

Baitline News

February 2021

- 1 Virtual PTA Bd. Meeting @ 10 Virtual Stake-Holders Group
- 4 Popcorn and Paint
- CommunityMorning Meeting
- 11 100 days of K Progress Reports go hone
- 12 Purple, Green, & Gold shirts
- 15-19 Mardi Gras Holidays
- 22-26 National Public School Week
- 25 Someone LovesMe Day

Principal's Message

February is the perfect time to check on goals you set in January. Revisit them weekly and be sure to encourage your child to continue to focus on accomplishing these goals. Our faculty and staff are working hard to address students' needs and support our students. We teach them to work hard to achieve success. Our commitment to excellence is evident in all that we do. We are making sure our students also strive for excellence. Excellence means making the decision to be the best YOU can be. It also means constantly striving to become better.

We welcome your support in encouraging our students to put forth their best effort in all that they do. We expect quality work at all times. Our faculty, staff and students are working hard to finish strong. We are making magical moments as we are focusing on our core business of teaching and learning.

Lisa Fevrin Principal





Mission

Allemands Elementary School is committed to building the foundation of life-long learning for all students in a safe, respectful environment.

Vision

The faculty of Allemands Elementary School embraces the education of all students as a top priority by providing a positive foundation for success to prepare students to meet the challenges within the changing society of the 21st century. There is a commitment from stakeholders to help all students to become college and career ready creating life-long learners. Our school provides a safe, stimulating, atmosphere that is created through respect for self, others, and our environment. Actively engaged students aspire to reach their full potential, reflecting the high expectations among our faculty, family and community.

Values/Beliefs

- At Allemands Elementary School we believe...
- A physically and psychologically safe environment is essential to promote student learning.
- A student's self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships, open and honest communication, and mutual respect among peers, families, community members and school personnel.
- -All students and staff meet high expectations for achievement and success by engaging in challenging and relevant work.
- All children can learn at higher levels when supported daily by a variety of instructional strategies and resources within their school, families, and community.
- -Student achievement and teacher effectiveness increase when teachers and students use a variety of questions and/or prompts to advance high level thinking.
- -We are...One School, One Team, Making a Difference!
- -Excellence is worth the cost.



Kindergarten News

Kindergarteners are moving towards independence and taking responsibility for our learning. We are motivated to read, discuss, and write stories of our own. It is an exciting time of showing everything we have learned the first half of the year. During word study, we have gained an understanding of how sounds create words. We can use this strategy to read decodable text and write words phonetically. Reading for meaning is an important part of learning how stories work. We have started our comprehension unit with nonfiction text. This has given us an opportunity to discuss topics familiar to us and add to that knowledge. During math instruction, we are learning about composing and decomposing numbers to 10. This is the introduction to adding and subtracting numbers. Kindergarteners will be celebrating our 100th day of school! We will celebrate all of our hard work and to continue to strive to show growth in our new learning.

First Grade News

Our first graders have been working really hard. In math, we will continue learning about place value, adding two digit numbers to a multiple of ten, as well as a two digit number and a one digit number. Please continue to practice basic addition and subtraction facts at home. As we are well in the third quarter, it is crucial that your child is reading nightly as well as completing all homework assignments. When reading, they should be able to identify the characters, setting, and events of the story. They should also be able to ask and answer questions about the story. We have been very busy writing in complete sentences with a capital letter, punctuation, and spelling. Please go over C.A.R.E.S. as well as the Essential 11 with your child. Please help your child realize the importance of these rules. Thank you for your continued support!

Second Grade News

Because we "LOVE" reading, it's a great time to warm your heart reading a good Valentine's Day book with your child. Check out the Day It Rained Hearts by Felicia Bond or a nonfiction book Saint Valentine by Robert Sabuda. You can also check out some Mardi Gras themed books like On Mardi Gras Day by Fatima Shaik or The Amazing Adventures of Mardi Gras Bead Dog by Cornell P. Landry.

In reading, second graders are using reading strategies to help them apply phonics, comprehension, and fluency skills. When readers read fluently, comprehension increases. When your child reads, the reading should sound like natural speech. Encourage them to practice reading carefully and with expression. Second graders will continue reading fiction books. Have conversations with your child about the characters, setting, plot, central message, and any connections. We're wrapping-up our Domain about Immigration.

In writing, students are writing compositions using grammar rules. By the end of the year second graders must know all basic facts to 20. Remember to continue using flashcards that were made and completing math fact 2 minute drills nightly. You can also study facts with math games and various activities in our Google Classroom. Ask your child to try applying one of the math strategies, Make a Ten and Take from Ten-taught. Students will participate in inquiries exploring states of matter in science. Working together, we'll have a fabulous February of teaching and learning!

French News

Happy February! We will also be talking about how people in France celebrate Mardi Gras and the different ways people in Louisiana celebrate the holiday by playing virtual Mardi Gras Bingo!



Character Trait

This year our School Improvement Team has decided to designate a character trait for each month and teach our students an Essential 11 Trait each week that is aligned with this trait. In February, we will focus on Cooperation. Our teachers will read the book, "Matthew and Tilly" by Rebecca C. Jones and review the following traits during the month. Please help us to reinforce these character traits at home and in the community.

- Week of 2/1 Black History Month Focus, students will be encouraged to do research on someone that they would like to learn more about
- Week of 2/8 Black History Month Focus, students will be encouraged to do
 research on someone that they would like to learn more about
- Week of 2/22 Look for solutions to conflict, discussing how students can come to a solution when they encounter a conflict



Stakeholder Action Group

Our Stakeholder Action Group met on 2/1 after the PTA meeting. We reviewed the fall events and discussed how to plan the spring virtual events. We also discussed the goal to have more parents on committees next year. Our committee brainstormed ways to keep parents involved during the pandemic. If you have any suggestions for our school, please email Mrs. Perrin at lperrin@stcharles.k12.la.us

ATTENTION PARENTS:



As access to technology and the Internet continues to grow, children are increasingly interacting with strangers online, accessing Internet pornography, and experiencing cyberbulling. This is extremely dangerous. Most parents routinely warm their children not to talk to strangers, but did you know that many video games have chat features that allow your child to converse and share images with strangers? Children may think they're playing with other children, but the person on the other computer could be anyone.

Children also have greater access to pornography, particularly on the Internet, than ever before. Research has shown that pornography can harm children for many years through adulthood. The effects of pornography can be addicting, traumatizing, and lead to unhealthy or abusive sexual relationships as children grow up.

Cyberbuilying also becomes a real issue as children begin using social media. Louisiana state law defines cyberbuilying as "the transmission of any electronic textual, visual, written, or oral communication with the malicious and willful intent to coerce, abuse, torment, or intimidate a person under the age of eighteen", and also includes sexually charged content such as revealing photos and messaging of a sexual nature. Louisiana has enacted strong laws to address builying and cyberbuilying by public school students (R.S. 17:416.13, Act 3:69 of the 2018 Regular Session, R.S. 17:100.7).

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?



KNOW what technology your child uses and how it works. Does the device connect to the Internet? Does game or app allow for online upgrades or purchases, or include a chat feature or multiple players? Is your child required to have an account to play the game or use the app that will include their personal information?



MONITOR how your child uses technology and restrict the time they spend on the Internet by establishing ground rules. If your child interacts with strangers or accesses inappropriate material online, talk to them about the dangers of doing so and take steps to prevent it from happening again.



TALK regularly with your child about how he/she uses technology and how to do so safely. Tell your child what to do if contacted by a stranger, if inappropriate materials are accessed, or if your child feels builted. Tell your child to never share personal information or photos with stranger, and encourage open communication so that he/she feels comfortable coming to you with questions or concerns.



REPORT any suspicious communications to the police and speak with school administrators about possible cyberbullying so that action can be taken.

WHAT RESOURCES CAN HELP?

There are many resources to support parents in protecting their child from dangerous online content and communications, including:

- NetSmartz.org offers information, tips, and advice for parents and educators on safe technology use.
- <u>Louisianabelieves.com</u>, the Louisiana Department of Education's website, contains information and procedures to follow in the event that your child is experiencing bullying. (Type "bullying" in the search box.)
- Stopbullying gov offers tips on how to identify and safely stand up to bullying
- www.fbl.gov/resources/parents, FBI resources for parents that address cyberbullying, advice for kids, social networking sites, child sexual exploitation, missing children, and more.
- Free Internet filters you can install at home: <u>cleanbrowsing.org</u>, OpenDNS Family shield (<u>https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security/</u>), K9 Web Protection (<u>http://wwwl.k9webprotection.com/</u>), and Windows Live Family Safety (<u>account.microsoft.com/family</u>).





District Young Authors Winners

Sophia Fonseca	Bella Commardelle	Luke Bernaird	Gavin Crawford	
First Place	First Place	Third Place	Third Place	
Poetry	Poetry	Poetry	Fiction	
Gavin Crawford	Jace Matherne	Desmond Martin	Corey Grant	
Second Place	Third Place	First Place	Second Place	
Poetry	Fiction	Non Fiction	Non Fiction	
Kaylee Cortez	Elise Troxclair	Addison Boudreaux		
Second Place	Second Place	First Place		
Poetry	Non Fiction	Poetry		

Allemands Elementary now has a Twitter page. Follow us @Allemands_Elem to keep up with the latest news and upcoming events!



E-Newsletter



Allemands Elementary will deliver the monthly school newsletters via email. Additionally, the school newsletter will be posted to the school's web page. If you would like a printed copy of the school newsletter, please notify Lakia Butler at Lbutler@stcharles.k12.la.us and a copy will be sent home each month with your child. Thank you.

Flu Information



The Flu:



A Guide for Parents

Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States.

Flu can be very dangerous for children. CDC estimates that between 6,000 and 26,000 children younger than 5 years have been hospitalized each year in the United States because of influenza. The flu vaccine is safe and helps protect children from flu.

What parents should know

How serious is flu?

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

What are flu symptoms?

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.



Protect your child

How can I protect my child from flu?

The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination.
- It's especially important that young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at high risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (Babies younger than 6 months are at high risk for serious flu complications, but too young to get a flu vaccine.)
- Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Research shows that flu vaccination protects the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Flu viruses are constantly changing and so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season.

Is flu vaccine safe?

Flu vaccines are made using strict safety and production measures. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination. Different types of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages. Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older.

What are the benefits of getting a flu vaccine?

- A flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick. When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of getting sick with flu by about half.
- Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized from flu. One recent study showed that flu vaccine reduced children's risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit admission by 74%.

- Flu veccine can prevent your child from dying from flu.
 A study using data from recent flu seasons found that flu vaccine reduced the risk of flu-associated death by half among children with high risk medical conditions and by nearly two-thirds among children without medical conditions.
- Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.
- Getting yourself and your child vaccinated also can protect others who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain long-term health problems.

What are some other ways I can protect my child against flu?

In addition to getting a flu vaccine, you and your child should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs.

Stay away from people who are sick as much as possible to keep from getting sick yourself. If you or your child are sick, avoid others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. Also, remember to regularly cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and clean surfaces that may be contaminated with flu viruses. These everyday actions can help reduce your chances of getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others if you are sick. However, a yearly flu vaccine is the best way to prevent flu illness.

If your child is sick

What can I do if my child gets sick?

Talk to your doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness.

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids.

If your child is 5 years or older and does not have a longterm health problems and gets flu symptoms, including a fever and/or cough, consult your doctor as needed.

Children younger than 5 years of age – especially those younger than 2 years – and children with certain long-term health problems (including asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system), are at high risk of serious flu complications. Call your doctor or take your child to the doctor right away if they develop flu symptoms.

What if my child seems very sick?

Even healthy children can get very sick from flu. If your child is experiencing the following emergency warning signs, you should go to the emergency room:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish or gray skin color

- Not drinking enough fluids (not going to the bathroom or not making as much urine as they normally do)
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu symptoms improve, but then return with fever and worse couch
- Fever with rash.



Is there a medicine to treat flu?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines that can be used to treat flu illness. They can shorten your illness and make it milder, and they can prevent serious complications that could result in a hospital stay. Antivirals work best when started during the first 2 days of illness. Antiviral drugs are recommended to treat flu in people who are very sick (for example, people who are in the hospital) or people who are at high risk of serious flu complications who get flu symptoms. Antivirals can be given to children and pregnant women.

How long can a sick person spread flu to others?

People with flu may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to up to 5 to 7 days after. Severely ill people or young children may be able to spread the flu longer, especially if they still have symptoms.

Can my child go to school, day care, or camp if he or she is sick?

No. Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid spreading flu to other children or caregivers.

When can my child go back to school after having flu?

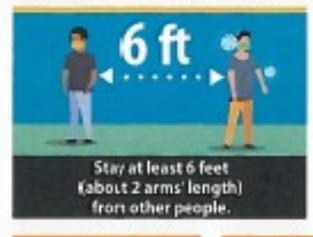
Keep your child home from school, day care, or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C) or higher.

> For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu or call 800-CDC-INFO



Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

















Dismissal/Transportation

Car rider requests need to be submitted in writing by 3:30 to aesbus@stcharles.k12.la.us. Car rider requests need to include the name of the student, teacher's name, and the person who will be picking him/her up. Please try to keep your child's schedule as consistent as possible.

DRESS CODE





The following guidelines have been established and are included in the Code of Conduct Handbook. Any apparel for males or females should be worn as designed, i.e. belts, pants at waist, shoestrings tied, etc. All students must conform to the official dress code guidelines below:

Shirt - Collared white or navy blue dress/oxford or polo-type shirt. The official PTA school spirit shirt is allowed every day of the week. If a child has another AES school event or spirit shirt, they may wear it on Fridays only if it is white or navy blue. Please contact Mrs. Perrin if you have questions.

Pants/Shorts/Skirt/Skort/Jumper - Navy or Khaki (no shorter than 2' above the center of the kneecap).

We encourage all students to show their school pride by wearing spirit shirts with jeans on Fridays; however, the jeans must be sold blue, without tears and decorations.



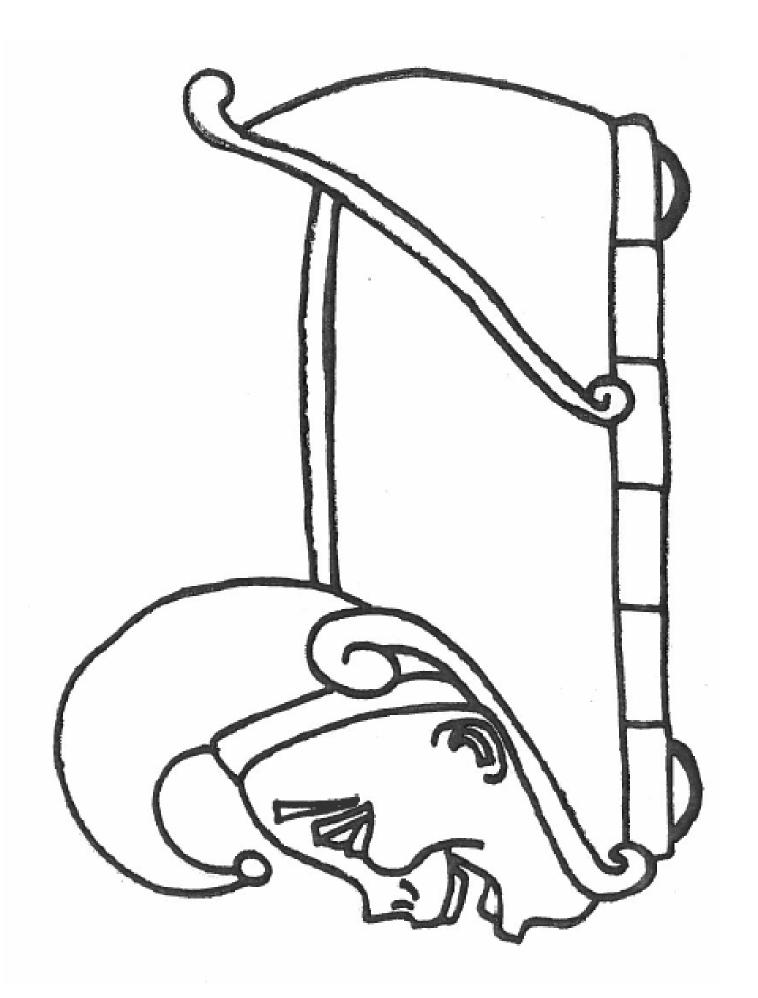
ALLEMANDS ELEMENTARY PRESENTS

FRMILY GRASI

It is time to get creative and join the Allemands
Parade! First, choose your favorite family book to
use as your float's theme. Then, create a shoe box
float or decorate the float on the attached paper.
Return all floats to school on February 10th. Don't
forget to post pictures on the Allemands PTA
Facebook page and on your Google Classroom.
We can't wait to see your floats!









Science Technology Engineering Art Math

Art can be as simple as a drawing, and as complex as a clay sculpture. Art comes in many forms. Here is an easy and fun idea to make some art at home.

What to Do:

Research a non-fiction topic of your choice.

Possible Topics Include:

Animals

Famous People

Holidays

Countries, States, Cities

After reading, create a drawing (or other work of art) to share something you learned while reading.

Possible Ideas Include:

Portraits

Diagrams with Labels

Maps

Posters

Dioramas

Use your artwork to share your learning with a family member

Try it out, and please share your photos with lbutler@stcharles.k12.la.us.

Try these sites for online research:

PebbleGo:

www.pebblego.com

username: allemands password: read

World Book Kids

www.worldbookonline.com

username: allemands password: catfish











ASK FINLEY

Finley would like recognize students who are showing positive character traits at home and in the community. These students will be recognized on a bulletin board and on the announcements. Tell us how your child has shown Cooperation at home and in the community.
Your name (optional)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Virtual PTA Bd. Meeting Virtual Stake- holder Group	2	3	4 Popcorn and Paint	5 Community Morning Meeting	6
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This institution is an equal opportunity



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HIRAM REVELS

in February 1870. Since then, first Black person to serve as a only 10 other African-Americans U.S. senator when he was sworn in Hiram Rhodes Revels became the have been senators, including Barack Obama, Kamala Harris, and Raphael

HISTORY MONTH "Hiram Revels" on-line.

Monday, February I provider. Tuesday, February 2

Cereal w/Cheese Stick Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Yogurt w/Gripz

Lereal w/Cheese Stick

Breakfast Egg Frittata

fruit or Juice Choice

Fruit or Juice Choice

Yogurt w/Gripz

Orange Tangerine Chicken Fried Rice Asian Chopped Salad Broccoli Florets Lunch

Pasta w/Alfredo Sauce

Chicken Tenders

Lunch

Steamed Green Beans

Tropical fruit

Pineapples w/Cherries

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Wednesday, February 3

Breakfast

St Charley Cinnamon Rol Cereal w/Cheese Stock fruit or Juice Choice Togurt w/Gripz

Lunch Fish Sticks

Cucumber & Tomato Salad Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Banana

Thursday, February 4

Breakfast

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Cereal w/Cheese Stock Fruit or Juice Choice Yogurt w/Gripz Sausage Biscuit

Beef Pot Roast Lunch

Pineapple Tidbit Mashed Potatoes Green Beans WW Ro

Friday, February 5

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Gnits & Eggstravaganza Cereal w/Cheese Stick Fruit or Juice Choice Yogurt w/Gripz

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

\star Our Nation's History \star

A fifty-foot tall wooden tank that held molasses broke apart, sending a forty-foot wave of the thick, dark uring the winter of 1919, Boston, but there was no water involved at all Massachusetts, was devastated by a flood



Warnock, who was

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killing 21 miles per hour hundreds more injuring many people and

Among the books for kids written about the disaster is The Great Molasses Flood by Beth Wagner Brust summer day, you can still smell molasses in the air. The water in the harbor was still brown six months later, and some Bostonians swear that, on a warm

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lease cash the check

Did you cash a stimulus check during the last year? Most folks did. Since March 2020, a number of steps have been taken to try to cushion the effect the

good of your family, our schools, and our community, please cash this stimulus check, tool schools on this page and plan to use this fantastic resource during this trying time. For the child nutrition program and our school system weather the storm. See the details for our farmers and other businesses that provide the food while at the same time beloing our local distribution), plus lots of fresh fruit, veggies, mills, and more. AND you help support our of THIS stimulus effort, too. Your family gets access to no-charge meals at school (and/or ready-to-eat food and heat-at-home meals through curbside your free meals may be available at school, for curbside pick-up, or by some other means. But however you get the meals, we urge you to take advantage no-charge School Meals for everyone up to the age of 18! School systems may be holding classes in person, on-line, or some combination of the two, so pandemic has had on a lot of our families and our economy in general. But another "stimulus check" was issued to all of us that some have NOT cashed

Ve serve education every day





Breakfast fresh Donuts

Cereal w/Cheese Stick Fruit or Juice Choice Togurt w/Gripz

Red Beans & Rice Lunch

Biscuit Stick, Applesauce Seasoned Mustard Greens Steamed Carrots w/Sausage

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Monday, February 8

Cereal w/Cheese Stick Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Yogurt w/Gripz

<u>Lunch</u> St. Charley's Chili

Apple Wedges Steamed Corn Tortilla Chips Garden Salad

Tuesday, February 9

truit or Juice Choice

Garden Salad Jambalaya

Breakfast St. Charley Cinnamon Roll

Lunch

Chicken & Sausage Steamed Broccoli

Cereal w/Cheese Stick fruit or Juice Choice Togurt w/Gripz

Garlic Bread

Wednesday, February 10

Banana

Thursday, February II

Friday, February 12

Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Cheese Stick fruit or Juice Choice Togurt w/Gripz

Green Beans WW Roll

Pineapple Tidbits w/Chernes

Breakfast

Lunch Baked Chicken

Mashed Potatoes

Cereal w/Cheese Stick fruit or Juice Choice Togurt w/Gripz Breakfast Biscuit Sticks

Lunch

Fresh Veggies w/Dip Orange Wedges Mini Corn Dogs BBQ Beans



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Don't forget to wear your Mask! ×

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

Monday, February 22

Yogurt w/Gripz

Lessie

Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Florets

Apple Sauce

Breakfast

Powdered Donuts

Chicken Biscuit

Cereal w/Cheese Stick ruit or Juice Choice

Salisbury Steak

Lunch

WW Roll

Cereal w/Cheese Stick fruit or Juice Choice Togurt w/Gnpz

Lunch

Taco Salad Cup Salsa & Cheese Apple Wedges Steamed Corn Soft Tacos

Breakfast

Tuesday, February 23

Wednesday, February 24

St Charley Ginnamon Rol Cereal w/Cheese Stick fruit or Juice Choice Togurt w/Gripz Breakfast

Pork Stew w/Rice Lunch

Steamed Cabbage Brownie w/Icing Candied Yams banana

Thursday, February 25 Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit

Cereal w/Cheese Stick fruit or Juice Choice Togurt w/Gripz

<u>Lunch</u> Meat Balls w/ Spaghetti

Pineapples w/Cherries Seasoned Green Beans Garlic Bread Italian Salad

Chicken Waffle Bites with Breakfast

Friday, February 26

Cereal w/Cheese Stick Fruit or Juice Choice Togurt w/Gripz Potato Coins

Fish Sandwich Lunch

Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Orange Wedges Crinkle Cut Fries Baked Beans