



Behrman Buzz

Home of the Stingers

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Calendar of Events

Monday, September 3

Labor Day
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 4

MANDATORY
4th Grade Parents Meeting
3:00 pm, Auditorium

Saturday, September 15

Jazz & Heritage Foundation
Music Camp Auditions
9:00 am - 12 noon

Tuesday, September 18

ACSA Prof. Development
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 10

ASCA Prof. Development
NO SCHOOL

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Ms. Gwen Sonnier,
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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

August Students of the Month

Kindergarten

Paris Carter
Khalia Wilson
Deiontre Franklin

First Grade

Camden Alveris
Jada Bickham
Karliyah Martin

Second Grade

Felicity Brown
Chavone Thomas
Terence Algere

Third Grade

Sekira Ardis
Sierra Ardis
Maya Marshall

Fourth Grade

LeVay Alexander

Keshon Zanders

Jalayah Singleton

Fifth Grade

Diamond Mayo

Jasmin Williams

Victoria Youngblood

Sixth Grade

Jaleel Williams

Louis Wilson

Alliah Fulton

Seventh Grade

Norman Briscoe

Cherline ChaCha

Raja Harrison

Eighth Grade

Patrick Simmons

Miltonisha Robinson

Tyrian Black

Non-Negotiable Uniform Policy

Everyone is reminded that the outerwear of the Behrman school uniform is a "Tulane" green windbreaker or sweatshirt. "Tulane" green is a dark green that is one of the school colors of Tulane University. It does not have to have the Martin Behrman logo on the front. No other outerwear may be worn in the school building. These can be bought at J & L Uniforms and St. Mary's Uniform Shop.

Professional Printing

The monthly newsletter is being printed professionally and in color thanks to a grant underwritten by **DonorsChoose**. At DonorsChoose, teachers submit project proposals for materials or experiences their students need to learn. These ideas become classroom reality when concerned individuals, who are called Citizen Philanthropists, choose projects to fund. Thanks to our Citizen Philanthropist, **Mr. Daigle** and **Senator Vitter**, for choosing to underwrite this project.

Communities in Schools Giveaway

Martin Behrman is fortunate to be partnered with Communities In Schools. They sponsored a backpack giveaway for students in grades one through four. Office Depot had donated the backpacks. Later a free teacher's shopping spree with brand new items for use in the classrooms was held after school in the cafeteria.



2007 ACSA MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 13	Holy Cross	Johnny Jacobs Playground	4 p.m.
September 22	Jesuit	Johnny Jacobs Playground	10 a.m.
September 27	Rummel	@Rummel	4 p.m.
October 6	St. Augustine Homecoming	Johnny Jacobs Playground	11 a.m.
October 11	Houma	@Houma	4 p.m.
October 18	S. Plaquemines	Johnny Jacobs Playground	4 p.m.

Head Coach: Emanuel Powell

Athletic Director: Brian Gibson

Books for Everyone!

Sixty students from the first, second and third grades at Behrman Charter School were invited to be special guests at the **First Book Celebration** at the main branch of the New Orleans Public library. This was a celebration marking the distribution of 5 million new books by First Book to children, families, libraries, schools and programs throughout the Gulf Coast impacted by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma as part of the organization's Book Relief initiative. The students listened attentively to the speakers, including **Deputy Secretary of Education Ray Simon**. They were then divided into groups and the speakers read several books to them. Later each student received a bag with 7 brand new books to keep for their own home library. Many of the guests commented on how well behaved and polite the students were.

Get Psyched Up for School!

From the Counseling/Social Work Dept. (with excerpts from "How Students Get Their Groove Back" by Barri Bronston)

Starting school with the right attitude is important. A parent's attitude can be contagious. If a parent is enthusiastic and excited about school and learning, this will influence the child to be positive. Students eager to learn and cooperate will hit it off with the teacher. This will help create a bond between them that will help the student get the most out of the classroom experience. This results in a win-win situation for the teacher, parent and student.



Isis Muhammad, Rochelle White, Jermaine Bennett, Chris DiOrio, Megan Frannich

AmeriCorp Volunteers

Behrman is fortunate to have five AmeriCorp Volunteers working at school in grades Pre-K through 3. These fine young people are adding much to the enrichment of our students.

Support the Band

Behrman Charter School needs uniforms for its band. Unfortunately, the cost is out of the school's budget. The school has applied for funding through a grant from **General Mills**, maker of **Hamburger Helper**. Positive comments and support for the school and the need for this funding can be posted at www.myhometownhelper.com. Just click on the Find a Project tab. Type in Louisiana and New Orleans to pull up the site. After clicking on Behrman Charter School, scroll to the bottom of the page and post your positive comment. Behrman will be notified in November, if we are selected to be funded.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Auditions are being held Saturday, September 15, from 9:00 am until noon for students, ages 10 – 18, wishing to attend the **New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival Foundation Music camp**. The camp will be held for 12 weeks every Saturday from 9:00 am until noon on the campus at Behrman Charter School. Students from many other schools will be also auditioning and attending the camp. Students who audition must have their own instrument and have basic skills and knowledge. They should be able to play scales and read simple music. Anyone who plays a musical instrument or sings may audition. **NO** transportation will be provided.

Open House

Open House at Behrman Charter School began in the auditorium where Mrs. Carter greeted and welcomed the parents. She introduced the faculty and staff and said it was privilege and an honor to have been entrusted with the education of the students. She reminded the parents that Behrman has high expectations for the students. Among these expectations are that everyone comes to school on time and in full uniform. The Behrman band, under the direction of **Mr. Mitchell**, entertained while the teachers adjourned to their classrooms. Parents were then able to go to their children's classrooms to meet the teachers.

Hungry??

Are you starving after school? **Mrs. Hicks** and **Mrs. Doss** are here to help. At dismissal they are selling a multitude of snacks to satisfy any sweet or savory tooth. Items include chips, candy, granola bars, and raisins and fruit snacks. Slake your thirst with a cold drink or water. On Monday, Wednesday & Friday purchase your items in the basement at the Slidell Street stairs. On Tuesday & Thursday, come to the basement at the Vallette Street stairs. All profits benefit the Positive Behavioral Support program at Behrman.

The Youngest Stingers

The four-year olds in Pre-Kindergarten began school on August 20. They have had a lot of stories read to them and have been taken on a tour of the school. They are very happy to be at Behrman Charter School.

