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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 CHECKOUTS AFTER 1:30
No Excuses!
Don't Ask!
Plan Accordingly!**

8th Grade LEAP Tutoring

Mandatory after-school LEAP tutoring will begin 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

December 22— January 2

Christmas Holidays

NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 5

Mandatory 8th grade

LEAP tutoring

Monday, January 19

MLK Birthday

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 20

Professional Development

NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 23

RIF Book Giveaway

Friday, January 30

100th Day of School Celebration

Thursday, February 5

Professional Development

NO SCHOOL

Christmas Cheer

The Behrman performing dance team, **The Honeybees**, entertained the residents **Woldenberg Village** and **Jo Ellen Smith Convalescent Care** with Christmas dances and songs. They also joined the marching band, the Stingerettes, the cheerleaders, the majorettes and the other marching groups in Pensacola, Florida, where they marched in the Christmas parade. Thanks to **Mrs. Brunet Ms. K. Lewis, Mr. C. Singleton, Mr. B. Mitchell, Ms. T. Singleton, Ms. George, Mrs. Bentley, Ms. Vincent, and Ms. Darensberg** for chaperoning the trip to Florida. This is part of community service that Behrman students are encouraged to do.



PBS Raffle

Congratulations to these winners of the Positive Behavioral Support "Responsibility Tree" raffle for December. They are the lucky winners of a 20" bicycle with a safety helmet. **Rachad Doewll** (6th grade), **Terrence Lee** (1st grade), **Niari Henry** (1st grade), **Kentrell Johnson** (4th grade), **Symone Norris** (6th grade), **Jasmine Williams** (6th grade), **Amber Dusuau** (6th grade), **Jermaine Morgan** (6th grade), **Terry Coleman** (4th grade), **Leroyal Hester** (4th grade), **Lawrence Elzy** (5th grade), **Rajanae Binford-Fisher** (6th grade). Appropriate behavior is rewarded at Behrman Charter School.



Red Delicious or Macintosh?

Delicious aromas filled the hallway outside of Room 217, when **Ms. Singleton**'s 2nd grade had the culminating activity for a reading project. They had just finished the story of Johnny Appleseed. They learned that "Johnny Appleseed" was the nick name of a real pioneer whose name was John Chapman. He had moved west with American settlers and had planted apple orchards everywhere he went. He became an American legend. To celebrate all of the adventures of Johnny Appleseed, they had an apple feast. They all ate a big slice of apple pie and washed it down with a glass of apple juice. Because they are very good hosts, they shared their feast with many of the faculty members.



Helping Hands

Young men from **St. Augustine High School** and **Holy Cross High School** have been fulfilling their service hours by working at Behrman Charter School. **Myles LaFrance, Byron Goins, Kevin Derbigny, Kermit Buggage, Clyde Butler III, Jeremy Bean, and Jeremy Buie** from St. Augustine and **James Pierce** from Holy Cross have done a little bit of everything to help Behrman, from one on one tutoring to cleaning out storage units. Behrman is grateful to be the beneficiary of such community spirit.

Honors Convocation

Students who were on the honor rolls at Behrman Charter School were recognized at the quarterly Honors Convocation. Parents of the honored students were invited to attend the event, which was held in the school auditorium. Each student's name was called and he/she was presented with a certificate on the stage. Many thanks go to **Mrs. Harrison** who organized the event.

TOP SCHOLARS

- Imani Brown
- Logan Cosse
- Nile Doucette
- Shelby Bradley
- Constance Davis
- Niari Henry
- Allycia Perry
- Jadajesha Pollard
- Semaj Willis
- Jeremiah Brown
- Hollis Carter
- Deiontre Franklin
- Summer Manard
- Rejon Mosley
- Mariah Newell
- Henry Nguyen
- Zyria Thompson
- Denis Williams
- Khalia Wilson
- Anthony Franks
- Chavonne Thomas
- Andrew Guidry
- Kentrell Johnson
- Huong Nguyen
- Unique Sullen
- Angel Hays
- Kaila Palmer

The Lottery

By La're'al Murphy
Mrs. Bentley's 8th grade had to do a literary project on the short story *The Lottery*, by Shirley Jackson. The project required a 3-D project board. It had to include a Venn diagram comparing and contrasting two characters. We also had to write a free verse poem about the story, make a character map, resolution map, and a setting map. We also had to explain the irony in the story. *The Lottery* is about a village tradition, a lottery, held annually to insure a good harvest. The irony was that the winner was actually the big loser. It is told in the third person and, like all good short stories, had a surprise ending. I liked the story because it helped me to understand irony. I would recommend reading the story.



NOEL

The band and the chorus from **Joseph S. Clark Senior High School** came to Behrman Charter School for a special Christmas performance. They played and sang Christmas carols and the Behrman students joined in. A member of the first graduating class of Behrman Charter School, **Gavin Smith**, sang a solo with the choir and performed with Behrman students. All of his former teachers were very proud and happy to see him. This is the second year the Clarke students have come to entertain us. Behrman has a special connection with Clarke because their principal, **Mr. Estrella**, had been the assistant principal here at Behrman.



The Presents of Mind

The month of December began with a bang as the annual Book Fair opened on December 1st. Room 106A was a shopping paradise for local bibliophiles. Things ran smoothly, thanks to the help of **Mrs. Courtney Wood** and **Mrs. Darlene Hammond**.

Friday was an especially wonderful day because former 1st grade teacher, **Mrs. Mancheski**, came to the book fair. This annual event heralds the beginning of the holiday season at Behrman Charter School.



Kwanzaa Karamu

During the 1st semester of school the 4th graders read biographies of African Americans. They also learned the 7 principles of Kwanzaa. In reviewing their reading skills, they had to match a principle of Kwanzaa to an individual about whom they had read. Their culminating activity was a Karamu or a feast. Each student brought one dish and could invite one adult to the feast. It was very well attended and was a perfect beginning for the Christmas holidays.

Science Projects

By Hennessey Brown
Ms. Gardner's 7th and 8th grade classes have been having an exciting second quarter. The 8th grade students have been studying the layers of the earth, volcanic landforms and earthquakes. They had to create a model of the earth, identifying and describing the four layers of the earth. The 7th graders have been studying cell formations, mitosis, meiosis and heredity. They had to make a poster or a model showing these different formations. They had a great time completing these projects and look forward to more exciting things in science class.



Grands are Great!

"G" is for grandparents, as the Pre-K learned last month. To celebrate this academic achievement, they invited their grandparents to have lunch with them. Before lunch, the grandparents were serenaded by their grandchildren. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and convivial conversation.

