



Behrman Buzz

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Calendar of Events

**Monday, December 24 -
Friday, January 4, 2008**
Christmas Holidays
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 15
Behrman Charter School PD
Early Dismissal

Monday, January 21
M.L. King, Jr. Holiday
NO SCHOOL

**Monday February 4 –
Wednesday, February 6**
Mardi Gras
NO SCHOOL

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Mr. Ken Mitchell
Social Worker

Mrs. Rosalind Brown, R.N.
Nurse

Mrs. Faydra Alexander
Mr. Brian Young
Master Teachers

GREAT SCHOOL

Early on a Friday morning WDSU, Channel 6 put the spotlight on Behrman Charter School as a “Great School of New Orleans.” This series highlights effective, successful schools in New Orleans. The band, the cheerleaders and the dancers were at school before dawn, along with **Mrs. Carter** and most of the faculty. **Ken Jones** interviewed Mrs. Carter and toured the school. The band played, the dancers danced, the cheerleaders cheered, and the parents and teachers smiled. The band performed under the direction of **Mr. B. Mitchell** and the cheerleaders and dancers under the direction of **Ms. Martin**. It was wonderful to be recognized in such a public forum.

Generous Donations

A going away party for **Dr. Maurice Sholas**, a pediatrician at **Children’s Hospital**, turned into a benefit for Martin Behrman Charter School. Due to the generosity of his guests, many children will have a Merry Christmas.

LOL at the Library

by Cheyenne Harden, Terri Pacely, Imari Red, and Rashita Wright

Do you know what LOL stands for? Well, just in case you didn’t, it means “Laugh Out Loud” and that’s just what we did. Can you imagine laughing so hard that your side feels like it is going to burst? Our trip to the



library was full of laughter. In celebration of LOL Teen Week, our class visited the Hubbell Library. We had the experience of learning the History of Comedy and how to perform stage scenarios without the risk of getting hurt or hurting someone else, just as actors do. Some of the students were chosen to act out the scenarios and to turn ordinary stories into exciting plays including adding sound effects. It was an experience that we will never forget. Gift Certificates from Barnes & Noble were given to 3 lucky students whose names were drawn. Everyone left with a goodie bag filled with books, coupons and treats. At the end however, our laughter became moans and groans because we did not want to leave.

5th grade blankets

By Johnny Contreras and Symone Norris
Our 5th grade classes saved “brownies” for blankets. No! Not the kind you eat, but the kind you spend. As a community project, we collected money to buy blankets for the homeless. We care a lot about our community, so we all pitched in pennies, nickels, dimes and even dollars. Students from other grades, teachers and parents joined in, too. We donated 20 blankets to the Ozanam Inn so that the homeless, who live at the shelter, will have a warm blanket on cold nights. Thanks to everyone who helped make this community service project a success. Special thanks to our wonderful teachers, **Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Perry, and Mrs. Bradley** for teaching us that it is better to give than to receive.



A Visit from J.S. Clark High School

The Joseph Clark High School choir, band and dancing group entertained the entire school with a medley of favorite Christmas songs.

There is a special bond between Behrman Charter School and Clark High School because the principal of Clark is our own **Mr. Estrella**. Unfortunately he was not able to come with the group. He had a lot of principaling to do.





SANTA'S VISIT

Students in grades Pre-K through 4 had a surprise visit from Santa Claus himself. He even joined them for breakfast. The children had a breakfast feast of eggs, grits, sausage and biscuits and then had a picture taken with St. Nicholas.

When Santa walked into the basement, the Pre-K students all ran to greet him, except for a few who, instead, clung to their teachers. That morning everyone was feeling very merry.

Papier maché'

By Catherine Smith

In Ms. Mason's class we are learning about landforms. We made hills, mountains, lakes and plains. We made them out of papier maché'. First, we drew the continents, then cut them out.

Then we made the mountains, hills, lakes and plains and placed them on the continents. Finally we painted everything. This was an art class and a geography class. We had fun. Come to Room 203 if you would like to see our landforms artwork.



4th grade Social Studies Project

By Tatyana Paul

In Mrs. Blackwell's 4th grade Social Studies class we did an awesome project. We compared the three levels of government, which are local, state, and national. This project meant a lot to us and was fun. We got a chance to use newspaper articles, which made it really interesting. We took our time and made sure that we found as much information as we possibly could about our government. We hope you like our projects. Mrs. Blackwell made learning about government very interesting and fun.



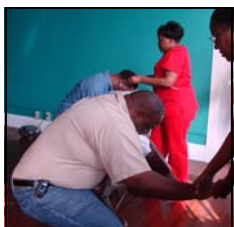
YEAR BOOK

By Diamond Mayo and Jasmin Waiters

Martin Behrman Charter School is having its first yearbook. The yearbook committee works tirelessly to organize pages for the yearbook as they meet every second Friday of the month. The faculty sponsors of the yearbook are Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Williams. Yearbook staff members are: Milton-isha Robinson, Ronique Bryant, Tyrielle Reddix, Diamond Mayo, Jasmin Waiters, Symone Norris, Raven Harris and Leah Davis. The committee goes to all school sponsored events to take pictures. All of the pictures will be reviewed in order to see what will be included in the yearbook. Look for our announcement for yearbook orders in the next few weeks.

Christmas Treats from Pre-K

Faculty and staff received an early holiday treat from the Pre-Kindergarten cluster. Pastries, along with coffee, juice and hot chocolate were served with best Christmas wishes from the Pre-K teachers.



Planning to Relax

As a Christmas present from Mrs. Carter, the faculty was treated to a 7 minute back, neck and shoulder massage during their planning time. The massage therapists from Mahogany Gifted Hands sent the teachers back to class calm and relaxed. The teachers listened to soothing music during the massage and enjoyed fresh fruit and green tea. It was a zen experience, really enjoyed by everyone. Thank you, Mrs. Carter.

Second in the Nation!

By Randy Crump, Asst. Athletic Director, ACSA

The Algiers Charter School Tigers participated in the AAU Football National Championship in Haines City, FL. The Tigers' first opponent was the St. Cloud Touchdown Club, who they defeated 6 – 0 in a hard fought game. The Tigers then smashed the Poinciana Predators 20 – 0. In the next game the Tigers demolished Southside Thunder 28 – 0. The Tigers now needed only one more victory to reach the Championship game. In what was the most exciting game of the tournament, the Tigers defeated the hometown Kissimmee Kowboys. The Kowboys were leading at half time 6 -0. The Tigers returned the 2nd half kickoff for a 90 yard touchdown. The score remained tied and the game went into overtime. The Tigers scored on the first play of overtime. Then the Tigers stuffed the Kowboys on their possession and held on for the victory. The Tigers made it to the highly anticipated championship game against the formidable Westside Steelers of Detroit, MI. The Steelers were an athletic bunch who had defeated everyone by at least 21 points. Our Tigers were up to the challenge. They took the opening kick off and marched down the field to a 6 – 0 lead. The Steelers knew this would not be an easy victory, especially after the Tigers made the score 12 – 0. The Steelers came back to make it 18 – 12. While driving for a game winning touchdown, the Tigers fumbled on the 5 yard line. The Steelers ran the next play for a 95 yard touchdown, completed a 2 point conversion winning the game 28 – 12. The final score did not really show how close the game was. Our ACSA Tigers are the team to watch.