



# Behrman Buzz

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## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, January 3**  
School Resumes

**Thursday, January 4**  
Report Card Conference

**Thursday, January 11**  
Professional Development  
Early Release

**Monday, January 15**  
Martin Luther King Day  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Thursday, January 19**  
Professional Development  
Early Release

**Tuesday, January 30**  
Professional Development  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Thursday, February 15**  
Professional Development  
Early Release

**Monday, February 19 -**  
**Wednesday, February 21**  
Mardi Gras Holidays

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**Mrs. Rosalind Brown, R.N.**  
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**Mrs. Faydra Alexander**

**Mr. Brian Young**

**Master Teachers**

## How time flies.

Algiers Charter School Association and Martin Behrman Charter School celebrated their first birthday in December. Thursday, December 14, parents were invited to have a festive breakfast at school. Friday, December 15, **Mrs. Carter** and **Mr. Estrella** welcomed all principals and central office staff from the Algiers Charter Schools for coffee and birthday cake. Everyone who attended, plus everyone at school, wore a new blue ACSA tee shirt.



Mrs. Carter, Dr. Brian Riedlinger, Ms. D. Reimoneq

## Christmas Activities

The holidays began with good food and music for Behrman Charter School students. Pizzas by the dozens were delivered to the school. They were supplemented by delicious Christmas cookies, cakes and muffins. For those who preferred something more savory, nachos, chips and dips were provided. All of this was washed down by cold drinks, lemonade and water.

## Counseling Student of the Month

**Mr. Bailey**, counselor for Behrman Charter School, announced that **Kode Severin**, a 4th grader, is the Counseling Student of the Month for December. Congratulations, Kode!

## Peppy Students

Everyone gathered in the gym to cheer on the Stingers, Behrman's Boys' Basketball Team, the day before their championship game against the Alice Harte Heart Attacks. The rally began when the O. Perry Walker Marching Band strutted into the gym with cymbals clanging, drums beating and horns blaring. After the team was introduced, each grade did their own cheer.



## Alice Harte Stung

The Alice Harte boys' Basketball Team came to the Behrman Bee Hive and left stung and defeated by **The Stingers**, the Behrman Boys' Basketball Team. Harte played their hearts out, but were no match for the undefeated Stingers. The final score was 38—20. They Coached to victory by **Mr. Torey Davis**. Congratulations to these fine team members: **Ryan Johnson, Terrance Milton, Anthony Johnson, Tollette George, David Riggins, Travis Williams, Eugene Dabney, Cortez Johnson, Randell Duplessis, Rashad Ray and Cedrick Fierson.**



The Stingers undefeated boys basketball team

### Laura Bush Foundation Grant

Behrman Charter School Library was one of eleven libraries chosen to receive a Laura Bush Foundation Grant. The library has received \$25,000 to purchase library books. By the requirements of the grant, the money must be spent, and the books received before the next school year. The library has undergone mildew and mold remediation so the shelves will be perfect to receive these books. The library will be having a book sale similar to the public library, where good duplicates of books will be sold for bargain prices.

### Christmas Shopping

Parents, teachers and students all did Christmas shopping in Room 111, where the annual Book Fair was being held. The room was transformed into a book store wonderland. Students, teachers, family and friends came to browse and shop. A large variety of books, hard cover and paper back, ranging in age from nursery to adult were available. Pencils, erasers and candy canes were also on sale. It was a festive way to begin the month of December.

### Good Enough to Eat

Huong Nguyen, in Mrs. Mason's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class and one of Mrs. Kaschalk's art students, received an honorable mention in the book marker contest held at the Regional Algiers branch of the New Orleans Public Library. For November, Mrs. Kaschalk's class, who also includes Delvonte Smith and Murphy Brown, made a Thanksgiving Dinner out of papier mache and displayed it in the foyer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the school. It included a big turkey, ham, baked potatoes, corn on the cob & cranberry sauce. It looked good enough to eat. Now students and visitors will find a cheerful snowman in the foyer.

### Kaboom

Kaboom and Fannie Mae have teamed up and awarded Martin Behrman Charter School a community-build playground. This is a partnership among parents, faculty and community working together to plan and build the playground. This means we need parent and community volunteers to help build this new state of the art playground in the Behrman play yard. Mark your calendars and spread the word. We need volunteers on 02-14-07. More volunteer dates will be forthcoming.

### Young Audience Program

The students participating in the Young Audiences Program presented their Winter Showcase Wednesday, December 13. All areas of the creative arts were represented. The band performed their exercises and poetry was read. There was also singing and interpretative dance. This after-school program provides much enrichment for our students.

### Santa Claus came to Behrman!

- Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten,
- and first grade had breakfast with **Santa** himself. **Mrs. Robinson**, in Pre-K, had a special connection and requested the visit from St. Nick. After a nutritious breakfast everyone (including some of the teachers!) had their picture taken with Santa.

### A Trip to O. Perry Walker

The students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten took a short bus ride to O. Perry Walker High School, where they were greeted by principal Mrs. Mary Laurie. Many festivities had been planned for the students. The drama students performed *The Night Before Christmas* for them. Afterwards, they had their faces painted and did art projects making Christmas cards and snowmen. The students were given books and candy. Before they returned to Behrman, the students had their picture taken with Santa Claus. Thanks are given to Ms. Atejah Lewis, a faculty member at Walker and the daughter of our own Mrs. Videau.

### Positive Behavior Support Assembly

Good behavior really paid off at the PBS assembly in December. Every student of the week received a new fully-packed book bag. The students of the month received the book bag, plus a PBS tee shirt. This tee shirt is the only shirt at Behrman that does not have to be tucked in! The names of students "caught being good" were called and they were able to pick a prize from the

many on the stage. Finally, the big prizes were given. **Javier Pacheco** in Mrs. Videau's 4<sup>th</sup> grade won a big boy's bike. **Joshua Taylor** in Mrs. Robinson's pre-k won a small boy's bike. **Constance Davis** in Mrs. Ragas' pre-k and **Cianne Smith** in Mrs. Bradley's 5<sup>th</sup> grade were the lucky winners of the girls' bikes. Because she had just gotten a new bike a couple of months ago, Cianne really showed the true spirit of the season. She gave her bike back so another girl could win. That lucky girl was **Andrea Small** in Mrs. Perry's 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The student of the week and the month will continue to be chosen and another assembly awarding prizes will be held in the spring.

