



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2022! The faculty and staff of Allemands Elementary are eager to begin a new year with our spectacular students and school community. This second semester promises to be a great one for all of our children. Our continuous efforts are focused on providing our children with engaging and meaningful lessons with individualized support. Please consider joining our Stakeholder Group to share with us your thoughts! As always, we welcome your input, suggestions and comments.

In the month of January, exciting events will happen at Allemands Elementary. We are thrilled to open our school to families more; however, we need to ensure the safety of all. We recommend all individuals who are not vaccinated to wear face coverings. Many events will have a limit to the number of visitors who will be able to attend. Please make sure to read each activity flyer careful to know the guidelines for the event. We appreciate parental support and look forward to continuing our strong home-school connection.

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

## January

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| 3rd  | Students return to school   |
| 5th  | PTA Board Meeting, virtual & in Family Center @ 1:00<br>Zoom Meeting Link:<br><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93824317679?pwd=M3l0NDlCdXZaYTd3L3VXcGhvV2NUQT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93824317679?pwd=M3l0NDlCdXZaYTd3L3VXcGhvV2NUQT09</a> |
| 7th  | Saints shirt day  |
| 12th | Playgroup @ 10:00 in the Family Center  |
| 17th | Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday- no school  |
| 18th | SIP Stakeholder Meeting @ 8:45 in Family Center<br>All are welcome<br>Contact <a href="mailto:ckillian@stcharles.k12.la.us">ckillian@stcharles.k12.la.us</a> to attend<br><br>Vision & Hearing Screening  |
| 19th | Playgroup @ 10:00 in the Family Center  |
| 21st | Community Morning Meeting @ 9:15<br><br>Vision and Hearing Screening  |
| 26th | End of Second Quarter<br><br>Playgroup @ 10:00 in the Family Center   |
| 28th | Fall Picture Retakes (students must wear school uniform)  |



# LET'S MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE



## **Welcome back to AES!**

We are so excited to begin holding events at AES again. With COVID19 still in the community, we are encouraging people who are not vaccinated to wear a mask. We will also ask you to space yourself from other groups. Many of our events will have a capacity limit; please understand these guidelines are to protect all. Thank you for your support as we transition to opening our building to more events!

## **Cafeteria**

Even though we are beginning to have parents and guests at our events, we are unable to have anyone eat with students in the cafeteria during lunchtime. We are utilizing the entire cafeteria to space our students and have enough time to sanitize between students for COVID19.

## **AES Young Authors Contest**

Our students will participate in the Young Authors contest this month. Please encourage your child to work hard on their writing. It would be great to have them orally tell you fiction and nonfiction stories to help them have ideas of topics to write about for this event.

## **AES 2021-22 Teacher of the Year**

We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Logan Cancienne has been selected as our Teacher of the Year. Ms. Cancienne is a wonderful kindergarten teacher. Let's support her in the next round of the competition!







## 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 next meeting is on January 18, 2022 at 8:45. At the last meeting, we reviewed our mission, vision, and beliefs in addition to discussing how to support our school improvement initiatives. 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).

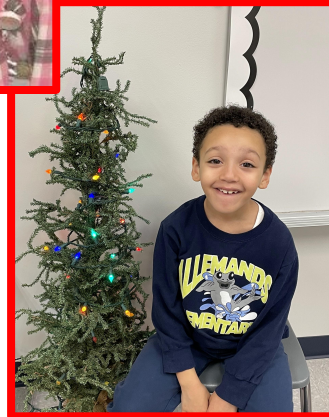
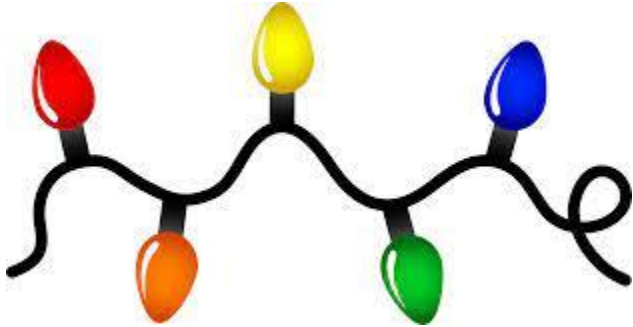
## Face Covering Reminders

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>.



# Holiday Events

Thank you for your understanding and support of our current holiday events. Enjoy some of the pictures from our fun!







# OUR LEARNING



## pre-k

- Pre-K has been learning how people in our community help keep us healthy and safe. We enjoyed visits from the St. Charles Parish Sheriff Departments and from Lillie Bourgeois of the LSU School of Dentistry.
- We are continuing to work on developing all the essential skills needed before Kindergarten like letter identification, sounds, numbers, counting, and much more.



## kindergarten



- During our Skills Strand, we work on reading simple three-sound words. We say each sound in the word and blend the sounds together to say the word.
- We are working on segmenting sounds in words in order to hear each sound in a given word. This will help us in spelling words.
- In our Knowledge Strand, we enjoyed hearing stories and fables. We discussed characters, setting, and plot.
- 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.
- We have learned about flat and solid shapes. Next, we will learn about measurement!
- Students are enjoying the use of chromebooks. They listen to holiday read alouds, practice reading skills on Amplify, and practice math skills on Zearn.





# OUR LEARNING

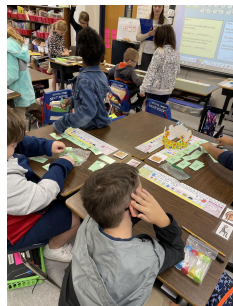


## first grade

Welcome back first grade families! In the month of January our first graders are continuing to build their knowledge in all subjects. In Skills, we are learning to read and write words with vowel digraphs. We started a new reader, Fables. Have your child discuss the story read in class with you. You can help by asking about the characters, setting, and major events in the story. In Knowledge, we have enjoyed learning about Early Word Civilizations. We will move into learning about Early American Civilizations. To learn more check out a book at your local library and add it to your reading log. Your student is learning more about solving addition and subtraction problems within 20, understanding place value within teen numbers, and solving words problems. Please continue to complete the nightly homework to support your child with the skills we are learning. We look forward to a wonderful second half of our school year. Please continue to remind your child of the importance in showing CARES throughout our learning day!

## second grade

Happy New Year! Second graders will be revisiting their Hopes and Goals to reflect and prepare for new learning. Our CKLA Knowledge Domains are Cycles in Nature and Westward Expansion. Students learned about Earth's movement and planned an experiment to explore the life cycle of a flowering plant. When reading, students should use a variety of reading strategies and should be able to ask and answer questions about a text. Second graders continue to write in response to questions. In math, students will continue solving word problems and using place value strategies to add and subtract within 1,000. Please have your child practice math facts to 20. Your continued home support is appreciated.





# ENRICHMENT

## Librarian's

## Letter

We're learning about the different sections of the library, and why books are where they are on the library shelves.

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.

Blank reading logs can be found online at:

<https://www.stcharles.k12.la.us/Page/15936>

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

Let's be bucket fillers!

"A bucket filler is a caring, loving person that does or says nice things.

You feel a bucket when you show love to someone, when you say or do something kind, or even when you give someone a smile. When you're a bucket filler, you make your home, your school, and your neighborhood better places to be. Bucket feeling makes everyone feel good."

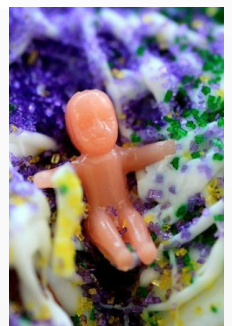
Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

By Carol McCloud

Lori Hogan, School Counselor

## French FUN

Bonne année! Happy New Year! This month we will be learning about Three King's Day which is on January 6th. This is the official start of the Mardi Gras season and is very symbolic both in France and in Louisiana.



# A Note from the Family Center



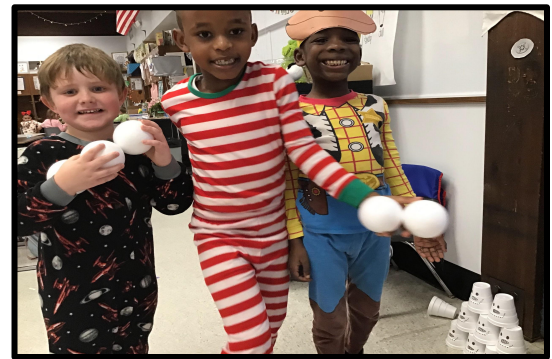
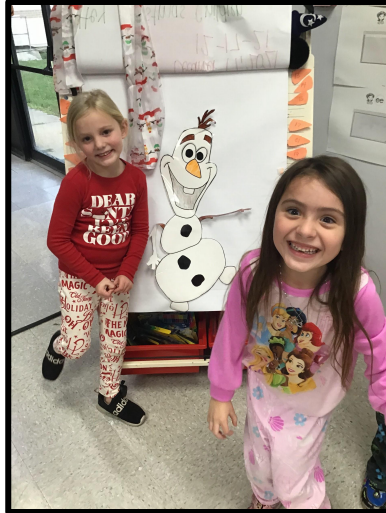
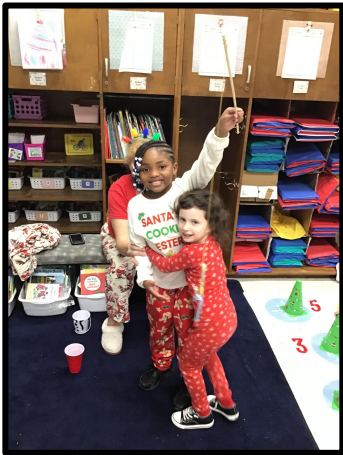
## How Can You Support Your Child Academically:

- **Find out how your child is doing.**  
Ask the teacher how well your child is doing in class compared to other students. If your child is not keeping up, especially when it comes to reading, ask what you or the school can do to help. It's important to act early before your child gets too far behind. Also be sure to review your child's report card each time it comes out.
- **Make sure that your child gets homework done.**  
Let your child know that you think education is important and that homework needs to be done each day. You can help your child with homework by setting aside a special place to study, establishing a regular time for homework, and removing distractions such as the television and social phone calls during homework time. If you are reluctant to help your child with homework because you feel that you don't know the subject well enough or because you don't speak or read English, you can help by showing that you are interested, helping your child get organized, providing the necessary materials, asking your child about daily assignments, monitoring work to make sure that it is completed, and praising all of your child's efforts. Remember that doing your child's homework for him won't help him in the long run.
- **Find homework help for your child if needed.**  
If it is difficult for you to help your child with homework or school projects, see if you can find someone else who can help. Contact the school, tutoring groups, after school programs, churches, and libraries. Or see if an older student, neighbor, or friend can help.
- **Help your child prepare for tests.**  
Tests play an important role in determining a student's grade. Your child may also take one or more standardized tests during the school year, and your child's teacher may spend class time on test preparation throughout the year. As a parent, there are a number of ways that you can support your child before and after taking a standardized test, as well as a number of ways you can support your child's learning habits on a daily basis that will help her be more prepared when it's time to be tested.

## Apoye los esfuerzos académicos de su hijo

- **Averigüe cómo le está yendo a su hijo en sus cursos.** Pregúntele a la maestra cómo le está yendo a su hijo en comparación con los demás estudiantes. Si su hijo se está rezagando, especialmente en la lectura, consulte qué puede hacer usted o la escuela para ayudar. Es importante actuar oportunamente antes de que su hijo se retrase demasiado. Lea los reportes o informes escolares de su rendimiento académico. Para obtener más información, consulte la página Cómo saber si su hijo necesita ayuda adicional.
- **Supervise la tarea.** Haga a su niño comprender que usted piensa que la educación es algo importante y que hay que cumplir con la tarea escolar. Usted le puede ayudar a su niño con la tarea en las maneras siguientes: aparte un lugar especial para que su niño estudie, fije una hora para hacer la tarea, y elimine las distracciones como el televisor y llamadas sociales. También hay muchas maneras en que usted puede ayudar si no conoce la materia a fondo o porque no domina el inglés tan bien como su hijo.
- **Busque quién le ayude a su hijo con las tareas.** Si se le dificulta ayudarle a su hijo con las tareas o los proyectos escolares, consulte para encontrar a alguien más que pueda ayudarle. Comuníquese con la escuela, los grupos de tutoría, los programas después de la escuela, las iglesias y las bibliotecas o busque la ayuda de un estudiante mayor, vecino o amigo.
- **Ayude a su hijo preparar para las pruebas.** Las pruebas estandarizadas cumplen en la actualidad un papel fundamental en las escuelas públicas de los Estados Unidos. Su hijo puede dar una o más pruebas estandarizadas durante el año escolar y es posible que el maestro de su hijo dedique tiempo de clase a la preparación para el examen a lo largo del año. Como padre o madre, hay muchas formas de apoyar a su hijo antes y después de dar una prueba estandarizada, así como también hay muchas formas de apoyar los hábitos de estudio de su hijo a diario, que lo ayudará a estar mejor preparado cuando llegue el momento de la prueba.

# Holiday Parties



## Fall Picture Retakes

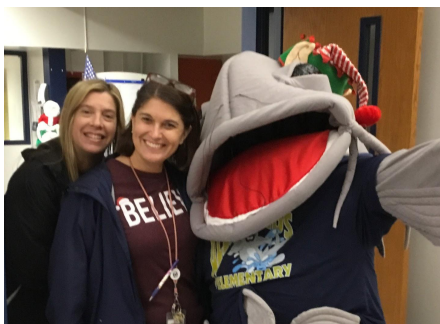
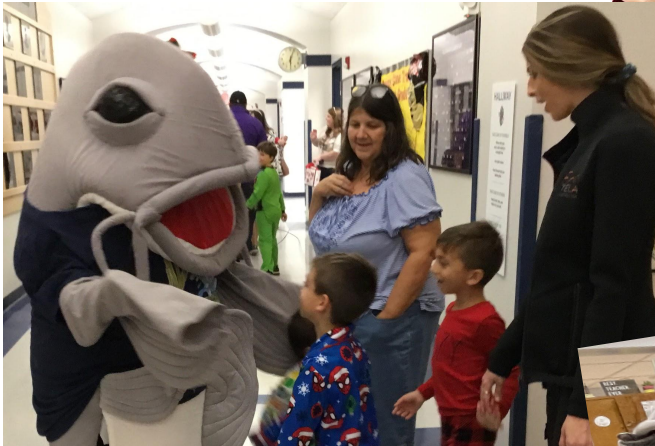
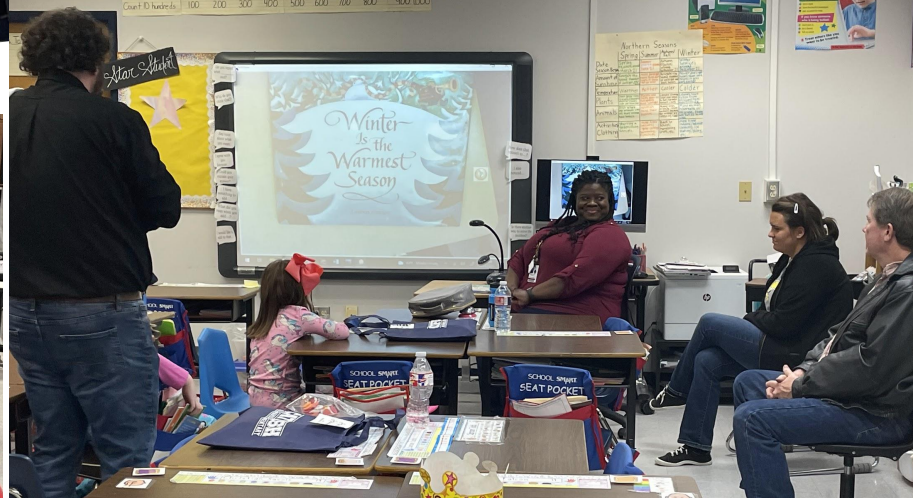
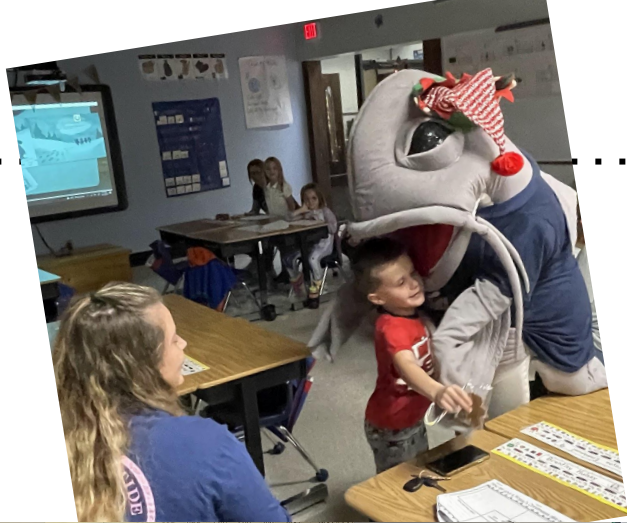
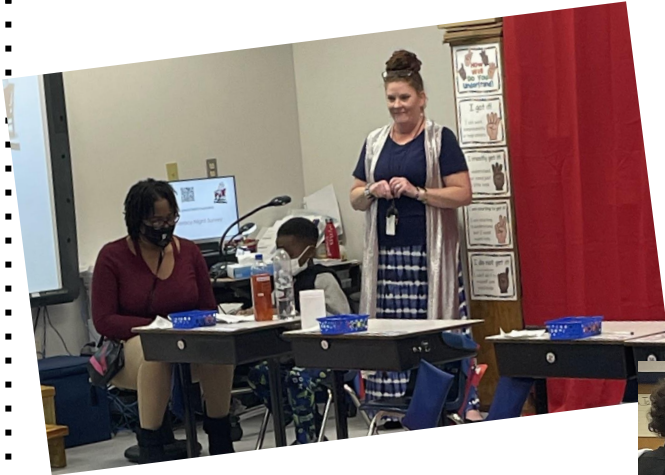
January 28th

Students must wear school uniform





# Literacy Night





# PTA NEWS

The PTA was thrilled to provide students a holiday gift of Popcorn and Paint in a bag! The children were so excited to receive their gift. We hope that everyone enjoyed the fun of the Popcorn and Paint!

The PTA is continuing to plan events and activities for our students and families each month that align with the Catfish Character Traits. Please take the time to participate in these activities at home with your child.



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

President, Amanda Martin  
Vice President, Laura Brown  
Secretary, Celeste Matherne  
Treasurer, Erica Dufrene  
School Liaison, TBA

Grade Representatives:

Vanessa Camarata  
Danielle Berthelot  
Kelli Finstad  
Tongla Turner  
Megan Hammett  
Jodie Matherne  
Krissy Hebert  
Chelsea Sassin  
Kelly Madere  
Katie Foster



## 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 January, we will focus on appreciation. Our teachers will read the book, Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun by Maria Dismondy and review the following topics during the month. Please help us to reinforce these character traits at home and in the community.

- 1/10 Martin Luther King Jr. Focus
- 1/24 National Day of Service-
- 1/31 Make a positive difference

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 appreciation in your home or the community?

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# Nurse Notes

## **Kids and Exercise**

Children should get daily physical activity to help stay healthy. Exercise builds strong muscles and bones and can give a child a better outlook on life.

Some examples of exercises for children are playing outside games such as Chase, Tag or Hide and Seek. Taking walks with parents is also a great way to get your child moving.

Children should be active for 60 minutes or more a day.

Limit daily screen time to avoid children being too sedentary.

A routine of daily physical activity can help your child to be healthier and happier.



**Melissa Schexnaydre, R.N.**

**School Nurse**

\*information obtained from "KidsHealth" website.







ALLEMANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TITLE I FAMILY CENTER

# SAVE THE DATE

Families with children ages birth until they start school are welcome to join the Family Center staff for a fun time of learning and getting ready to start Kindergarten!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

## PLAYGROUP

**WEDNESDAYS AT 10**

STARTING JANUARY 12, 2022  
IN THE FAMILY CENTER

LITERACY &  
MATH  
ACTIVITIES

STORY TIME

MUSIC AND  
MOVEMENT

SOCIAL/  
EMOTIONAL  
ACTIVITIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER EARLY CHILDHOOD  
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR PARISH USE YOUR CELL PHONE  
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# Elementary Menus for January 2022



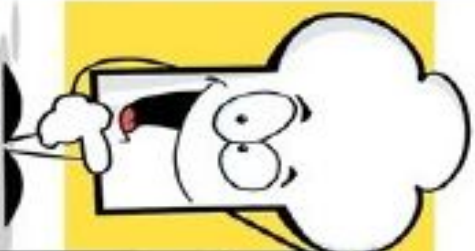
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## Menus Are Likely To Change

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 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**



**AVAILABLE DAILY**  
With all meals:  
Low Fat White Milk  
Fat Free Flavored Milk  
At Lunch:  
Sandwich Choice

National Milk Day  
January 11, 2022



Monday, January 3		Tuesday, January 4		Wednesday, January 5		Thursday, January 6		Friday, January 7	
<b>Breakfast</b>	Pop Tarts or Cereal Bars Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b>	Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b>	St. Charley Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b>	Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b>	Muffin Choice Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice
<b>Lunch</b>	Chicken Tenders Waffles w/Syrup Green Beans Carrots Sliced Peaches	<b>Lunch</b>	Orange Chicken Fried Rice Broccoli Florets Asian Chopped Salad Tropical Fruit	<b>Lunch</b>	Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Cucumber & Tomato Salad Banana	<b>Lunch</b>	Turkey Sausage Gumbo Steamed Rice Potato Salad Garden Salad, Crackers Apple Wedges	<b>Lunch</b>	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Crispie Cut Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Orange Wedges Cookie
Monday, January 10		Tuesday, January 11		Wednesday, January 12		Thursday, January 13		Friday, January 14	
<b>Breakfast</b>	Powdered Donuts Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b>	Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b>	St. Charley Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b>	Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b>	Biscuit Sticks (2) Cereal w/Cheese Stick Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice
<b>Lunch</b>	Red Beans w/Ham Steamed Rice Seasoned Mustard Greens Steamed Carrots Biscuit, Applesauce	<b>Lunch</b>	St. Charley's Chili w/Cheese Tortilla Chips Garden Salad Steamed Corn Apple Wedges	<b>Lunch</b>	Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya Broccoli Florets Garden Salad Garlic Bread, Banana	<b>Lunch</b>	Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans WW Roll Pineapple Tidbits w/Cherries	<b>Lunch</b>	Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Celery & Carrot w/Ranch Dip Orange Wedges



Monday, January 17

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
1929  
1968



Monday, January 24

**Breakfast**

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

**Lunch**

Chicken Alfredo Casserole  
Steamed Broccoli Florets  
Carrots  
Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, January 18

**Breakfast**

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

**Lunch**

Roasted BBQ Chicken  
Baked Beans  
Potato Salad  
WW Roll  
Pear Half w/Cherry

Tuesday, January 25

**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

Wednesday, January 19

**Breakfast**

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

**Lunch**

Potato Soup  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Biscuit Stick  
Banana

Wednesday, January 26

**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

Thursday, January 20

**Breakfast**

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

**Lunch**

Sweet Chili Thai  
Lo Mein Noodles  
Stir Fry Veggies  
Asian Chopped Salad  
Mandarin Oranges

Thursday, January 27

**Breakfast**

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

**Lunch**

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce  
Green Peas  
Italian Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Pineapples w/Cherries

Friday, January 21

**Breakfast**

Fresh Donut  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Fresh Hot Pizza  
Marinara Sauce  
Garden Salad  
**Fruit of the Month**  
Brownie w/Icing

Friday, January 28

**Breakfast**

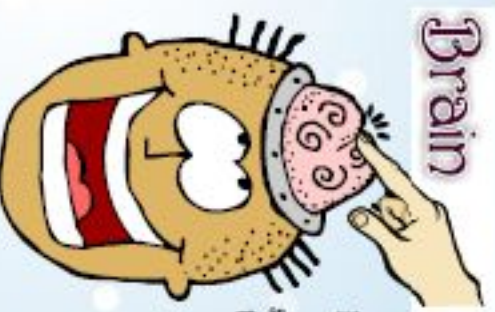
Chicken Waffle Bites  
Cereal w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Bosco Sticks  
Marinara Sauce Cup  
Fresh Veggies w/Ranch Dip  
Orange Wedges

**Brain**

**Ticklers**



Jimmy's mom has 4 kids. She named the first Monday, the second Tuesday, and the third Wednesday. What do you think she named her fourth child?  
(Told the page upside down and read it in a mirror for the answer!)

Yours?

**Feel free to hit the snooze.**



A little extra time in the morning can mean finishing that last bit of homework... or getting a few more minutes of sleep! We can help streamline your mornings by offering your kids a convenient, economical, and healthy alternative for their school-day nutrition. So why not take advantage of this great service? Encourage your kids to join us for breakfast and lunch at school

Monday, January 31

**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

