

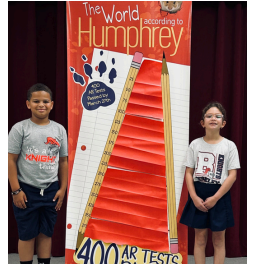


Deanna Brewer
Principal

Jennifer Cervantes
Assistant Principal

Challenge Conquered

Final Update! We are incredibly proud to announce that our students successfully conquered our schoolwide book challenge goal, with over 425 passed A.R. tests. This achievement is a testament not only to our students' hard work, but also to the support of our teachers and families who encouraged reading both in and out of the classroom. Congratulations to all of our students, keep turning those pages and reaching for new goals!



Berkley's Best



This month we celebrate the people who keep things running smoothly, even on the busiest days; our incredible school secretaries! From greeting visitors with a warm smile to managing countless phone calls and student needs, our secretaries are truly the heart of our front office. Their organization, patience, and kindness ensure that each day runs efficiently, even during the busiest moments. Whether assisting a student, helping a parent, or supporting staff, they handle it all with professionalism and care. They are problem-solvers, multitaskers, and friendly faces who make a lasting impact on everyone who walks through our doors. Please join us in thanking our amazing secretaries for all they do!

Time to Shine

Spring testing continues in April. This month our PreK-2 students will be taking the PM3 FAST Reading and Math Assessments. These assessments are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their growth, progress, and hard work. Families can play an important role in helping students feel ready. Ensuring your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time each day can make a big difference. Encouraging words and reassurance at home also go a long way in helping students feel calm and confident.

Please be mindful of testing dates and avoid scheduling appointments during this time whenever possible. Consistent attendance is essential so students can complete their assessments without interruption.

We are proud of the hard work our students have put in all year long, and we know they are ready to shine. Let's work together to support them as they give their very best effort! *Additional information is attached.

Drop-off & Dismissal

As a reminder, our campus has designated drop-off and pick-up areas in place to ensure the safety and efficiency of arrival and dismissal each day. If your student is a car rider, we kindly ask that you utilize these designated locations at all times.

We also ask that families be respectful of our surrounding neighborhoods by avoiding parking, stopping, or dropping students off along nearby streets. Adhering to these procedures helps maintain positive relationships with our community neighbors and ensures a safe environment for all students.

Your cooperation plays an important role in keeping traffic flowing smoothly and safely during our busiest times of the day. We greatly appreciate your support and partnership in following these expectations.

Artwork Orders

Don't forget! All "Original Works" artwork orders must be submitted no later than April 6. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Bateman at cari.bateman@berkleyknights.net.



School Hours
7:50 - 3:00

Morning Drop-off
7:30am

5240 Berkley Rd
Auburndale, FL 33823

Office Hours
7:30 - 3:30

Early Dismissal
12:30

(863) 968-5024
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Pinewood Derby



Our 2026 Pinewood Derby was a wonderful success! It's always rewarding to watch our students showcase their hard work and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did!



Next Board Meeting

April 10, 2026
7am

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www.facebook.com/berkleycharterschool



<http://focusk12.polk-fl.net>



berkleyvolunteergroup@gmail.com



<https://getfortifyfl.com/>

Clinic Donations



We are running low on spare pants and shorts in our clinic. If you happen to be spring cleaning and have old bottoms you'd like to get rid of, send them in with your student or drop them off in the front office. Sizes XS(4) - XL (12-14) needed. We'd appreciate it!

Lunch Visitors

CLOSED

As a reminder, our café is closed to outside visitors the last quarter of the school year due to multiple activities and end of the year testing that is scheduled during this time frame. We appreciate everyone's understanding, in advance!

Summer Homework



All of our incoming Kindergarteners through incoming 5th graders will receive a Weekly Reader: Summer Express workbook. This workbook provides 10 weeks worth of grade level review in vocabulary, phonics, reading, writing, and math. These workbooks are the students' to keep and use at home. They do not need to be returned to the school. Summer homework books will be coming home this month.

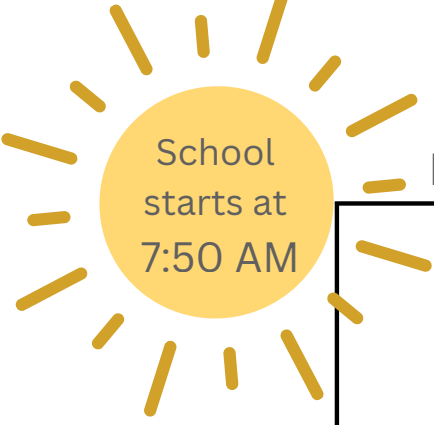
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Parent Liaison
is
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTEND TODAY. ACHIEVE TOMORROW.



April 2026



What's Ahead:

May 22
Report Cards
Early Release
Last Day of School



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Block Day 6	2 Block Day 1	3 No School
6 Block Day 2	7 Block Day 3	8 Block Day 4	9 Block Day 5	10 Freestyle Friday BOD Meeting 7am Block Day 6
13 Block Day 1	14 Block Day 2	15 Block Day 3	16 Block Day 4	17 Block Day 5
20 Block Day 6	21 Block Day 1	22 Block Day 2	23 Interims Block Day 3	24 Early Release 12:30 PM Block Day 4
27 Block Day 5	28 FAST PM3 K-2 Reading Block Day 6	29 Block Day 1	30 FAST PM3 K-2 Math Block Day 2	1 Block Day 3



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MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Beefaroni w/ Roll
Sliced carrots
Popeye Salad
Chilled fruit
Milk **01**

Pizza
Corn
Celery sticks
Fresh fruit
Milk **02**

NO SCHOOL
03

Spaghetti w/ Breadstick
Sliced carrots
Steamed Broccoli
Chilled fruit
Milk **08**

Roasted Hot Dog on a bun
Potato wedges
Cole Slaw
Fresh fruit
Milk **09**

Pizza
Corn
Garden Salad
Chilled fruit or Juice
Milk **10**

Meatball Sub w/cheese
Green Beans
Potato wedges
Chilled Fruit
Milk **15**

Chicken & Waffles
Baked Beans
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit
Milk **16**

Mini Pepperoni Calzones
Carrots w/dip
Corn
Chilled fruit or Juice
Milk **17**

Hamburger on a bun
Romaine, Tom & pickle
Potato wedges
Chilled fruit
Milk **22**

Chicken Soft tacos
Rice / Beans
Fresh veggie (Grape Tomatoes)
Fresh fruit
Milk **23**

Pizza
Corn
Carrots w/dip
Chilled fruit or juice
Milk **24**

Beefaroni w/ Roll
Sliced Carrots
Popeye Salad
Chilled Fruit
Milk **29**

Managers Choice
Steamed Broccoli
Fresh Veggie (Celery sticks)
Fresh fruit
Milk **30**

04
05

Chicken Fajita
Black beans / Rice
Carrots w/dip
Juice
Milk **06**

Starfish Nuggets
Side salad / Green Beans
Macaroni & Cheese
Fresh Fruit
Milk **07**

Chicken & Rice w/biscuit
Sliced Carrots
Steamed Broccoli
Juice
Milk **13**

Beef Nachos w/Romaine & Tom
Fiesta Rice
Beans
Fresh fruit
Milk **14**

Corn Dog
Green Beans
Sweet potato fries
Juice
Milk **20**

Shepherds Pie w/ Roll
California Blend
Popeye Salad
Fresh fruit
Milk **21**

Walking Tacos w/cheese cup
Carrots w/dip
Pinto beans / Rice
Juice
Milk **27**

Chicken Patty Sandwich
Romaine, Tom & pickle
Potato wedges / Green Beans
Fresh fruit
Milk **28**

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School Information: Monday – Thursday, Chef Salad or Caesar Salad and Friday, Yogurt Muffin. Monday – Friday Ham or Turkey Sandwich or wrap. Lunch K- 5th = \$2.60, Staff - \$5.00, Breakfast = \$1.25, Staff- Al-a-carte pricing

APRIL 2026





Berkley Charter School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring test that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards. Students will take the Kindergarten/Grade 1/Grade 2 Renaissance Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s) the week of April 27. The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards. You will be provided information about how to see your student's results after testing is completed.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how your student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. You or your student can review Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math sample items at home at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

The Star Early Literacy assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 20 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Jennifer Cervantes at jennifer.cervantes@berkleyknights.net.

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at <https://flfast.org/fsa.html>.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best on the test.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cervantes
Assistant Principal



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March 17, 2026

Dear Florida Parents,

Florida remains committed to longstanding constitutional protections for voluntary prayer and religious expression in our public schools. For this reason, I would like to share with you [updated guidance](#) (February 5, 2026) from the United States Department of Education (USED) to state and local educational agencies regarding the current law governing prayer and religious expression in public schools. The purpose of this guidance is to update protections regarding prayer and religious expression and replace prior guidance from the Biden administration. This guidance affirms that students, teachers and other school employees retain constitutional rights to religious expression, including individual prayer.

Examples provided by the updated guidance include treating religious speech the same as secular speech. An essay with religious content should be graded with the same grading standards as a secular essay. Religious student organizations should be treated the same as secular student organizations.

To help ensure that students and school staff in Florida's public schools are able to exercise their rights to religious expression consistent with the law, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has launched a dedicated process for individuals to submit complaints if the updated guidance from USED is not properly followed. Each complaint will be promptly reviewed and investigated.

- Individuals may submit complaints to the FDOE Office of Academically Successful & Resilient Districts (ASRD) at FLFaith@fldoe.org.
- FDOE staff will investigate each complaint and communicate with the complainant and the school district or charter school.
- FDOE staff will report any complaints and public legal charges, such as lawsuits filed against a school district or charter school, to USED.

In addition to this new process, FDOE provides other options for you as parents through the [Parental Rights page](#). The Parental Rights page provides information about the Special Magistrate process, how to report educator misconduct and the Attorney General's Office of Parental Rights.

Florida will continue to safeguard the constitutional protections for voluntary prayer and religious expression in our public schools. We appreciate the essential role you play in your child's education and look forward to continuing to work together in support of your child's success.

Sincerely,

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Getting In; Getting Out...



In: Check Behind The Car

- **BEFORE GETTING IN THE CAR AND STARTING THE ENGINE,** walk around the car and **CHECK FOR KIDS, TOYS, AND PETS!**
- Make sure there is **NOTHING UNDER OR BEHIND YOUR CAR** that could attract a young child.
- **PICK UP TOYS, BIKES, CHALK, OR ANY TYPE OF EQUIPMENT** around the driveway so that these items don't entice kids to play.



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Getting In; Getting Out...



Out: Check the Back Seat

- In just **10 MINUTES**, a car's temperature can increase by **19°**
- Before getting out of your car, check the back seat ... **DON'T FORGET YOUR CHILD!**
- **NEVER** leave your child alone in a car and **CALL 911 IF YOU SEE ANY CHILD LOCKED IN A CAR!**
- Place something in the back seat that you will need at work, school, or home (your laptop; your lunch).



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