



# Martin Behrman Charter School

## Academy of Creative Arts & Sciences

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### Behrman Charter School Information

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Mrs. Brenda Washington  
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Mrs. Japalet Prader,  
Parent Liaison

### Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 13  
RIF/CIS Book Giveaway

Monday, January 18  
MLK Day  
NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 29  
Professional Development  
NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 15 -  
Wednesday, February 17  
Mardi Gras Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 19  
Professional Development  
NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 29 -  
Friday, April 2  
Easter Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 5  
Professional Development  
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 7  
RIF/CIS Book Giveaway

Monday, April 12 -  
Friday, April 16  
LEAP/iLEAP Testing

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

**NO STUDENT  
CHECKOUTS  
AFTER 1:30 p.m.  
Please Plan  
accordingly!**

### Special Thanks luncheon

Friends, families and teachers were invited to the Thank-giving luncheon given by the students in Mrs. Brunet's class, Ms. Henderson's class and Mr. Lambert's class. The office staff from Exceptional Student Services was also invited. The foyer on Belleville was transformed into a lovely dining area, where delicious food was served. Before lunch the students sang to their families and teachers.



### Honoring Teachers

The Martin Behrman Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee treated the entire faculty and staff to a multi-course luncheon during November's professional development day. Mr. Ralph Perry, president of the PTAC and father of Timothy (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Tyler (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Alycia (1<sup>st</sup> grade), and husband of Mrs. Perry (7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher), welcomed everyone and spoke of how the parents valued and respected the teachers at Behrman. This luncheon was just one way they wanted to honor the teachers. Leo and Angela Pollard, Ralph Perry, Lindell Sander Davis, Malika Toldson, Virginia Drake, Tishlenn Fountain, Rosie Collins and Theresa LeBlanc set things up and served the food. It was a lovely lunch time break on a Professional Development Day. The teachers all felt appreciated.



### Actor and Author

Our own Andrew Vaught has written and starred in the play *Salvation!* at the Marigny Theater. "Mr. Andy" is the co-founder and artistic director of the Cripple Creek Theater Company. He did a one minute interview with *Times-Picayune* reporter Chris Rose that appeared in the December 4th *Lagniappe*. Behrman is fortunate to have an actual working actor and playwright teaching drama at our school.



### Alumni Welcomed!

Martin Behrman Charter School has been the beneficiary of the largess of the Class of 1964. The alumni from '64 visited the school in June as part of their class reunion. They met Mrs. Carter and faculty members, toured the campus and were entertained by the students. They presented Mrs. Carter with a check from the class and said that the students still displayed the Behrman pride. Individual alums have also generously donated to the school. Martin Behrman Charter is grateful to be a part of the history of this great school. We welcome any class that would like to visit the Hive.

## Honors Convocation

Students who achieved the Top Scholar, Principal's or Merit honor roll were recognized for their efforts at the Honors Convocation. As their names were called, the students came to the stage individually and were presented with a certificate of Merit. Besides the entire student body, proud parents also attended. **Mrs. Harrison** organized this event, as she always does, and it was enjoyed by everyone.



## Boys' Basketball

The Stinger's boys' basketball team is having a great season. Members of the team are: **Devante Noil, Kendell Harrison, Darius Dernell, Rachad Dowell, Raheem Wright, Dayshane Wright, Chris Briscoe,**

## Book Fair



Bibliophiles were everywhere during the week of the annual library book fair. Students, teachers, friends and neighbors all came and supported this fund raiser for the Positive Behavioral Support program at Behrman Charter School. Behrman is grateful for the monetary support of **Wilkinson & Jeansonne French Quarter Realty**. It was a festive beginning to the Christmas season.

**Chase Ragas, Dedrick Porter, Ernest Robert, Kerry Taylor, Darius Dannel, Brandon Williams Barry Mallory, and Hasan Mosley.**



## A Very Fine Turkey

**Mrs. Andrus'** kindergarten class started their Thanksgiving celebration early by making apple turkeys! Throughout the month of November they learned about the very first Thanksgiving in America by watching a video, listening to Thanksgiving stories and coloring pictures. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, they joined the Pre-K and 1st grade classes in welcoming their grandparents to Behrman for a traditional Thanksgiving feast. They ended their celebration with a delicious new addition – apple turkeys!



## Here Comes Santa Claus!

Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten enjoyed breakfast and a surprise visit with old St. Nicholas himself. After a delicious breakfast of pancakes and sausage, Santa Claus made his appearance. Every child was able to sit on Santa's lap, tell him what he wanted most for Christmas and receive a bag of goodies. Afterward, Christmas symbols were painted on the students' faces by **Mrs. Goins, Ms. Meigs and Ms. Cherrelle. Carvel Woods, III in Mrs. Robinson's** class told Mrs. Goins that this was the best Christmas ever. Thanks to Mrs. Robinson for asking Santa to come.



## YOUNG AUDIENCES

Behrman's Young Audiences Winter program was held on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Our students sang Christmas songs, danced and ran an obstacle course designed by our P.E. teachers, **Coach Fields and Coach Knapp**. All of this was done under the direction of **Ms. Mason**, our YA coordinator. The city-wide Young Audiences Holiday program was held at the Ashé Cultural Arts Center on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The event spotlighted the dance and band initiatives at six of Young Audiences after-school programs. Highlights included the Ballet class and selected band members from Martin Behrman Academy of Creative Arts and Sciences.

## Grandparent's Day

Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade classes enjoyed a Thanksgiving lunch with their grandparents. A delicious meal of turkey, dressing and all the sides were prepared and served by **Mrs. Brown** and her fabulous staff. Before lunch, the guests were treated to a Thanksgiving program of songs, dances and poetry by their grandchildren.

