



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The faculty and staff welcomes you and your child back to Allemands Elementary School. With the challenges faced by our community, we will have a strong focus on the social and emotional wellbeing of our students. We will work diligently to provide your child a safe, caring, and nurturing environment that will assist him/her to grow both academically and socially while challenging your child to grow to his/her potential. We realize that you have entrusted your child to us, and we will strive to make your child's experience positive. Before getting on the bus each day, spend some time talking with your child. Be sure he or she has a mask, snack, and school bag, is in the school designated uniform, and is well rested. We have been working hard this summer and since Hurricane Ida to prepare for our students. We hope to foster your child's love of learning and to create fond memories to last a lifetime. Your child's first years in school are very important ones. He/she will have many adjustments to make and many new activities in which to participate. Your cooperation, guidance, and patience, will help to make this first step a rewarding and happy experience. Your children are in great hands with our skilled teachers and support staff. I look forward to meeting with each and every one of you. I also hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities offered for you to be involved in our academic and social programs. If you have any concerns about any aspect of your son or daughter's schooling or their wellbeing, please feel free to contact his or her classroom teacher, the school guidance counselor or me. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have and support your child. Let's work together to make dreams come true!

Lisa Perrin  
Principal

## MISSION

Allemands Elementary School is committed to building the foundation of lifelong 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 lifelong 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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## November

1st	Prekindergarten Virtual Parent Visitation 9:00-9:30
2nd	Kindergarten Virtual Parent Visitation 9:00-9:30
3rd	PTA Board Meeting, virtual @ 1:00 Zoom Meeting Link: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93824317679?pwd=M3lONDlCdXZaYTd3L3VXcGhvV2NUQT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93824317679?pwd=M3lONDlCdXZaYTd3L3VXcGhvV2NUQT09</a>
4th	2nd grade Virtual Parent Visitation 9:00-9:30
5th	Saints Shirt Day 1st grade Virtual Parent Visitation 9:00-9:30
12th	End of 1st Quarter
15th	Begin 2nd Quarter
16th	SIP Stakeholder Meeting 8:45-9:30
17th	School Board Meeting
18th	Santa Pictures
19th	Report Cards Sent Home
22nd-23rd	Required Asynchronous Home Learning
24th-26th	Happy Thanksgiving
30th	Teddy Cares Dress Down for \$1.00



# LET'S MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE



## **Migrant Education Services Available!**

Any child, ages 3 through 21, who moves with parents or guardians to seek or obtain temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture, or fishing-related activities is eligible for the Migrant Education Program. Families qualify if they have moved to work in traditional crops such as: vegetables, dairy, poultry, livestock, fishing and shrimping, and/or timber.

Migrant Education provides student advocacy within the school district's educational program as well as supplemental educational and supportive services.

If you believe that your child might qualify for this program and are interested please call the school secretary or stop by the office to complete the Migrant Survey.

*St. Charles Parish Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.*

## **Servicios disponibles para la Educación de Migrantes**

Cualquier niño entre las edades de 3 a 21 años, cuyos padres o representantes legales buscan obtener un empleo temporal o de estación en agricultura o en actividades relacionadas con la pesca, es elegible para el Programa de Educación del Migrante.

Las familias califican si se han movido al área para trabajar en las cosechas tradicionales como las siguientes: vegetales, lecherías, aves de corral, ganado, pesca, camarones y madera.

La Educación del Migrante provee ayuda dentro del programa educacional del distrito, como también servicios educacionales suplementarios y servicios de apoyo.

Si usted cree que su hijo/a puede calificar para este programa y usted está interesado, por favor llame a la secretaria de la escuela o visite la oficina para completar la Encuesta del Migrante.

*Las Escuelas Públicas de la Parroquia de St. Charles no discriminan por raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, orientación sexual y/o discapacidad.*

## **Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)**

NOTICE: In 1986 all asbestos materials were identified in all school buildings. A management plan was developed for each school as per the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The management plan is located in a binder in the main office of each school. The binders are available for review upon request.

Since the plan was developed, most of the asbestos has been removed. In a few buildings, some floor tile still remains that contains asbestos. All of the schools meet the health requirements that pertain to the regulation. If you have any questions concerning this topic, please contact Kevin Barney, Director of Physical Plant Maintenance at 985 331-3600 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.







## Newsletter Delivery

As part of our efforts to embrace technology, take care of our environment, and monitor spending, we will have an electronic newsletter delivery. 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](mailto:lbutler@stcharles.k12.la.us) and a copy will be sent home each month with your child. Thank you.

## Calendar Revisions

The district calendar has been revised due to Hurricane Ida. You can find the updated calendar at <https://www.stcharles.k12.la.us/domain/2866>

## SIP Stakeholder Group

We are looking for parents, grandparents, and community members to work with us! Our School Improvement Team wants to hear your voice in regards to making improvements to our school. Each month we will hold a meeting with the group of stakeholders to talk about activities and initiatives as well as hear concerns. These meetings will be virtual until visitors are allowed and will last 30-45 minutes. Our first meeting is on November 16th at 8:45. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Chellie Killian at [ckillian@stcharles.k12.la.us](mailto:ckillian@stcharles.k12.la.us).

## Face Covering Reminders

Students in grades kindergarten through 12 are required to wear face coverings on the bus. Please make sure your child has a face covering each day for the bus ride; if you would like to send additional face coverings for your child in a bag with their name, we are happy to secure these items for you. Face shields, neck gaiters, and masks with exhalation valves or vents cannot be used in place of face coverings. Face coverings which contain profanity, vulgar, or offensive language/symbols are prohibited. These include but are not limited to: slogans or advertising of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs; satanic cult or gang-related symbols or paraphernalia; and profane, obscene, or sexually-oriented language. CDC information on how to safely wear and take off a face covering can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/cloth-face-covering.pdf>.

# Let's welcome our new faculty and staff!

**Please help us welcome our new faculty and staff to  
Allemands Elementary.**

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Gina Burst  
2nd grade Teacher, Ms. Megan Warrington  
2nd grade Teacher, Ms. Taylor Norfleet  
Mental Health Professional, Mrs. Destiny Williams  
Custodian, Mrs. Monica Baloney  
Custodian, Ms. Wamesha Jimison  
Interventionist, Mrs. Cheryl Ponder  
Kindergarten and Lunch Monitor, Mrs. Anita Kopnick  
Paraprofessional, Mrs. Chelsea Alario  
Gifted Teacher, Ms. Erika Spengler  
Resident Teacher, Ms. Kylee Zeringue  
Resident Teacher, Ms. Julia Tastet  
Resident Teacher, Ms. Erika Montelaro  
Student Teacher, Mrs. Jolene Hartman



These amazing educators are here to support and love your child. We are proud to work as one team to help Make Dreams Come True at AES.



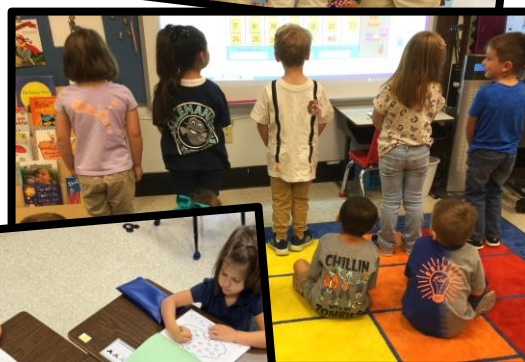


# OUR LEARNING

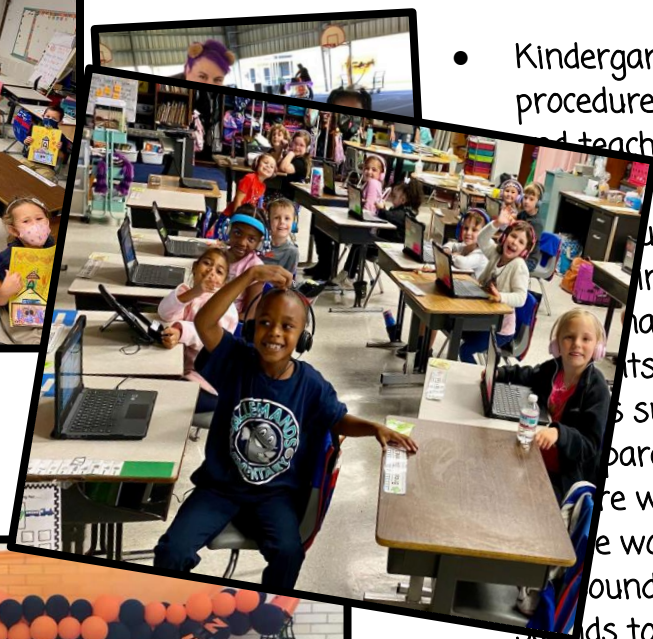


## pre-k

- Our youngest catfish have enjoyed getting back to school at AES with their friends.
- Students have been practicing and reviewing routines and procedures around the school.
- Students have also been learning about the human body and the five senses.
- Students also enjoyed dressing up for Red Ribbon Week in October as they discussed making good choices.



## kindergarten



- Kindergarteners are reviewing our rules and procedures after returning to school. Students and teachers are so happy to be back together at

In our Skills Strand, we continue to work on reading and writing skills such as fluency (left to right; top to bottom).

Students are working on more complex writing skills such as spirals, loops, and hooks in order to prepare for lowercase letter formation.

Students are working on blending the sounds in words. For example, the teacher will say the sounds /m/ /a/ /t/, and students will blend the sounds to say the word 'mat.'

- In our Knowledge Strand, we are enjoying a unit on Nursery Rhymes and Fables.
- In Math, we are counting how many and writing numbers to 10. See the Number Writing Rhymes in your child's folder for help practicing.





# OUR LEARNING



## first grade

Welcome back to school, first grade families! Your student has started the year learning about CARES and classroom rules. We discuss the importance of taking care of ourselves, taking care of others, and taking care of Allemands. Our daily morning meetings allow us to get to know the friends in our class. Your child has been working hard reviewing short vowel sounds in words and stories. We started a new reader, *Beth*. Have your child discuss the story read in class with you. You can help by asking your child about the characters, setting, and major events. In Knowledge, we have enjoyed learning our our incredible human body. We will begin reading about similar fiction stories from different lands. Your student is learning more about solving problems in math. We are focusing on understanding the equal sign, solving addition and subtraction word problems, and addition and subtraction strategies. Please complete nightly homework to support your child with these skills we are learning. We look forward to continuing a year where dreams come true at AESI

## second grade

Our second graders joyfully participated in many activities in order to build a classroom community. Each student developed Hopes and Goals for this exciting school year. In order for everyone to reach their Hopes and Goals, students have been busy practicing classroom routines and procedures. Students along with their teachers have created classroom rules. Students were adding and subtracting within 100, reading fiction, and listening to fiction. This month they will measure length with centimeters, read fiction and listen to Greek myths. Home support is essential to a successful school year. Please remember to discuss your child's day with him or her then review and sign your child's homework. Working together, we can have a successful year.

Mrs. Karen Loupe, a custodian at Allemands Elementary, has retired. We would like to thank Mrs. Karen for her service to our school





# ENRICHMENT

## *Librarian's*

## *Letter*

Book check-out has begun, and the kids have never been so excited!!! Students will come home with a slip of paper to remind you when the library book is due.

Remember to participate in our school wide reading program:  
**Finley's Fin-tastic Fishies!**

Please read the letter on the back of the reading log  
to learn how the reading program works.

PreK and Kindergarten students who read 100 books will be recognized on a bulletin board, as well as all 1st graders who read 200 books, and 2nd graders who read 300 books.

**Happy Reading!**

**Love, Ms. Lacey, librarian**

## **COUNSELOR'S** *corner*

We celebrated Red Ribbon Week in October. It is a week in which we focus on making good choices and developing healthy habits. While Red Ribbon Week is devoted to raising awareness for one piece of the puzzle to a healthy lifestyle—being drug free—there are lots of other positive habits that are critical for children to build from a young age. Whether it's eating right and exercising or saying no to drugs and alcohol, teaching young children to actively develop healthy habits will give them the tools they need to build strong foundations for successful futures.

Lori Hogan, School Counselor

## *French* **FUN**

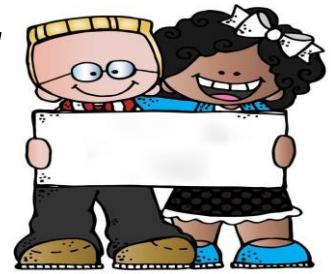
Bonjour! Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving, or "Bonne Action de Graces" Thanksgiving is an American holiday and not celebrated by the French. However, there are many Americans who live in France who still celebrate the holiday by having a pot luck meal where everyone brings a Thanksgiving related dish. Also, there are quite a few American owned restaurants and stores that offer a traditional meal, or the ingredients to make a traditional meal. The Thanksgiving Store is located in Paris, France. They also carry other American treats that are difficult to find in Europe.



# Allemands Elementary Family Center

## Together We Can Make a Difference

Hours: 8:25 AM – 3:55 PM  
Phone: 985-758-7427



Welcome back to a new year of fun and learning in the Title I Family Center! At the Family Center, families are invited to join other parents and children for activities, information and resources. All programs and activities are free. Highlights of the Family Center include educational resources, workshops, volunteer days, weekly Family Literacy Playgroups for children from birth to five, and much more. We hope you are able to join us throughout the year so that we can be of service to you and your family. While in the Family Center, parents must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

The Family Center provides many resources that can be checked out to help your child learn. So please do not hesitate to visit us: You can also contact me by phone or email, and I will be happy to help you.

I am looking forward to seeing you!!!!

Bienvenidos de regreso a un nuevo año de diversión y aprendizaje en el Centro Familiar Titulo I. En el Centro Familiar, las familias están invitadas a unirse con otros padres e hijos en actividades, información y recursos. Todos los programas y actividades son gratis. En el Centro Familiar se incluyen grupos de juegos semanales para niños que todavía no van a la escuela, recursos educacionales, cursos de aprendizaje para adultos, días voluntarios, y mucho más. Esperamos que ustedes puedan compartir con nosotros durante el año o que podamos ser de servicio a usted y su familia. Mientras en el centro, los padres de familia tienen que usar máscaras y mantener el distanciamiento social.

El Centro Familiar también brinda muchos recursos que se pueden prestar para que usted pueda ayudar en el aprendizaje de sus hijos. Por favor no dejen de venir a visitarnos dentro. Me pueden contactar por teléfono o email.

¡Anticipo verlos en el centro!

# Meet and Greet Fun .....

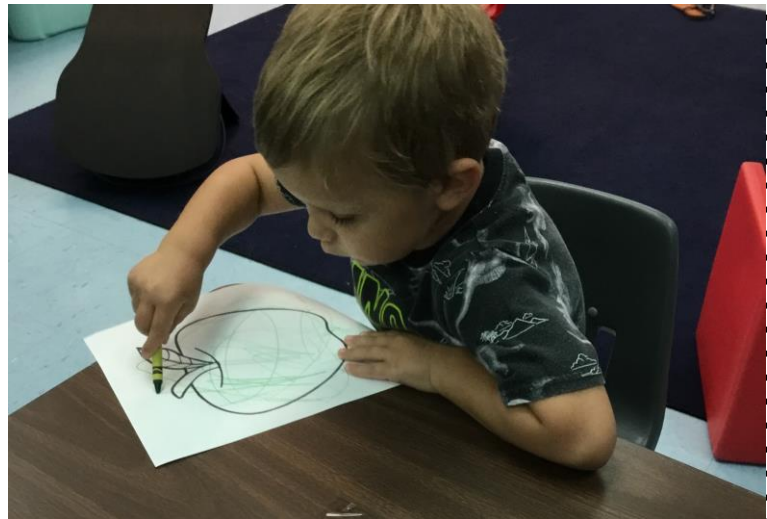


# Second First Day .....





# Red Ribbon Week



# PTA NEWS

We need YOU! Join our PTA and get involved. We would love to have you support our efforts to help our students, teachers and families. Use the QR code below to order spirit shirts, magnets, and join PTA.



Please welcome our new PTA Board. They meet once a month and would love to have your participation.

President, Amanda Martin  
Secretary, Melanie Bankston  
Treasurer, Erica Dufrene  
School Liaison, Dunia Kennedy  
Grade Representatives:  
Vanessa Camarata  
Danielle Berthelot  
Kelli Finstad  
Tongia Turner  
Megan Hammett  
Jodie Matherne  
Krissy Hebert  
Celeste Matherne  
Laura Brown



## Catfish Character Traits

Our School Improvement Team has designated a character trait each month to teach the Essential 11 Traits each week. In addition, the PTA will support our school by sending home a family activity to practice this trait. In November, we will focus on respect. Our teachers will read the book, Whoever You Are, by Mem Fox and review the following focus points during the month. Please help us to reinforce these character traits at home and in the community.

- Week of 11/8 Focus on Veterans Day
- Week of 11/15 Focus on saying "Excuse Me"
- Week of 11/29 Focus on saying "Yes ma'am, No sir, Please, and Thank You"

Let us know if your child shows this character trait at home or the community by returning the information below. We will read it during the announcements to celebrate your child!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What did he/she do to show responsibility in your home or the community?

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# Elementary Menus

# November 2021

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

At Lunch:

Sandwich Choice



## Just one thing . . .

As we've been telling you for over a year now, all meals are no charge for all students every school day all year long. But, to clear up any confusion, we need to remind everyone that fruit means every student can get one free meal at breakfast and one at lunch every day. What that doesn't mean is that we're now an all-you-can-eat buffet. According to the regulations we have to follow, we can only feed you one no-cost meal at each meal time. So one free breakfast. One free lunch. For every student. Every day. All year long. We hope you're taking advantage of this great program, and trust us, we live seeing your uniting face - twice a day.

**School Meals**  
We serve education every day™



## What-a-melon!

You might ask, "What is this watermelon doing wearing a big pink bow and sitting on a gold throne?" More importantly, you might ask, "Why is this watermelon square?!" These square melons debuted in Japan as a trendy gift, selling for around \$200 each. They're grown in boxes to get the cube shape, and they're meant to be ornamental, and most often they are not meant to be eaten, just admired!

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

Friday, November 5

### Breakfast

Chicken Waffle Bites  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Bosco Snicks  
Marinara Sauce Cup  
Baked Beans  
Orange Wedges

Thursday, November 4

### Breakfast

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

### Lunch

Chicken Parmesan  
Spaghetti  
Green Peas  
Italian Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Pineapples w/Cherries

Friday, November 12

### Breakfast

Muffin Choice  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

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

Thursday, November 11

### Breakfast

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

### Lunch

Baked Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
WW Roll  
Pineapple Tidbits w/Cherries

Wednesday, November 3

### Breakfast

St Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Pork Stew w/ Steamed Rice  
Sweet Potatoes  
Steamed Cabbage  
Banana

Wednesday, November 10

### Breakfast

St Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Fish Sticks  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Baked Beans  
Cucumber & Tomato Salad  
Banana

Tuesday, November 2

### Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Soft Tacos  
w/Turkey Taco Meat  
Steamed Corn  
Taco Salad Cup, Cheese Cup  
Apple Wedges

Tuesday, November 9

### Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Orange Chicken  
Fried Rice  
Broccoli Florets  
Asian Chopped Salad  
Tropical Fruit

Monday, November 1

### Breakfast

Pancakes  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Popcorn Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy  
Steamed Broccoli Florets  
WW Roll  
Applesauce

Monday, November 8

### Breakfast

Pop Tarts or Cereal Bars  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Chicken Tenders  
Waffles w/Syrup  
Green Beans  
Carrots  
Sliced Peaches



# WARM AND SOAPY.



You wash your hands to get rid of germs - and water alone can't do that. You need soap and warm water to rinse away bacteria. So soap up your hands, pull them out of the water stream and rub them all over for at least ten or fifteen seconds, and then rinse off.

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

## STALACTITE

Hangs from the Ceiling  
of a cave - contains  
the letter "c"

Underground caves contain cool formations called "stalactites" and "stalagmites." They form when water seeps through the ground and drips from the cave ceiling.

## STALAGMITE

Grows from the Ground  
of a cave - contains  
the letter "g"

There are caves you can tear in almost every state. You're probably no more than a few hours away from one!

Tuesday, November 16

### Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

St. Charley's Chili w/Cheese  
Tortilla Chips  
Garden Salad  
Steamed Corn  
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, November 17

### Breakfast

St. Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Chicken & Sausage  
Jambalaya  
Broccoli Florets  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread, Banana

Thursday, November 18

### Breakfast

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

### Thanksgiving Feast

Sliced Turkey  
Cornbread Dressing  
Sweet Potatoes  
Green Beans, WW Roll  
Apple Crisp

Friday, November 19

### Breakfast

Biscuit Sticks (2)  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Mini Corn Dogs  
Baked Beans  
Celery & Carrot w/Ranch Dip  
Orange Wedges



Monday, November 29

### Breakfast

Pancakes  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Shepherd's Pie  
Steamed Broccoli Florets  
WW Roll  
Applesauce

Tuesday, November 30

### Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Soft Tacos  
w/Turkey Taco Meat  
Steamed Corn  
Taco Salad Cup, Cheese Cup  
Apple Wedges

## Menus Are Likely To Change

Please know that we are trying to operate as close to our pre-Hurricane level as possible. But, like everyone else, we are facing multiple challenges. We have had loss of food items from the loss of electricity to our freezers and coolers. We are dealing with supply chain issues, both locally due to the storm and nationally due to Covid.

Sometimes we may have to substitute an item or even a whole day's menu at the last minute to be able to provide students with the best, freshest option available that day.

We thank both our students and parents in advance for your on-going understanding of this situation!

**St. Charles Parish Child Nutrition Department**