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Calendar of Events

Monday, August 10
1st Day for Students (1st—8th)

Monday, August 17
1st Day for Kindergarten

Tuesday, August 18
RIF Book Giveaway

August 24
1st Day for Pre-Kindergarten

Wednesday, August 26
3:15—5:00
Open House

Thursday, August 27
School Pictures

Friday, August 28
Tom's Shoe Giveaway
3rd—8th Grades

Saturday, August 29
Clean Up Day

Monday, September 7
Labor Day
NO SCHOOL

Friday, September 18
Professional Development
NO SCHOOL

The Bell Rings

The school day begins at **7:50 a.m. SHARP**. Students who report to class after that time are tardy and must have a tardy pass to be admitted to class. The doors of the school open for students on Slidell Street at 7:20 a.m. Parents are **NOT** allowed to stay with their children, or walk with them to class. Breakfast is served from 7:20 until 7:40. The school day ends at 3:00 p.m. Unless enrolled in an after-school program, students must exit the campus immediately after school. Students are dismissed as a class. Parents must wait for their child at the appropriate exit station. Early checkout is done through the office. However, there are no student checkouts after 1:30 p.m. Please plan accordingly.

Beautiful School

Behrman Charter School is looking better and better. The new marquee and new plantings in the front yard have made the school even more beautiful and welcoming. Behrman is fortunate to have on its faculty two expert gardeners, **Mr. Paulin** and **Mrs. Thompson**, who weeded and planted the beds in front of the school. Behrman Charter School is dedicated to maintaining this historic building and campus. Our beautiful old school is a real landmark in the Algiers Point neighborhood.



New Faces, New Places

There are some new faces at Behrman Charter School this year. **Mrs. Natalie Williams** will be teaching kindergarten and **Mrs. Edie Drake** will be teaching 5th grade. New in the 7th grade is **Mrs. Jacqueline Jackson**. **Mr. Kenneth Liong** will be joining the Special Education team and Behrman Charter School will be welcoming back **Mrs. Bernadine Henderson** in SPH **Mr. Colby Knapp** and **Mr. Reginald Field** will be getting everyone in tip top shape in Physical Education. Students will become more computer savvy under the tutelage of **Mr. Trent Vincent**. **Mrs. Elizabeth Arias** will teach Theater and Poetry and **Mr. L. Kasimu Harris** will be instructing students in photography and journalism. New para-educators are **Mr. Thomas Jones**, NCP, **Ms. Megan Franich**, Kindergarten (part-time), **Ms. Whitney Washington**, 2nd Grade (part-time), **Mr. Jeremy Roussel**, Upper Grade Writing and **Mr. Kerry Williams**, Instructional Support. Familiar faces in new places are: **Ms. Elaine Ruffin** 3rd grade, **Mrs. Debbie Gray** 5th grade, **Mrs. Florence Jackson** and **Ms. Courtney Vincent** 6th grade, **Mrs. Lisa Perry** and **Mr. Randy Crump** 7th grade. **Mrs. Terronita Hanpton** and **Mrs. Yolanda Bentley** 8th grade.

It is absolutely essential for anyone who volunteers at Behrman to have a police background check. This is the law!

NO STUDENT CHECKOUTS AFTER 1:30 p.m. No Excuses! Don't Ask! Plan Accordingly!

Chicago!

By Mrs. Perry, 7th Grade Teacher

Martin Behrman Charter School's performing teams culminated the school year with a trip to Chicago, Illinois on June 3-6. They were escorted by their sponsors: **Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Bradley, and Mrs. Williams** along with a parent-teacher from Habans School, **Mrs. Toldson** and a grandparent, **Mrs. Denis**. While there, they visited The American Girls complex where they purchased dolls representing different character themes. They had a five course brunch, and were treated like royalty. Everyone went to Chicago by the Amtrak. They really enjoyed the train. They donned Behrman performing unit t-shirts and caps and visited the Sear's Tower, The Hershey's chocolate store, and the Navy Pier, which had many specialty stores and amusement rides located on the river. Mem-



bers of the Majorettes, Dance team and Cheerleaders were all in attendance along with some invited friends. They included: **Jatil Hampton, Damica Jackson, Destiny Jones, Cynthia Morgan, Tiyanna Richardson, Brianna Thurman, Maliyah Toldson, Jade Bailey, Bria Balancier, Dominique Bennett, Shelby Bradley, Alaini Chopin, Amber Dusuau, Jasmine Hamburg, Ayanna Jackson, Keierra Johnson, Diamond Mayo, Allycia Perry, Rashita Wright, Ayriel Blakley, Kineta Ruffin, Symone Norris, Brittany Jones, Brittany Toldson, L'Nya Morre, Jasmine Waiters, and Evian Williams.**



Health News!

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.



Nurse Brown has written and been awarded a \$2500 grant for Behrman Charter by **The Alliance for a Healthier Generation**. This grant is to be used to educate teachers and students on maintaining a healthy lifestyle that includes regular exercise and good nutrition. Congratulations, Mrs. Brown!

Uniform changes

The uniforms for the middle school (grades 7 and 8) have change. These are the new uniforms:

Boys

Powder Blue button down shirts, Khaki pants with black belt. Navy blue sweater vest. Black tennis shoes with black socks. Blue and green school neck or bow tie.

Girls

Powder blue blouse (button down or Peter Pan collar), Khaki pants with black belt Navy blue sweater vest Black tennis shoes with black socks. Blue and green school tie

The blue or green school windbreaker can be worn by both girls and boys.

The regular Behrman uniform with plaid pants for girls and navy blue pants for boys will be worn by the students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through sixth. No shorts or skirts allowed

The uniforms can be purchased at **J & L's Uniforms**, 1742 Stumpf Blvd. Gretna, LA . 504-366-6887

