



# Behrman Buzz

*Home of the Stingers*

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## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday April 3**  
Professional Development  
*Early Release*

**Thursday, April 5 -**  
**Tuesday, April 10**  
Spring Break  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Friday, April 13**  
ACSA Sock Hop

**Tuesday, April 17**  
Coffee and Conversation

**Tuesday, April 24**  
Career Day

**Wednesday, April 25**  
ACSA Professional Development  
**NO SCHOOL**

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Mr. Ken Mitchell  
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Mrs. Rosalind Brown, R.N.

## Vicious Vaccinations

The Greater New Orleans Immunization Network was at Behrman for two days giving free inoculations to students. Any student whose parent signed a consent form was inoculated and their immunization records were brought up to date. There was very little crying and no fainting as the students stoically received their shots. After receiving his inoculations, **Christopher Picou** in kindergarten said, "That wasn't so bad." **Nurse Brown's** calm, comforting manner made it all go smoothly.



## Artistic Recognition

Mr. Paulin and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade cluster would like to congratulate **Donald Marshall**. Donald is the winner of the **Old Algiers Riverfront Poster Contest**. He received a \$250.00 savings bond at the festival Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, Behrman Charter School will receive a cash award. Donald has had the great good fortune to have **Ms. Patricia Katschalk** as his TAV teacher and mentor. All of Behrman is proud of Donald's accomplishments.



## Virtuous Volunteers

Fifth graders soared on the iLEAP test thanks to their teachers and the generous tutelage of some selfless volunteers. During the week of March 12-16, about 1200 college students from across the country converged on the city of New Orleans during their Spring Break. Yes, Spring Break! A time when college students usually head to the beaches for some fun and recreation in the sun, they came to New Orleans to help with the rebuilding of our city. An organization called **The Campus Crusade For Christ** planned the gathering. The students gutted houses for two days, and then worked in the school for two days sprucing it up and assisting with iLEAP test preparations. Behrman was blessed with their presence for four days. Students from the **University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse** were with us on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of March. On the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, students from **Yale University** in Connecticut were here. Students in **Mrs. Perry's, Mrs. Bradley's, and Ms. Williams' classes**



were the appreciative beneficiaries of the test prep assistance. Since the college students were not privy to the culture of New Orleans, Behrman decided to introduce them to hot boiled crayfish, with corn and potatoes. They had no idea what to do with them so Ms. Williams showed them how to peel and eat the mudbugs. In the end, the students said that the crawfish were rather different from what they were used to eating, but they had even begun to like them



## Behrman on Broadway

This past month director **Spike Simmons** directed a play that included a star-studded cast of actors and actresses. The play, *Lemonade for Sale*, starred **Dayneseon Bemiss**, **Kendall King** and **Kirk Johnson** in **Ms. Mason's** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class, **Jamal Jones** and **Kendrick Johnson** in **Ms. Lewis's** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class, and **Catera Johnson** of Mr. Simmons' 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. **Takulve Williams** of Mr. Simmons' 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class was the narrator.

The play was set on Elm Street in room 217. Meg, played by Dayneseon Bemiss, Matthew, played by Kendrick Johnson, Danny, played by Kirk Johnson, and Sheri, played by Catera Johnson, decided to sell lemonade in order to earn money to repair their clubhouse. They set up a stand and Sheri fills in a daily bar graph to record their sales. When the number of customers dwindles, the children discover that a new neighbor, Jed, played by Kendall King, is performing a juggling act nearby and attracting all of their customers. Sheri invites Jed to juggle beside their stand and sales skyrocket. By the end of the day, they have enough money to repair their clubhouse. They even add a new club member, Jed.

**Jamal Jones**, who played Petey, Meg's pet parrot, shared this with reporters, "It was hard playing Petey, but Spike has a way of bringing out the best in an actor. He just told me, 'I was intelligent just like some birds and that I should be myself only with wings.'" Kendall King revealed to reporters, "It was wonderful working with Spike Simmons. He is so smart and a perfectionist. He expected the best out of us and he said we gave it to him."

When asked how does he feel about the production, *Lemonade for Sale*, Simmons responded, "I am very please with the production and look forward to working with these magnificent performers in the future."

Spike also said that the public should be on the lookout for his upcoming production, *Johnny Appleseed*, which premieres in late April.



## Art and Politics

**Ms. Jenny LeBlanc**, with the **Young Audiences Program**, has been teaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders the art of silk screening. The project took a political turn when each class made a poster telling why their teacher should be elected mayor! **Ms. Mason's** class said she was so nice that she would break your heart, while **Ms. Lewis's** claimed that she's the best.

**Mr. Simmons's** students say that they love him. That will surely be a close election. The talented teachers in the Young Audiences Program have enriched the curriculum and the students. Behrman is fortunate to be a part of their program.



## Birthday Buddy

By **Ciann Smith**, **Kerry Taylor**, in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, **Raja Harrison**, **Jasmine Small** & **Charmaine Stevenson**, in 6<sup>th</sup> grade

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders completed a project entitled African American Birthday Buddies. We had to research a famous African American who was born on our birthday. We then had to write a biography on that person and our own autobiography. First, we went to internet web sites such as [www.infoplease.com](http://www.infoplease.com), and [www.famousafricanamericans.com](http://www.famousafricanamericans.com). Next, we explained how we were alike and different from our buddies. Finally, we had to decorate a poster board to display all of the information we had found. This project was not only interesting, but also a lot of fun. It was very interesting to see all of the famous people born on our birthdays.

## Several Starving Students Snack on Seafood in the Shade at School

The pre-kindergarten classes of **Mrs. Ragas** and **Mrs. Robinson** have been learning the letter "S". To celebrate this milestone, they had a seafood and sausage lunch. Tables were set up on the front lawn and students were served crayfish, shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes. The students quickly learned how to peel the tasty crustaceans. Afterward, several students picked clover and made clover chain necklaces. Also enjoying this culinary feast were: **Mrs. Carter**, **Nurse Brown**, **Mrs. Jeansonne**, and **Mr. Ragas**.

