational and health benefits of eating a nutritious breakfast. Remember: kids can't do their best unless they're well fed in the morning!

**EAT BETTER. PLAY HARDER. LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.**  
**WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!**

**Friday, March 1**  
**Breakfast**  
French Toast Sticks  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Celery & Carrot w/Ranch Dip  
Orange Wedges  
Jello w/Whipped Topping

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2 IS  
READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY!**  
**WHAT WILL YOU READ TODAY?**

**Monday, March 4**  
**Breakfast**  
Pancake  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Popcorn Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli Florets  
Peach Slices

**Tuesday, March 5**  
**Breakfast**  
Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Hamburger/Cheeseburger  
Crinkle Cut Fries  
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle  
Orange Wedges

**Wednesday, March 6**  
**Breakfast**  
St Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Chili  
Fritos  
Shredded Cheese  
Corn, Garden Salad  
Banana

**Thursday, March 7**  
**Breakfast**  
Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Chicken/Sausage Jambalaya  
White Beans  
Steamed Carrots  
Garlic Bread  
Pineapple Tidbits

**Friday, March 8**  
**Breakfast**  
Muffin Choice w/Cheese  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Fish Sticks  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Cucumber & Tomato Salad  
Apple Wedges

Daylight Saving Time was first proposed by Benjamin Franklin in 1784, as a way to save money on candles!

**Spring forward  
on  
March 10**

**Monday, March 11**  
**Breakfast**  
Pancake on a Stick  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Chicken Alfredo Pasta  
Green Beans  
Carrots  
Applesauce

**Tuesday, March 12**  
**Breakfast**  
Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Roasted Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
WW Roll  
Pear Halves

**Wednesday, March 13**  
**Breakfast**  
St. Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Potato Soup  
Garden Salad  
WW Roll  
Banana

**Thursday, March 14**  
**Breakfast**  
Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Beef Teriyaki Dippers  
Steamed Rice  
Edamame Beans  
Broccoli Florets  
Pineapple Tidbits w/Cherries

**Friday, March 15**  
**Breakfast**  
Waffle  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Bosco Sticks  
Marinara Sauce Cup  
Green Beans  
Orange Wedges

**What's on  
YOUR  
plate?**

**Monday, March 18**  
**Breakfast**  
Yogurt 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  
Peaches

**Tuesday, March 19**  
**Breakfast**  
Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Tacos w/Cheese  
Steamed Corn  
Refried Beans  
Taco Salad Cup, Salsa  
Apple Wedges

**Wednesday, March 20**  
**Breakfast**  
St Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Beef Pot Roast  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas/Carrots  
Dinner Roll  
Banana

**Thursday, March 21**  
**Breakfast**  
Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Turkey Stew  
Steamed Rice  
Carrot Soufflé  
Steamed Cabbage  
Pineapple Tidbits

**Friday, March 22**  
**Breakfast**  
Fresh Donut  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Cheese Pizza  
Garden Salad  
Green Beans  
Fruit of the Month  
Brownie w/Icing

**What did the  
Teddy Bear  
say when  
he was  
offered  
dessert?**

**"No, thanks. I'm stuffed!"** Actually, that's not a bad answer for a real kid, too. Foods that are mainly sugar, fat, or oil -- like candy and desserts -- are fine in small portions and once in awhile. But they should not replace healthy foods in your diet and they should not be an every day choice!

Learn more at [www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.gov](http://www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.gov) or [http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay\\_healthy/food/pyramid.html](http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/food/pyramid.html)

**Monday, March 25**  
**Breakfast**  
Cheesy Grits  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Chicken Tenders  
Waffles w/Syrup  
Green Beans  
Carrots  
Applesauce

**Tuesday, March 26**  
**Breakfast**  
Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Orange Chicken  
Fried Rice  
Broccoli Florets  
Asian Chopped Salad  
Tropical Fruit

**Wednesday, March 27**  
**Breakfast**  
St Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Chicken/Sausage Gumbo  
Steamed Rice  
Potato Salad  
Garden Salad, Crackers  
Banana

**Thursday, March 28**  
**Breakfast**  
Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Easter Brunch**  
Scrambled Eggs  
Sausage  
Potato Coins  
Grits, Biscuit  
Fruit or Fruit Juice

**NO SCHOOL!**  
**GOOD  
FRIDAY**

**HAPPY  
EASTER**

Easter Break:  
Mon. April 1-Fri. April 5  
Classes Resume: Monday, April 8