



Behrman Buzz

Home of the Stingers!
Located in Historic Algiers Point

Martin Behrman Charter School
Academy of Creative Arts & Sciences

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Behrman Charter School Information

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Ms. Yolda Williams
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Mr. Brian Young
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Calendar of Events

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| August 12 Pre-Kindergarten Orientation 10:00 A.M. |
| August 18 Kindergarten— First Day |
| August 25 Pre-Kindergarten— First Day |
| August 29 Back to School Dance |
| August 29 Behrman Community Clinic Celebration 10:00 a.m. |
| September 1 Labor Day NO SCHOOL |
| September 2 Professional Development NO SCHOOL |
| September 18 Professional Development NO SCHOOL |

They are **Mrs. Brenda Washington, Ms. Yolda Williams and Ms. Muriel Lewis. Mrs. Faydra Alexander** is the new TAP coordinator for The ACSA. **Mr. Brian Young** is administrative assistant for Teacher Development and Student Support.

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
And **YOU** are the guy who'll decide where to go!

Dr. Seuss ~ Oh the places you'll go!

New Faces at Behrman

Behrman is happy to welcome some new teachers to our school. **Mrs. Lorraine Green** is our new kindergarten teacher. **Ms. Jennifer Meigs** joins the 1st grade team. Ms. **Alta Grant** is happy to be in Room 107 teaching 3rd grade. New on the third floor are **Mr. Andrew West** in the 5th grade, **Mr. Carmiel Williams** in the 6th grade and **Ms. Courtney Vincent** in the 7th. Joining our special education department is **Ms. Angelique Roberts**. Three new TAP master teachers have been named.

Before and After Care Program

Before and After School care is provided by Kindergarten teacher, **Mrs. S. Eugene**. Parents can register their children with Mrs. Eugene in room 107. Before school care begins at 6:50 and ends at 7:20. The cost is \$3.00/ day. After school care is from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. The cost for after school care is \$50.00/ week . The fee for unscheduled drop-ins is \$5.00/ hour. Any student who is not picked up by 3:00 will be sent to after care. All fees are payable to Mrs. Eugene.

Non Negotiable Uniform Policy

GIRLS

- Blue and green plaid pants. Gauchos or capris are not allowed.
- Sky blue polo shirt or round collared sky blue blouse. (Plain or with Behrman logo)
- Plain black belt. No decorative belts allowed.
- White socks only. (**No footies**)
- Solid black tennis shoes only.
- Girls may wear earrings that are the size of a quarter or smaller and a watch. No other jewelry will be allowed. (gold/silver/platinum jewelry will not be permitted)

BOYS

- Navy blue pants. Pants must fit at the waist. Over-sized pants not permitted.
- Sky blue polo style shirt (plain or with the Behrman logo)
- Black shoes
- Solid white socks. (**No footies**)
- Boys may wear a watch only. (no other jewelry will be allowed)
- Solid black belts with regular buckle. No oversized buckles or decorative belts allowed.

Beautiful Behrman

The grounds of Behrman Charter School are lush and picturesque because of the green thumb and hard work of 6th grade teacher, **Mr. Paulin**, and 1st grade teacher, **Ms. Thompson**. The old beds were cleaned and new soil and mulch were added before planting the beautiful bushes and shrubs. Mr. Paulin and Ms. Thompson spent weeks of their summer vacation in the hot sun making sure the gardens were complete before school began. Behrman is looking for friends and neighbors who have green thumbs and would like to volunteer to help maintain the campus grounds. If you can help, please contact the school office.

RULES RULES RULES

A brief summary of some of the basic school rules.
Following the rules makes everyone's life a lot easier.

- Breakfast is served from 7:20 until 7:40 a.m.
- School begins at 7:50 SHARP! A student is tardy after 7:50.
- ALL students enter through the Slidell Street entrance.
- Carpooling students are dropped off on Belleville Street.
- Carpooling students enter the building on Slidell Street.
- Prior to 8:15 a.m., tardy students report to the tardy table for tardy slip.
- At 8:15, the back door is locked and students must enter through the front door on Opelousas Avenue **with a parent** for a tardy slip.
- RTA riders and walkers leave the building using the Vallette Street exit.
- All carpoolers leave using the Belleville Street exit.
- All school bus riders leave using the Slidell Street exit.
- No students may exit through the front door on Opelousas.
- Students who are not picked up by 3:00 will be sent to Mrs. Eugene's After-School Care program at a cost of \$5.00/ hour. If a parent cannot be reached, the 4th district police or child protection will be called.
- Students cannot be checked out of school after 1:30 p.m. Please schedule appointments and plan accordingly.
NO EXCEPTIONS! DO NOT ASK.
- All visitors must enter through the front door on Opelousas Avenue. They must first sign in with security and then report to the office for a visitor's pass. **NO ONE** can go to the classrooms during instructional time unless an appointment has been scheduled.

Important Information Nurse Brown

Welcome from the School Health Department! We are located in Room 216, across from the office. A major concern from the Health Department is identification of students with chronic illnesses, such as asthma, diabetes and sickle cell. Other concerns are immunizations and the need for daily medication. For safety reasons, parents are responsible for alerting the school nurse about any health issues that their child might have. If the school is aware of health issues the school is better prepared to care for the child in an appropriate manner, if an emergency arises.

Medication can be given at school if a physician completes all of the appropriate paperwork. ***The students are NEVER to have medication in their possession while at school.*** This is for obvious safety reasons. Immunization, or lack thereof, presents another safety issue because students without updated immunizations are at a greater risk for illness. To prevent any major illness from occurring, it is hoped that parents will have their children immunized on schedule.

Medical Center of Louisiana

The Martin Behrman Community clinic is open from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and provides a full range of health care services that include: sports physicals, hearing & vision testing, immunizations and much more. Students must return a parent consent form to the office before services can be provided. For more information, call 504-361-6440. On August 29, LSU and Behrman will celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the Community clinic. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. there will be refreshments, balloons and guest speakers. The public is invited.

Night Out Against Crime

Behrman Charter School was the venue for the Algiers Point National Night Out Against Crime. The school is an important and historic part of Algiers Point. We were honored to be a part of this event. Many of our neighbors signed up to volunteer at school, and we are looking forward to becoming active in neighborhood projects. At another Night Out in the Odeon neighborhood, students **Chase Ragas, Tahj Bradley, and Christian Lewis** won band instruments that were donated by **Wanda and Joseph Bailey**.

Auditions

Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Bradley or **Ms. Terrance** will be holding tryouts for cheerleaders, the dance team and majorettes soon. Any girl interested in joining any of these teams and wants more information should contact one of these teachers in Room 303.

SECURITY

Parents are **not** allowed to stay with their children in the cafeteria or assembly area after bringing them to school in the morning. Students are well supervised by the faculty when the door opens at 7:20 a.m. **No one** should go to a classroom unless they have an appointment with a teacher. When entering the building, everyone must sign in and leave some form of identification with security and obtain a Visitor's Pass, before proceeding to the office.