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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 No Excuses! Don't Ask! Plan Accordingly!

8th Grade LEAP Tutoring

Mandatory after-school LEAP tutoring began for 8th graders January 5th. Students must remain after school for tutoring from 2:45 – 4:45. Behrman Charter is serious about students being prepared and doing well on LEAP.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 5

Skate Night
5 pm— 7pm

Thursday, February 5

Professional Development
NO SCHOOL

Friday, February 13

Pajama Jam
Pre-K, Kg., 1st, 2nd

Monday, February 16

N.O. Hornets Bookmobile
Noon

February 23— 25

Mardi Gras holidays
NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 27

Professional Development
NO SCHOOL

April 1— 3, 6— 7

LEAP, i-LEAP

Third Grade Poet

By Mrs. Hicks, G-T Teacher

Chavone Thomas is not just your average kid. She is an outstanding student with a wonderful personality. She is a 3rd grader in Mrs.

Oliver's class and a student in my Gifted and

Talented class. A few months ago Chavone wrote a poem which was submitted to the "Young Poets Collection." I received a letter from them stating that it had been chosen to be published! I am very proud of her. Keep up the good work, Chavone.



Thank You Very Much

Many thanks to **Mr. Ron Lozner** of **Bic Pens**, who donated pens and designer pencils to the Martin Behrman Stinger Store. He made this donation through **Mrs. Bell**, our primary computer lab teacher.

Behrman Family Skate Night

Plan for an evening of skating fun at Behrman Night at Skate Country. The fun begins at 5:00 p.m. and lasts until 7:00 p.m. \$8.00 covers the cost of admission and skate rental. Bring the whole family for an evening to remember. For more information, contact **Mrs. Hicks**.

Getting Ready For the Big One!

Eighth graders are working hard preparing for the LEAP, which they will take in April. Mandatory tutoring takes place after school Monday through Wednesday. Extra help is given on Saturday, 9AM—Noon. Many thanks to **Mrs. Jackson**, **Mrs. Bentley**, **Ms. Hampton** and **Mrs. Gray** for giving their time and effort to make sure our students do their best on this very important test.



Books, Books & More Books

The Martin Behrman Library was fortunate to receive a grant from the **Lois Lenski Covey Foundation** to purchase new library books this year. The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation is a charitable institute whose purpose is to assist organizations in their efforts to provide books to children who might otherwise lack access to children's literature. **Lois Lenski**, the 1946 Newbery medalist for Strawberry Girl, had a life-long concern that good books be available to all children. In pursuit of this goal, she established a foundation to provide grants to public libraries, school libraries, and non-profit agencies serving disadvantaged populations.



AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a national network of programs that engages more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet critical needs in communities throughout the nation. This year Behrman is hosting SLC and TCC AmeriCorps programs for tutors in grades K-3. AmeriCorps volunteers do make a difference!



Mardi Gras Madness

Look for the **Martin Behrman Marching Band and Marching Units** in the following parades:

- Feb. 8 Little Rascals (Metairie)
- Feb. 13 Cleopatra (West bank)
- Feb. 15 Alla (West bank)
- Feb. 19 Muses (Uptown)
- Feb. 21 NOMTOC (West bank)
- Feb. 22 Bacchus (Uptown)



Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to 5th graders **Treshay'na Howard** and **Saunders Briscoe**, both of whom were nominated for the **Louisiana Young Hero Award**. This award is given to students in 4th through 12th grade who have overcome hardship and adversity in their young lives. If selected, Treshay'na and Saunders, along with their families, will attend a banquet in Baton Rouge. April 22 is Young Heroes Day.



Several Behrman families were provided assistance during the holiday season. Almost \$400 was collected during the Christmas season and three families received toys, clothing, candy and Wal-Mart cards. Similarly, during Thanksgiving more than \$500 was collected. Two dozen turkeys were donated by the **Christian Fellowship Foundation** via **Mr. Crump**. A Wal-Mart gift card accompanied ten of these turkeys. Thanks to the generosity of students, faculty and staff, these families had a brighter than expected holiday. All of this was overseen by our wonderful social worker **Mr. Ken Mitchell**.

Reading is FUNDamental

Communities in Schools sponsored another RIF (Reading is Fundamental) book giveaway for the students in grades Pre-K – 3. When each class came, they were read a story by an 8th grade volunteer. Then they were able to select a book for their very own. Each teacher was given a packet of ready-to-go art supplies to use in the classroom to make bookmarks. Many thanks go to **Lise Neilsen** of Communities in Schools for making all arrangements. The fabulous 8th grade readers were **La'ra'el Murphy**, **Brandon Ruffin**, **Hennessey Brown**, and **Larrinisha Walker**.



Great Things in Room 214

By **Chavone Thomas**

I want to tell everyone about all of the things we study in **Mrs. Oliver's** 3rd grade. In Spelling, we define words and learn their meaning and in Reading, we have read many interesting stories. Right now in Language we are learning about three different kinds of adjectives. In Math we are studying multiplication and division. Plus we are working hard to prepare for the i-LEAP. Mrs. Oliver always makes learning fun. She is a helpful and caring teacher.



Healthy Eyes, Ears and Teeth

The **New Orleans Speech & Hearing Clinic** came to BCS and tested the vision and hearing of the students in pre-k, kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th grades. Students in pre-k and kindergarten also received speech screening.

Healthy Smiles will be happening at Behrman when the **ReachOut Healthcare America** dental care comes to school. **Dr. Gregory Folse, DDS** will be providing dental care that includes exams, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride, sealants, fillings, baby teeth root canals crowns and simple extractions. A permission slip was sent home and must be filled in, signed and returned to Behrman before any work can be scheduled. 30% of the school must have returned the permission slips before Dr. Folse can be scheduled. February is National Dental Health Month. February 12 will be vaccination day, when everyone with a permission slip can have their vaccinations updated.

Our **Nurse Brown**, who is always Johnny-on-the-spot in getting the best health care for our students, made all of the arrangements.

