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## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, November 5**

Professional Development  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Friday, November 7**

RIF Book Distribution

**Saturday, November 8**

Homecoming Dance

**Wednesday, November 12**

Coffee & Conversation for Parents

**Thursday, November 20**

Thanksgiving Lunch

Dress-Up Day for Students

**November 24—28**

Thanksgiving holidays

**NO SCHOOL**

**December 1—5**

Book Fair

**Friday, December 5**

Pre-K Breakfast with Santa

## Award Winning Principal

Our wonderful principal, Mrs. Carter, was recognized by **The Institute for Excellence in Urban Education** with the **Summit for Courageous Conversation Award**. This institute highlights teachers & educational leaders who are making a positive impact in inner city schools, by focusing on improvement in race relations with emphasis on bringing African-Americans and Hispanics to a more level playing ground. Mrs. Carter was the only local recipient. In her acceptance speech, she highlighted the post Katrina reality and the progress & successes made in spite of numerous challenges. She serves as an Educational Ambassador for the community.



## Bridge to Terabithia Project

By Keshon Zanders

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had a project on the book The Bridge to Terabithia by **Katherine Paterson**. To do this, we had to be very creative and have a vivid imagination. The first thing we did was read the book. I think it is a very fantastic book. The author used such vivid words that I could see images through the character's eyes. For this project we had to compare and contrast, use similes, make character, settings, problem and resolution maps. These maps are called Literary Maps. We also had to write limericks and a summary. The limericks had to be about the book. Our wonderful teacher, Mrs. Bradley, helped make this a very interesting and exciting project.



**It is absolutely essential for anyone who volunteers at Behrman to have a police background check. Background check forms can be obtained from Mrs. Prader. This is the law!**

## Safe & Sound

Everyone feels secure at Behrman Charter School with Officer **Randy McClinton** on duty. All visitors must check in at the Security desk at the back door.



## Pink Day

October was **Breast Cancer Awareness** month and to show support for this cause, the teachers wore something pink to school Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Primary High Tech

The Primary computer lab has opened under the leadership of Mrs. **Mary Bell**. Mrs. Bell comes to Behrman with many years of experience as lead teacher at Bienville School. Classes in Pre-k – 1<sup>st</sup> come to the lab twice a week. The lab was funded through LA 4 in conjunction with Title I. **Child's Progress** is an important assessment program that tracks students' performance in reading and math and provides detailed reports for teachers. The program can print out reports and can recommend prescriptive activities and lesson plans.



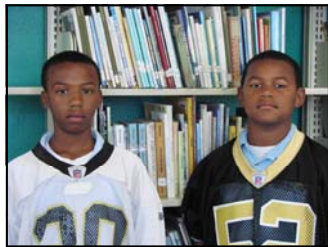
### Sportsman's Paradise

Mrs. Harrison's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students enjoyed venturing out to learn some facts about Louisiana. Each student was given the task of researching information on Louisiana. They also had to find pictures of the state flag, flower and bird. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders used various resources to gain knowledge about their state. If you would like to know the state flower or bird, just ask any 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in room 204.



### Saints Fans

Tyron Parker and Aubrey Powell had a wonderful opportunity to visit the Saints training facility on Airline Highway. The boys visited the team's practice areas, both the indoor and outdoor facilities. They toured the locker rooms where they met Reggie Bush, Jeremy Shockey, and Deuce McCallister. They were given posters, jerseys and other exciting Saints material.



### Homecoming Festivities

A Pep Rally was held in the Behrman auditorium to cheer our football team on to victory in their homecoming showdown against Belchase. In a preview to the homecoming dance, the court was presented to the student body at the pep rally. Reigning as King and Queen of Homecoming are Tyron Parker and Brandi Dannel. Representing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the court are Asja Cofill and Desmond Henry. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade representatives are Damica Jackson and Davonte Noil. Tahj Bradley and Jade Bailey were selected as Mr. and Miss 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The parents of the Homecoming court were invited to attend the presentation and afterward attended a small reception at which light refreshments were served.

Homecoming Week was celebrated in a different fashion every day of the week. Monday was Twin Day; Tuesday was Remembering the 70's Day. Wednesday was Jersey Day and everyone wore a shirt for their favorite team, collegiate or Professional. Thursday was Pajama Day & Friday was Orange and Black Day.



### Resource Field Trips

By Imari Red

Mrs. Hick's resource students were really in luck Friday, October 9. We went on, not one, but two amazing field trips. We had the opportunity to visit **Juvenile Court** and the **D-Day Museum**. We first headed for the courthouse and visited **Section F Juvenile Court Judge Louis Douglas**. In the beginning, it was sort of frightening, but in the end, we really had a great time. When we left court, we headed for the D-Day Museum. At school, prior to going to the museum, we had to do several intense activities to prepare for our visit. One of the activities was a scavenger hunt in the museum. After the museum tour, we went to City Park for a picnic lunch. This was quite an experience. We really enjoyed ourselves and are looking forward to our next trip.



### Jeezers, Creepers, look at those peepers!

Dr. Jeffrey Silbernagel, an optometrist from Covington, LA has developed a mobile eye clinic. He visits schools on Wednesdays and Thursdays to do eye exams on the students. If the students need eyeglasses, Dr. Silbernagel will provide the eyeglasses at no cost to the parents. This is the second time Dr. Silbernagel has come to Behrman. During this visit, he examined the visual acuity of 90 students. Our fantastic nurse, Mrs. Brown, made arrangements for Dr. Silbernagel's visit to Behrman Charter School and because of this many students went home seeing the world a little better than before.

