



# Behrman Buzz

Home of the Stingers

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## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, August 21**

Open House  
3:30 - 5:00

**Tuesday, August 28**

Katrina Memorial

**Wednesday, August 29**

Professional Development  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Monday, September 3**

Labor Day  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, September 18**

ACSA Prof. Development  
**NO SCHOOL**

## Behrman Charter School Information

715 Opelousas Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70114  
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Mrs. Rene Lewis-Carter,  
Principal

Mrs. Cherie Goins,  
Assn't. Principal

Ms. Gwen Sonnier,  
Secretary

Ms. Sheila Alexander,  
Secretary

Ms. Kimberly Chiles,  
Counselor

Mr. Ken Mitchell  
Social Worker

Mrs. Rosalind Brown, R.N.  
Nurse

Mrs. Faydra Alexander  
Mr. Brian Young  
Master Teachers

## Non-Negotiable Uniform Policy

### GIRLS

- Blue and green plaid skirt or pants. Pants are preferred. 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 or shorts (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.

## Information from the School Nurse

Welcome from the School Health Department! We are now 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, sickle cell, ADHD, ADD, seizure disorders, and childhood cancer. 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. The **Ida Hymel Clinic** is open as well as the immunization bus at **Toys R Us**. Call 504-733-3268 for information about Toys R Us.

## Welcome Back

Students returned to Behrman Charter School on August 6th, ready for teaching and learning to begin. In spite of the summer



heat, every one arrived fresh-faced and excited about the new school year. Our principal, **Mrs. Carter**, greeted everyone and told them how honored she and the faculty were to have been entrusted with such wonderful students. There is much work to be done because Behrman Charter School has a culture of High Expectations.

# RULES RULES RULES

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

- Breakfast served from 7:20 a.m. until 7:40 a.m.
- School begins at 7:50 a.m. sharp!
- Tardy students report to the tardy table for tardy slip.
- ALL students enter the building through the Slidell St. entrance.
- Carpooling students can not be dropped off at the Slidell St. gate.
- **NO student** can enter or exit through the front door.
- Walkers & RTA riders exit using the Vallette St. doors.
- All carpools exit through the Belleville St. doors.
- Carpool drivers must enter Belleville St. from Opelousas St.
- All school bus riders exit through the Slidell St. doors.
- Students who are not picked up by 2:45 will be sent to the office. If a parent cannot be reached, child protection will be called.
- Students can not be checked out of school after 1:30 p.m. Please schedule appointments and make plans accordingly. **No Exceptions! Do not ask.**
- Students must wear a complete uniform daily and must purchase and wear an ID. Any student who loses their ID must buy a new one.
- All visitors must enter on the Slidell Street entrance, must sign in with Security and be given a pass. Visitors must also check in with the office. No one can go to the classrooms during instructional time.

## Bee Hive Book Store

There is no reason not to have all of your supplies at school because the **Bee Hive Book Store** has opened! Every morning, in the basement, outside the auditorium, the Bee Hive will be open for business. **Mrs. Mancheski** and **Mrs. Jeansonne** will be selling paper, pencils, pens, rulers, erasers, sharpeners, notebooks and much more. Stop by and see what's for sale. Don't go to class unprepared!



## New Faces

There have been a few changes in the faculty. **Mr. Estrella** has left us to be the principal of Clark Senior High, but has been ably replaced by our own **Mrs. Cherie Goins**.

**Ms. Tracee Singleton** is the new teacher in the 2nd grade, replacing **Mr. Simmons**.

Replacing **Mrs. Marshall** as inclusion teacher is **Mrs. Edwina Gillard**. In the 7th grade, **Ms. Yolanda Bentley** has taken over the 7th grade class of **Mrs. Henry**.

**Mr. Amedee's** kindergarten class is now being taught by **Ms. Traci Mouton**. The new counselor, **Mrs. Kimberly Chiles**, is replacing **Mr. Bailey**. The new behavior interventionist is **Mr. Gregory Bryant**. The Academic Interventionists are

**Ms. Pamela Wilkes** and **Mr. Delvin Lewis**. New faces in the office are **Mrs. Sheila Alexander** and **Ms. Monique Ross**



Familiar Faces

## Tardiness

School begins promptly at 7:50 AM. Students **MUST** arrive at school on time. However, no student will be permitted on the campus before 7:20 AM. Breakfast is served from 7:20 until 7:40. ALL students enter the campus through the Slidell Street gate. Students arriving late must get a tardy pass before going to class. Students arriving after 8:15 AM must be signed in by a parent. There is zero tolerance for tardiness at Behrman Charter School. Students with chronic tardiness will be referred to Social Services or will be asked to find a school setting closer to their home.

## SECURITY ALERT

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 on duty when the doors open at 7:20 AM. No one should enter the building unless they have set appointment with a teacher. Anyone entering the building **must** sign in at Security and leave some form of identification. After school, parents should meet their children in the designated area. **No one** is permitted to go to the classroom or take his or her child out of line before dismissal. If you have spare time and want to help, volunteers are needed in the classes, but proper protocol must be observed.

Anyone in the building without an appointment must have a police and background check on file to remain. This is part of the local and state-mandated security and safety precautions in place to protect your children. Please understand that these rules must be enforced so that there is a climate of harmony and order at Behrman Charter School.