



# Behrman Buzz

Home of the Stingers!  
Located in Historic Algiers Point

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## Calendar of Events

<b>Tuesday, March 4</b> Professional Development <b>Early Dismissal</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 5</b> PBS Skating Party Lower grades
<b>Wednesday, March 5</b> Lunch & LEAP
<b>Thursday, March 6</b> PBS Skating Party Upper grades
<b>Thursday, March 6</b> Ice Cream & ILEAP
<b>Friday, March 7</b> LEAP Pep Rally
<b>Monday— Friday</b> March 10— 14 <b>LEAP &amp; ILEAP</b>
<b>Thursday, March 20 -</b> <b>Tuesday, March 25</b> Easter Holidays <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 1</b> Professional Development <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

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Mrs. Rosalind Brown, R.N.  
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Mrs. Faydra Alexander  
Mr. Brian Young  
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**LEAP  
TUTORING**

The National Naval Officers Association, Bayou Chapter is providing valuable Math tutoring for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in preparation for the LEAP test. Tutoring has been held every Saturday from 9 am until noon here at Behrman. Take advantage of the finals sessions on March 2nd and 8th. **Lt. Michael Wolfe** has organized these beneficial sessions just for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Parents, don't let your child miss out on this priceless help.

## Second Grade Chefs

Mrs. Singleton's second graders were at it again, cooking up a storm. They had read the story Hedgehog bakes a cake by Maryann MacDonald and decided that they would bake some cakes and have a tea party. They divided into groups of four and each group, carefully following directions, baked a cake. Ms. Brown graciously allowed them to use the ovens in the cafeteria. The delicious aroma drew many hungry people to the tea party in the cafeteria. This is not the first occasion the second graders have shown their culinary skills. The librarian is going to make sure Mrs. Singleton is well supplied with books about cooking.



## Be Respectful to Bee Cans

Our halls are a-buzz with Behrman Bee-Cans created by Ms. Katschalk's Talented in the Art class. Designs were by **Felicity Brown, Hong Nguyen, Derrica McAllister, Armyne Harrison, Rashad Ussin, Delvonte Smith, Trelyell Williams, Jai Almendarez, Calvionne Armstead, Donald Marshall, Tahj Bradley, and Edward Bacchus**. These students have worked hard making these trash cans beautiful and interesting. Please be respectful and refrain from mutilating them.



## Important Reminder

March 10 – 14

LEAP & ILEAP testing week.

**NO TARDIES! NO EARLY STUDENT CHECKOUT!**



## Monster Surprise

On overcast Friday morning, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders were given a special treat to reward them for working so hard on their LEAP preparation. As they waited patiently under the breezeway to the gym, they heard a loud revving sound & then the squeal of tires. Down Slidell Street, out of the mist roared the Grave Digger's monster truck. As the children ran to the fence, **Dennis Anderson**, the driver of the monster truck, came into the yard and talked to them. He answered all of their questions and then the Grave Diggers team passed out Monster Rally Tee shirts and hats. Mr. Anderson graciously autographed them all. The students were also given tickets to attend the Monster Truck Rally that was held the next day in the Superdome. After the truck roared away, the students returned to their studies.

## Hip Hip Hooray!

Congratulations to **Felicity Brown, Chavonne Thomas, and Katherine Dubon**. These second graders were tested and accepted into the Gifted and Talented program at Behrman Charter School. Special thanks to their teachers, **Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Mancheski, Ms. Mason, and Ms. K. Lewis**, for observing and recognizing their gifts. It could not have been done without them. Any teacher who would like to have students tested for the Gifted and Talented program should contact **Mrs. Hicks**.

The students in Mrs. Hick's class have been very involved in the 2008 presidential campaign. They have learned the difference between Democrats and Republicans and have expressed an interest in who they would vote for and why. The results of the students voting in the Democrat primary were **Obama 5, Clinton 4**. This may change because the students are getting more information about the candidates and will take another vote in a few weeks.



## Campus Health

The Martin Behrman School Health/Community Clinic has opened on the campus on the north side of Vallette. The clinic is open Monday through Friday. Children are seen from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.; adults from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Medicaid and certain types of insurance are accepted. There is a medical doctor and a nurse practitioner on duty. This clinic was made possible through a grant from the **Kellogg Corporation**.



## Why Try?

One thing is for certain, challenges are a part of life and there is no magic wand to make them disappear. When challenges become motivation for change, however, life becomes an adventure. The **WHY TRY, Inc.** program is designed to do just that—help students turn their challenges or problems into positive motivation. For 10 – 12 weeks students in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades meet with the counselor or social worker, not just to talk about challenges, but to learn how to channel their frustration, anger, disappointments, etc. into energy that keeps them on track. Character and heart, positive self-talk, plugging into a support system and using one's passion, interest and goals are the key ingredients of the formula. When the group ends, students will know the answer to the question **WHY TRY**.

## NBA all Star Read-a-thon

The Behrman Band and Marching Units, under the direction of **Ms. Martin, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Gautreaux** welcomed the NBA All-Stars to Behrman Charter School. The auditorium was decorated with student-made banners and filled with excited fans. Members from the WNBA, NBA, and the NBA legends filled the stage. Everyone spoke about how important reading had been in their lives. The band played and the cheerleaders cheered. Then the visitors went to the classrooms and read to the students. The NBA also generously donated \$5000 to purchase new library books.



The Behrman Stinger



NBA Legend Bob Pettit

## Broadway at Behrman

Everyone was invited to **Ms. Mason's** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class to see a performance of the play, "The Pine Park Mystery." Every student in her class had a speaking part.

The play was presented several times because of popular demand. Each year the whole student body eagerly awaits the spring plays of Ms. Mason's class. She always inspires the 2nd grade thespians.



## Recognizing Good Work

Students having a "B" average of better were recognized at the awards ceremony, held recently in the Behrman auditorium. The band played and the dancing units and cheerleaders performed. The auditorium was full of proud parents and family members. **Mrs. Carter** greeted everyone. Then the names of the students were called by one of their grade level teachers. Each student came to the stage for the presentation. **Mrs. Harrison** organized the whole program and was responsible for its smooth operation.

## PBS Incentive

Students from Behrman who have always worn the complete school uniform, exhibited good, appropriate behavior and strived to achieve will be rewarded with a trip to Skate Country. Lower grade students will skate from 10 – 12 on March 5<sup>th</sup> and upper grades students on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The entire trip is free.

## Valentine Pajama Party

Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> graders celebrated St. Valentine's Day with a pajama party. Everyone, including the teachers, came to school wearing their pajamas, bathrobes and slippers. They had pancakes, doughnuts, and doughnut holes for breakfast. In their classrooms they were read bed-time stories. After lunch, they spread out their sleeping bags, got their stuffed animals and watched a sleepover movie.



**8<sup>th</sup> Graders studying hard Preparing for the LEAP.**

