



Behrman Buzz

Home of the Stingers!
Located in Historic Algiers Point

Martin Behrman Charter School
Academy of Creative Arts & Sciences

Volume 3 Issue 5

www.behrmancharter.net

December, 2008

Behrman Charter School Information

715 Opelousas Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70114

504.324.7030

504.309.8174 Facsimile

Mrs. Rene Lewis-Carter,
Principal

Mrs. Cherie Haydel Goins,
Assn't. Principal

Mr. Brian Young
Teacher Development
Student Support

Ms. Gwen Sonnier,
Secretary

Ms. Sheila Alexander,
Secretary

Mr. Ken Mitchell
Social Worker

Mrs. Rosalind Brown, R.N.
Nurse

Mrs. Faydra Alexander
ACSA TAP Coordinator

Mrs. Brenda Washington
Ms. Muriel Lewis
Ms. Yolda Williams
Master Teachers

Calendar of Events

December 1— 5

Book Fair

Friday, December 5

Pre-K Breakfast with Santa

Friday, December 19

Professional Development

Early Dismissal

December 22— January 2

Christmas Holidays

NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 19

MLK Birthday

NO SCHOOL



Holiday Book Fair

The annual Behrman Book Fair begins **Monday, December 1, 2008** and runs through **Friday, December 5**. The Book Fair will be open from 7:30 AM until 2:45 PM. It is being held in Room 106A on the 1st floor of the school. Make plans to stop in and see all of the wonderful items for sale. There are books for all ages. It is a great place to do a little holiday shopping and support the Behrman Charter School Library.

Thanksgiving Feast

A delicious Thanksgiving dinner was served in our cafeteria and everyone dressed up for it. The students and their guests dined on turkey and gravy, cornbread dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and, of course, pumpkin pie. All of the students and faculty have much to be thankful for and the good food from the cafeteria is just one of these many blessings.

BCS Dancers

Dancers from **The Ballet Hispanico Company** visited Behrman Charter School as part of a week-long residency program. They helped the students learn how to move like a dancer. Students spent more than one hour interacting with the dancers of the ballet company.



This is Your Life!

By **Diamond Mayo, Symone Norris, and Aubrey Powell**

The 6th grade students in **Ms. Ruffin's** Language Arts class had to do a project on our life. It was a lot of work, but it was not difficult because Ms. Ruffin taught us the skills we had to use for the project in class. We used a Venn diagram to compare ourselves with another person. We also used a cause and effect graphic organizer to list the causes and their effects about our lives. Almost everyone agrees that the summary of our lives was the most difficult part because we had to sum up our lives using only five sentences! We had a lot of fun doing our projects. We especially enjoyed making a time line of our lives.



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

Reading is Fundamental

Communities In Schools had their 1st **Reading Is Fundamental** book giveaway Friday, November 7. All of the students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade came to the library and were able to select a book of their own from the assortment of books donated by RIF through Communities in Schools. This is the first of three book giveaways planned for this year.



Frightening Friday



The Boo at Behrman was the culmination of a day of festivities for the students at Behrman. In the morning the children in grades Pre-K through 2 went trick or treating to all of the upper grade classrooms. They wore many types of costumes, as did some of their teachers. After lunch, the lower grades went to the Boo which was held on the playground. There were Space Walks, face painting, games, music and good food. **Mrs. Ragas** did all of the planning and was helped out by the **Cactus Club** from **Tulane University**. The upper grades went to a haunted house and an afternoon dance in the basement.

Homecoming Heroes

The ACSA football tigers held their homecoming game at Behrman Stadium Saturday, November 1st. They were cheered on by the Behrman Band, under the direction of **Mr. B. Mitchell**, the cheerleaders, majorettes and dance team, under the direction on **Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Brunet** and **Mrs. Perry**. The Tigers handily beat their opposition the Bellechase Bulldogs. Members of the Tigers from Behrman Charter School are: **Deroy Harrington, Dayshane Wright, Davell Gethers, Farid Mateen, Kelly Lambert, Kendall Harrison, Dedric Porter** and **Kevin Butler**.

Broadway Bound

The Theatre Group in Room 203, a division of **Ms. Mason Productions**, staged a new production of the old favorite *Pine Park Mystery*. The students in the 2nd grade adapted and updated the original play from their reader. They added new characters like Hannah Montana, P. Diddy, Chris Brown and Roxie, plus additional dialogue. They rehearsed for two weeks and memorized their parts. Parents and other classes were invited to attend. The two performances played before a packed house. Everyone is waiting with bated breath to see if there will be a Tony Award coming to Behrman Charter School.



State Fair Fun

Two busloads of students and teachers went to the **Louisiana State Fair** in Franklinton, LA. The students visited the 4-H livestock show where they saw prized pigs, bulls, geese, sheep and ponies. They really enjoyed all of the rides.



Kentrell Johnson said the zero gravity ride 2000 was incredible. He stood on the wall of the ride and was spun around until he was actually weightless. **Elise Smith** thought the Gee Whiz Drop was exciting, while **Ladonica Scott**

liked the Glass Monkey Maze. **Roderick Lavigne** and **Andrew Guidry** actually did a Bungee Jump! Everyone chewed on sugar cane and Roderick said that the funnel cakes were delicious. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a wonderful time.

Time Flies When You're Having Fun!

Mrs. Grant's 3rd grade has learned to tell time using an analog clock. They know how to tell time in different ways, such as quarter past and half past the hour. They can estimate time and understand elapsed time. Each student made their own analog clock. So, if you need to know the time of day, just stop by room 207



Ghoulish Information

By **Amber Dusuay, Jade Bailey & Iralisha Williams**

Our trip to the library was fun. Because it is so close to school, we walked with **Mrs. Butler** and **Mr. Lewis**. At the library, **Ms. Joycelyn Cole** told us about the cemeteries and what is next to them. We were surprised to learn that there are so many different kinds of tombs. We discussed the dogs and how they guarded the tombs. We talked about the hourglass and that it means how time flies. We had a very interesting discussion on witches. We learned that they are ordinary people. We talked about vampires and talked about why they are not real. After the slide show and discussion we received a bag of treats that included a book, coupons, book markers and a toy. We had a great time.



Americorp Volunteers

Americorp is again working at Behrman Charter School. Volunteers who come to us through **Trinity Christian Community** can be found working hard in these classrooms: **Chantell Swift** (2nd & 3rd grade), **Yentl Bryant** (Ms. Andrus), **Patrice Paisley** (Ms. Green), **Selina Robinson** (Ms. Eugene), **Timithia Richardson** (Ms. Singleton), **JaQuanna Allison** (Mrs. Stevenson), and **Taiese Johnson** (Ms. Grant). Volunteers from **The School Leadership Center** are **Cherelle Davis** (Ms. K. Lewis), **Daja Brown** (Ms. Mason), **Antonio Merrick** (Ms. Thompson), **Isis Muhammad** (primary lab & Ms. Meigs).

Pillars of Character

The Positive Behavior Support program at Behrman Charter School is endeavoring to help build the pillars of character in students by rewarding students who show these character traits. The first pillar was *trustworthiness*. For an entire month, students who showed this trait were given a coupon to put in the raffle drum. At the end of the month, names were picked and these students received a bag of school supplies, a \$10 gift card to McDonalds and a Behrman Stinger Pride dog tag.

