



# Behrman Buzz

*Home of the Stingers*

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## Calendar of Events

**Friday, March 2**

High School Orientation

9:30 a.m.

Auditorium

**Friday, March 9**

Easter Bunny Pictures

**Thursday, March 15**

Professional Development

**Early Release**

**Monday, March 19 -**

**Friday, March 23**

*LEAP/LEAP TESTING*

**Tuesday, March 27**

Coffee & Conversation

9:00 am

**Wednesday, April 4**

Professional Development

*Early Release*

**Thursday, April 5 -**

**Tuesday, April 10**

Spring Break

*NO SCHOOL*

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**Mr. Brian Young**  
Master Teachers

## Next American Idols

Three of our eighth grade students will be representing the city of New Orleans at the NAACP awards in Los Angeles, CA., on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. These girls will spend four days in sunny California mingling with the stars. They will depart from New Orleans at 6:00 am on Continental Airlines and wing their way across the continent. Upon their arrival they will visit several radio stations where they will participate in interviews about our great city.

Rodeo Drive will be their shopping destination. They will spend two wonderful days at the beach and Disneyland. The girls will be pampered at the Beverly Hills Center before the awards getting make-overs and hair touchups.

They promise to bring back lots of pictures and stories to share with everyone. These outstanding young women are: **Ronell'e Cummings, Lesley Willis, Aijanae Lewis** from Behrman Charter School and **Jade Randall** who attends Livaudais.



## KaBoom! playground

The final build day of the new KaBoom! playground was a model of coordination and organization. More than 150 volunteers from **Fannie Mae, KaBoom! Harrahs, Common Ground, Tulane CACTUS, Engineers without Borders** joined faculty and parents from Behrman Charter School to complete the construction of the new playground. They arrived at an empty site and in less than eight hours the space was transformed into a vibrant neighborhood-gathering place. The playground was completed from A to Z, with plantings, fencing, a tiled walkway, picnic benches, and seating. There had been several days of preparation, removing old equipment and preparing the ground before the actual building day. KaBoom! is a non-profit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America.

## Pajama Jammy Jam!

The pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade had a wonderful time during the pajama party. It was easy for the students to get ready for school that day because they wore their pajamas! They could also bring their blanket, sleeping bag and stuffed toy. In the afternoon the students watched two Disney movies, Cinderella III and Open Season. While watching the movies, the students ate pizza and drank juice. No one took a nap. Thanks to their wonderful teachers, **Mrs. Ragas and Mrs. Robinson, The Rev. Amedee, Mrs. Andrus and Mrs. Eugene, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Mancheski** for providing such a diverting activity.



## Lost and Found

Are you wondering what ever happened to your winter coat or favorite sweater? Come and look in the auditorium. There are many coats, sweaters, hats, sweatshirts and other garments waiting in the back of the auditorium for their owners to claim them. Do it right away because on the Ides of March (March 15<sup>th</sup>) everything will be discarded.

## Champions

Martin Behrman Charter School is again showing their athletic prowess. The Behrman Stingers Girls' Softball team has been practicing since January and participating in games every Saturday throughout the months of January and February. Their hard work and perseverance paid off. On February 25<sup>th</sup> the Stingers played against undefeated Eisenhower and were victorious with the score of 7 - 2. Our coach, **Ms. Palazola**, was very proud of these girls who participated in the battle for the championship: **Keymariah Helton, Moniesha Lemon, Shaquilla Green, Alicia Martinez, Robrisha Wright, Racquel Wright, Devonta Sonnier, Orion Williams, Jasmine Williams and Rondreka Burdett**. The girls would also like to thank **Coach Tory Davis** for all of his tips and assistance and the parents, students, and staff who came out and encouraged us to play a good ball game. Others members who could not make the game include: **Daysha Fields, Kiara Smith and Whitney Bright**. Congratulations, Ladies!

## Gleaming Smiles

**Celeste Terry**, a dental hygienist from the **Department of Public Health**, did oral dental screenings on the Pre-Kindergarten students. All students received a new toothbrush and toothpaste. Mark your calendar—the Immunization Network is comes to Behrman Charter School the week of March 12<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming.



## Multi-Talented Teacher

**Mr. Amedee** in the Kindergarten is a man of many talents. Besides being a teacher extraordinaire and a talented musician, he is also a fabulous chef. Mr. Amedee rustled up some fried chicken and red beans and rice for his fellow faculty members for lunch one day. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten teachers hosted the lunch. On the most recent professional development day, he cooked meatballs and spaghetti for the faculty. What a treat – the lunches and Mr. Amedee.



## Coffee and Conversation

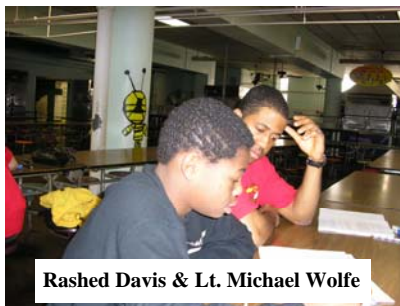
Parents met for Coffee & Conversation on Valentines Day at 9:30 am. Many topics were discussed. Among those were the lunch program and a reward activity for the upper grades after LEAP. The parents were high in their praise for the teachers and the atmosphere here at Behrman Charter School. There was also a “Discipline with Love” workshop presented by Terry Toombs of the LSU AG Center. Later that day at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm there was a mandatory meeting of the 8th grade parents to discuss LEAP, the format and items of the test and a preparatory websites for the test. They also discussed graduation and end of the year activities for the 8th grade. **UNO** representative, **Mr. Hess**, also spoke about **OJETS, Orleans-Jefferson Educational Talent Search**. This is an enrichment program available though UNO to qualified students in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes. One problem that was evident by the attendance at the meeting was the fact that 8th graders are not giving school information to their parents. Unfortunately, some parents did not know about the meeting and missed it. Students are encouraged to inform their parents of important events by showing them the flyers sent out and talking about events at Behrman Charter School.

## National Naval Officers Association

Behrman Charter School is fortunate to have several officers from the Armed Forces who tutor 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Saturday morning from 8:00 – 10:00. This is a one-on-one tutoring/mentoring session to prepare the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the math portion of LEAP. **Lt. Michael Wolfe** is one of many tutors. He and his colleagues, **Lts. Carrie Wolfe, Garrett G. Hawk, Jeanita Jefferson, James Jefferson, Maria Roerick, Diana Isidore, Mark Taylor, and Krystle Bobbins** come from the **U.S. Coast Guard Volunteer Section, Bayou Chapter**. The 8th graders who are taking advantage of this opportunity are **Cherokee Green, Jessica Edwards, Briyana West, Byron Goins, James Wyatt, Rashed Davis, Terrance Milton, Jacob Paul and Wilbert Ruffin**.



Byron Goins & Lt. Maria Roerick



Rashed Davis & Lt. Michael Wolfe

Any interested 8th grade student may come out this Saturday. There are only three sessions before LEAP!

## Mardi Gras

The Kindergarten classes formed their own krewe with a literary flavor and made floats with a storybook character theme. These beautiful floats were on display in the hall on the first floor.

