



Behrman Buzz

Home of the Stingers!
Located in Historic Algiers Point

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Calendar of Events

**Monday February 4 –
Wednesday, February 6**

Mardi Gras Holidays
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 12

Professional Development
Early Dismissal

Wednesdays

February 13, 27

Wednesday Walkthrough
School Tours
9:00– 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday, February 20

Professional Development
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 4

Professional Development
Early Dismissal

Monday– Friday

March 10– 14

LEAP & ILEAP

Thursday, March 20 -

Tuesday, March 25

Easter Holidays
NO SCHOOL

Behrman Charter School Information

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**Mrs. Rene Lewis-Carter,
Principal**

**Mrs. Cherie Haydel 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**

**LEAP
TUTORING**

Wednesday Walk-Through

Martin Behrman Charter School (BCS) will be having Wednesday Walk-through tours of the school for parents interested in their child's attending BCS next year. These tours will be held on Wednesday February 13 and February 27. The tours will begin at 9:00 in the morning and end at 9:45. The tours will allow parents to see BCS in action, ask pertinent questions and make an informed decision about where to send their children to school. Parents will be able to take an application after the tour

76 Trombones led the Big Parade!

Perhaps not with 76 trombones, but Martin Behrman's Marching Band did participate in the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day parade**. Under the direction of **Mr. B. Mitchell** and **Mrs. Martin**, and chaperoned by **Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Goins** and many teachers, they marched from City Hall to the MLK memorial on South Claiborne and MLK Blvd. The entire marching unit represented the school. The Color Guard led the way, followed by the marching band, the majorettes, the dance team, the cheerleaders and the bumble bees. BCS was well represented at this city wide event. The day before the entire marching unit marched in the **Little Rascals** parade in Metairie. Look for them again when the **Krewe of Bacchus** rolls. The band manager is 5th grader **Jasmine Williams**.



The National Naval Officers Association, Bayou Chapter is providing valuable Math tutoring for 8th graders in preparation for the LEAP test. Tutoring is held every Saturday before LEAP from 9 am until noon here at Behrman. **Lt. Michael Wolfe** has organized these beneficial sessions just for the 8th graders. Registration forms have been sent home, but, if for some reason a form was lost, another can be obtained in the office. Don't let your child miss out on this priceless

Another Art Award

Eighth Grader **Delvonte Smith** won 2nd prize in the Orleans Parish Communication District's 911 contest. He participated in an awards luncheon, at which he received a check for \$250.00. Delvonte is one of **Ms. Kaschalk's** Talented in the Visual Arts students and one of several of her students who are consistently recognized for their talent. Congratulations, Delvonte!

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Martin Behrman Charter School is having its first yearbook. Orders are now being taken on a pre-paid basis. The cost of the yearbook is \$22.00. Only pre-paid books will be ordered, so place your order now. Order forms will be available in the morning at the BeeHive Bookstore. Forms should be filled out and returned to **Mrs. Perry** with payment. Only cash and money orders can be accepted. The deadline to order yearbooks is Friday, February 29, 2008. Yearbook sponsors are **Mrs. Perry** and **Mrs. Williams**. Please direct any questions to the sponsors or any yearbook committee member. Members are: **Miltonisha Robinson, Ronique Bryant, Tyrielle Reddix, Diamond Mayo, Raven Harris, Jasmine Waiters, Leah Davis and Simone Norris**. Also, if there is any activity that you want covered for your grade level (pictures taken and considered for the yearbook), please submit it in writing to the sponsors.



100 Days of School

The 1st and 2nd graders at Behrman Charter School celebrated the 100th day of school on January 17th. The 1st graders had to wear 100 items on their uniform. Most chose stickers, but **Teja Waiters** had 100 wrapped lifesavers pinned to her blouse. The 2nd graders came dressed like they were 100 years old. Everyone danced the hokey pokey with 100 of their friends, froze for 100



seconds, ate 100 snacks and did 100 exercises. The grand finale was blowing out 100 candles on the celebration cake, which everyone enjoyed very much. The 1st and 2nd graders think that they are fortunate to have such clever, fun teachers. **Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Mancheski, Ms. K. Lewis, Ms. Mason and Ms. Singleton** always make learning fun.

Behrman Brotherhood

A new & exciting club has been formed at Behrman Charter—**Crescent City Brotherhood (CCB)**. The CCB began as an observed need to teach young men the necessary skills needed to develop into caring, polite, hardworking, committed and positive contributors to society. The group consists of six 6th graders, one 5th grader and three faculty sponsors. The members and sponsors are: **Deion Dedeaux, Terrell Henry, Randy Burdette, Darian Hays, Albert Franklin, Shawn Riles, Jazz Richardson, Mr. B. Young, Mrs. F. Alexander and Mr. P. Paulin**. Our boys are learning to: set goals and acquire information on how to reach these goals, build a solid academic foundation, see tasks through to completion, internalize and display the 6 pillars of character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.) As our small group solidifies its aspirations to be an asset to society, plans to expand the membership should be realized rapidly. It is hoped that through this small group's efforts, a generation of leaders will emerge that will change hearts and minds for the betterment of all mankind. Above all, we want these



young gentlemen to realize that the value of one's word and a positive reputation is priceless.

6th Grade yard clean up

On a beautiful morning the 6th grade boys in **Mr. Paulin's** class spent time cleaning up the front of the school. They raked leaves, bagged them and swept the sidewalks. When they were finished, the school yard was sparkling clean. This is just one of the service projects that teach the students at Behrman Charter School to give back to their school and community



COMPARING STATES

By Bria Balancier

The whole 4th grade was assigned two states to compare and contrast. I was assigned two states that were alike in many ways and also different in many ways. Doing this project I learned that there are many things that one state may have and another state doesn't. My favorite part about the project was reading the history about the two states and also decorating the poster board. I imagined what it would be like to live in these two states. I really enjoyed doing this project and am very glad that our teacher **Mrs. Blackwell** assigned it to us.



Champions, Again!

By Bidney Davis

The Boys Basketball Game that was held at Martin Behrman Charter School on January 19th was amazing. As the boys hustled up and down the court, making sure the ball was always in their sight, **William J. Fischer Charter School Eagles** did not have a chance. When **Kenneth Ambo** made the winning shot, the crowd went wild. Although the Fischer Eagles put up a good fight, the Behrman Stingers took home the trophy. It was truly one of the best games ever. The fine young men who make up the Stinger Championship team are: **Kenneth Ambo, Darnell Wesley, Damien Davis, Rashad Ray, Devin Powell, Deion Dedeaux, Brandon Battle, James White, Davonte Griffin, Ryan Foy, Hasen Mosley, Darius Dannel, Kerry Taylor, and Terrell Henry**.



Say it with Roses

Don't forget! St. Valentine's Day is coming. Remember your best friends, boy-friends, girlfriends, teachers, parents and that someone special with a silk Valentine rose. For only one dollar, you can buy a rose and present it yourself or have Cupid deliver it on February 14th. You can sign your name or sign it as a secret admirer. Roses can be bought at the Bee Hive Bookstore each morning or in the library. Let Cupid deliver your message of love and friendship.

American Art

Martin Behrman Charter School has been selected as a pilot recipient of **Picturing America**, the newest initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). *Picturing America* will help our children learn our nation's story by introducing them to some of America's greatest masterpieces of painting, sculpture, architecture, photography and decorative arts. *Picturing America* is a unique and engaging way for children and adults alike to experience American history and culture.

Fit Faculty

The **Algiers Charter School Association** is having a Health and Wellness Contest for its employees. **Nurse Rosalind Brown** is heading the committee at Behrman Charter School to formulate a plan to encourage all Behrman employees to become more health conscious. The plan is not just a weight loss program, but is based on wellness. It is designed to encourage a healthy lifestyle, based on wholesome eating habits, drinking adequate amounts of water, taking medication as prescribed and being aware of the recommended amount of exercise to maintain that lifestyle. Everyone will be a winner, although there is a prize for the school that has the best plan, most participation and best results.