



# Martin Behrman Charter School Academy of Creative Arts & Sciences

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*Art Really Teaches!*



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## Behrman Buzz

### Behrman Charter School Information

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### Calendar of Events

**Monday, November 30 -  
Friday, December 4**  
BOOK FAIR

**Friday, December 4**  
Breakfast with Santa

**Thursday, December 10**  
Young Audiences  
Christmas Concert

**Friday, December 11**  
Professional Development  
NO SCHOOL

**Thursday, December 17**  
Christmas Program

**Monday, December 21 -  
Friday, January 1, 2010**  
Christmas Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday, January 13**  
RIF/CIS Book Giveaway

**Monday, January 18**  
MLK Day  
NO SCHOOL

**Friday, January 29**  
Professional Development  
NO SCHOOL

**Don't Forget!**  
Bring your  
**Community  
Coffee Coupons**  
to the Office

**NO STUDENT CHECK-  
OUTS AFTER 1:30 p.m.**  
Please Plan  
accordingly!

### Book Fair

The Christmas season at Behrman begins with our annual book fair. This year's Book Fair will take place the first week after Thanksgiving – **November 30 through December 4**. The Fair is open from 7:45 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. As always, the fair will have books for everyone at all prices. Look for the brochure with the times and place and a list of just some of the books that will be available. Family, friends and neighbors of Behrman Charter School are welcomed.



girls owe much of their success to their coach **Mrs. Brunet**. Members of the team are **Jaliyah Singleton, Jasmine Banks, Aryiel Blakely, Symone Norris, Catera Johnson, Derion Powell, Kayla Smith, Kayla Tanner, Annaya Taplet**.

### Bees for Brees

Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, students and faculty all wore black and gold to show support for our own **New Orleans Saints** when they played the **Atlanta Falcons** on **Monday Night Football**. The Saints prevailed against their traditional rival in a closely played game. Perhaps it was because of all of the hopes and prayers of Behrman Charter School. The Behrman Bees love the Brees and the Saints.



### Dictionary Project

The **West Bank Rotary Club** donated brand new dictionaries to all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Behrman Charter School and spoke about the importance of a good vocabulary. Then each teacher picked several words for the students to find and define. The gentlemen from the Rotary Club were impressed with the ease with which the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders found and defined the words. The children were very grateful and expressed their thanks to the West Bank Rotary Club for their generosity.



### HoneyBees

The Behrman Charter School Honeybees are a vivacious performance dance team. They practice daily and often on week-ends. Some of their performance venues have included assemblies, volleyball games and Woldenberg Village. They performed October 9 as special guests for the Breast Cancer Awareness event. The

## Checking Out High Schools

Representatives from **St. Augustine High School** and **Xavier University Preparatory High School** came to Behrman Charter School to speak to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They were given an overview and history of the school and were told what was expected of students who attend. The boys met St. Aug counselor, **Frank Joseph**, while the girls met **Tiffany Neville-Cambre**, Director of Admissions and Student Activities at Xavier Prep. The boys were impressed with the sports program and website of St. Aug. They were concerned a little bit about the discipline, but said that if they listened to their teachers and followed the rules, there would never be a problem. The girls really loved Xavier Prep's uniforms. They liked the fact that there was a sport or a club for every girl and that the majority of graduates received scholarships for college. Both the boys and the girls thought being in a gender-centric school would make studying easier.



## Island of the Blue Dolphins

By Diamond Jones and Kimberley Daniels

**Mrs. Drake's** 5<sup>th</sup> grade read the Newbery-award winning book *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell. It is the true story of Karana, a native American girl who survived alone on an island for eighteen years. The class did book reports and made an art project based on the book. We really enjoyed reading this book and recommend it to others.



## Pink Power

By Angel Hays

The Pink Power Pajama Party was held on Saturday evening, November 7 at Behrman Charter School. At the event there were many teachers: **Ms. Meigs, Mrs. Goins, Ms. Singleton, Ms. Ruffin, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Sonnier, Ms. Vincent, Mrs. Arias, Ms. Bensreiti, Mrs. Washington, Mrs. Hammond, Ms Isis and Ms. Mason.** The girls cooked, ate pizza, made crafts, sang and watched a movie. This was a night for the girls to remember.



## PBS Lunch

The PBS October Students of the Month were honored at a special lunch with **Mrs. Goins.** Everyone enjoyed pizza and went back to class with a bag of school supplies and treats. PBS thanks **Ms. Mason** for the hundreds of Beanie Babies she donated to the store and **Mr. Young** for his generous cash donation.



## Basketball Victories

The boys and girls' basketball teams had opening day victories at the Behrman gym Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. The girls played outstandingly as they jumped out to an early lead and the **Tubman Tigers** could not respond to their tough defense. Although not as tall as the Tubman team, the boys used their quickness, defense, and free throwing skills to defeat Tubman. Both teams represented the school very well. **Coach Fields** and **Coach Lawson** coached the girls. The boys were coached by **Coach Davis.**



Members of the girls' team are: **Derria Adams, Victoria Youngblood, Ariane Johnson, Symone Norris, Lalaine Bovia, Jade Bailey, Khalia Brisco, Breian Matthews, Kayla Monlyn, Jasmine V. Banks, Jasmine Hamburg, Armayne Harrison, Jatil Hampton, Shaneka Perry and Jada Hunter.**

## Criminal Courts

The resource class of **Mrs. Hicks** had an amazing field trip to the courtroom of the **Honorable Robin Pittman**, judge of Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Section F. They were able to sit in on a trial and afterward they were able to go to the witness stand to ask Judge Pittman questions. Then, Judge Pittman showed them around the courthouse and took them to the much larger courtroom of **Judge Linda Van Davis.** They hoped that one day Judge Pittman would have a courtroom as large as that one. She took pictures with them at the bench and on the courthouse steps. They had lunch at McDonald's and enjoyed the rest of an informative day.

