



# Behrman Buzz

*Home of the Stingers in Historic Algiers Point*

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## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, November 6**

Professional Development  
Early Dismissal

**Wednesday, November 14**

Professional Development  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Monday, November 19-**

**Friday, November 23**

Thanksgiving Holidays  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Monday, December 3 -**

**Friday, December 7**

**ANNUAL BOOK FAIR**

## ID KITS DONATED

Thanks to the FBI, 500 ID kits, valued at \$1800, were donated to the students at Behrman Charter School. Each kit contained a fingerprint kit, wallet card, and DNA collection swab. The purpose of the kit is to help identify a missing child. Over 800,000 children are reported missing each year.

## Behrman Charter School Information

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**Ms. Sheila Alexander,**  
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**Ms. Kimberly Chiles,**  
Counselor

**Mr. Ken Mitchell**  
Social Worker

**Mrs. Rosalind Brown, R.N.**  
Nurse

**Mrs. Faydra Alexander**  
**Mr. Brian Young**  
Master Teachers

## KUDOS TO OUR OWN MR. YOUNG

Everyone turned out in perfect uniform to welcome LA State Superintendent **Paul Pastorek**, RSD Superintendent **Paul Vallas** and ACSA's CEO **Brian Riedlinger** to the Excellence in Education meeting held at Behrman Charter School. Special guests included football great **Rosey Grier** and **Lowell Milkin** of the **Milkin Family Foundation**. Mr. Grier gave a very enthusiastic talk on self confidence. Then Mr. Milkin spoke and delivered a big surprise. Everyone was really there to honor a special teacher

who had been chosen to receive a very prestigious award. **Mr. Brian Young** was selected as winner of the \$25,000.00 **Milken Foundation Outstanding Educator Award**.

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## Parental Involvement

From Mrs. Prader, parent liaison

**It is absolutely necessary for anyone who volunteers at Martin Behrman Charter School to have a background check. This background check must be completed and filed before your services can be rendered.**

**Mark your Calendars for the annual Book Fair!**

**December 3 – December 7. Follow the signs to Room 106B.**

## Scrambled Eggs

**Ms. Williams'** 5<sup>th</sup> graders were dropping eggs from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor balcony at Behrman Charter School, all in the name of science. The students were conducting an experiment to test their hypothesis. An egg can not be dropped from the 2<sup>nd</sup> story of a building and not break. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders brought eggs from home wrapped in many types of materials to protect them. Only one egg did not break. **Devin Glenn** put a pillow on the ground and dropped his egg unprotected. It made a soft landing and did not break. His egg drop was the only one to disprove the hypothesis.



## Doing the Right Thing

**Deontre Franklin** was called to the office one morning because someone had reported him! He was reported for doing something good! It seems that were a lot of papers and trash on the floor in the basement and Deontre, without being asked, quietly picked them up and put them in the trash, even though he had not dropped even one piece. Deontre's actions showed the traits of good citizenship that Behrman Charter School hopes to instill in every student.



## FIRE Drill

Everyone was out of the building in less than 2 minutes when Behrman Charter School had a visit by the fire department and an unannounced fire drill. The firemen had good things to say about how quickly and quietly the students responded to the alarm.



## Look it Up!

The students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade received a brand new Webster's Dictionary, thanks to the **Algiers Republican Women**. **Mrs. Louise Danielson** and **Mrs. Renel Dumont** brought the books to school and distributed them to the students. Behrman Charter School is fortunate to have such interested and involved neighbors.



## Calling all Muggles!

Twenty lucky students boarded a bus on October 18 and went to the Morial Convention Center to meet **J.K. Rowling**, the author of Harry Potter books. They heard Ms. Rowling read from the last book in the series, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Each student received a copy of the book. Scholastic Books sponsored the event and is sending a complete set of the Harry Potter series that will be kept in the school library.

## OUR TIME LINES!

By *Huong Nguyen, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade*

The Time Lines that the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders made were awesome! We had to use photos or draw pictures to represent our lives. We gave details and used creativity which I thought was cool. Every third grader had an interesting time line. They all did a wonderful job. Hats off to **Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Martin** and **Mrs. Oliver** for always making learning fun.



## Trip to Southern

By *Kenneth Collins*

On October 20<sup>th</sup> some 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders traveled to Southern University to watch the SU Jaguars play the Alcorn State Braves. Before the game, we went to the mini dome and watched a performance, went to a tail-gating party and walked around the campus. The fourth quarter of the game was very exciting. On the last play a Southern defender hit an Alcorn wide receiver and made him drop the ball in the end zone. The Jags won 14-10. That trip was the best time I have had in a long time. Thanks to **Coach Crump** who is always planning outing like this one for us.

## Career Day

Career Day for the lower grades was a great success. Kindergarten, Second and Fourth grade students were asked to dress the part of their chosen profession. A wide variety of careers were represented including doctors, lawyers, policemen, firemen and even teachers. At least two students were aiming at the White House. "Our goal," stated Ms. Chiles, counselor and coordinator of the event, "was to plant seeds in the mind of our students early on." Thanks to Ms. Terrea Waiters for the wonderful balloon display. Thanks also to **Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Paulin, Ms Wilkes, Ms. Prader, Ms. Morgan, and Officer McClinton** for all of their help. Lastly, much love and gratitude goes out to the Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and parents for preparing students with costumes and speaking roles.



## Rainy Day Walk

By *Alliah Fulton and Charles Williams, 6<sup>th</sup> grade*

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students were singing n the rain on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> as we took a nature hike to the local **Hubbell library**. "The trip was awesome," echoed the students. We were greeted by professional dancers who taught us to think positive by using dance movements as a way to express our feelings. We were told to catch the word "can't" and throw it out of the window, never to use it again. We also learned that by joining group activities at school, we can do positive things and improve our school work as well. The trip was exciting because, not only did we see skits about positive thinking, some of us got to perform with the dancers. Even though it rained, the lessons will not be forgotten. So you see the library is not just for reading books!



## The Letter "G"

Everyone loves when the pre-kindergarteners learn the letter "G". It means it's time for **Grandparents** and **Gumbo**. The cafeteria was full of families having a wonderful lunch together. In spite of the downpour that morning, there were many grandparents in attendance. For providing the **Gourmet Gumbo**, many thanks go to cafeteria manager **Ms. Jacqueline Brown** and her incredible staff, **Debra Alphonse, Robin Perkins, Barbara Dumas** and **Angel Robinson**.