

Deanna Brewer
Principal



Jennifer Cervantes
Assistant Principal

Teacher & Support Person of the Year

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are proud to announce that Mrs. Erika Holton has been named our 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Yvette Rosado has been named our 2025-2026 Support Person of the Year! Mrs. Holton teaches 3rd grade and Mrs. Rosado teaches PK-4. Both ladies are loved and admired by many, but most of all, by their students and coworkers. Their commitment to their students' success and the work ethic they exhibit day in and day out, make them second to none! They are shining examples of dedication, compassion, and excellence in education. They embody what it truly means to be a Berkley Knight and we are grateful for the countless ways they contribute to our school community!



FAST PM2 Testing

All students will take FAST Reading & Math Progress Monitoring #2 in December. It is important for families to understand that these results are intended to provide a mid-year snapshot of their student's progress. Therefore, students may not yet be at grade level; this does not necessarily indicate that a student is not on track to succeed. PM#2 results should not be considered student achievement designations. Instead, they are for informational purposes and should be used to identify areas that may need additional instruction and support. For more information about FAST PM#2, see the attached letter pertaining to your student's grade level.

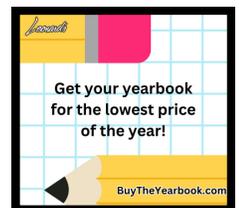
Cell Phone Reminder



With testing upon us, it's a good time to remind everyone that personal electronic device usage is not allowed at school. This is not just Berkley's policy. Florida law prohibits cell phone usage during instructional hours for all elementary students across our state. Our school policy requires all wireless communication devices (cell phones, smartwatches, etc.) be powered off and left in the student's backpack. If a student is caught accessing their device during instructional hours, they could face disciplinary actions.

25/26 Yearbooks

Our 2025-2026 Berkley Charter School yearbooks are now on sale! You can purchase yours online by going to: buytheyearbook.com. They are \$25 but prices will go up. Shop early to get the discounted rate. *Order form attached.



26/27 Open Enrollment

The window to submit an application for the 26/27 school year is March 23 - 27, 2026. This application window is for those wanting to enroll at Berkley. Current students already enrolled with us, do not need to submit an application during this time.

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
www.berkleyknights.net



November was a busy and exciting month of hands-on learning in (and outside) of our classrooms!



Veterans Parade



67th Day of School



1 Million Words Read!



Virtual Reality Exploration



MOSI



Balloons Over Broadway



Kennedy Space Center



Turkey Disguise



MidFlorida Guest Reader



Next Board Meeting

Dec. 12, 2025
7am

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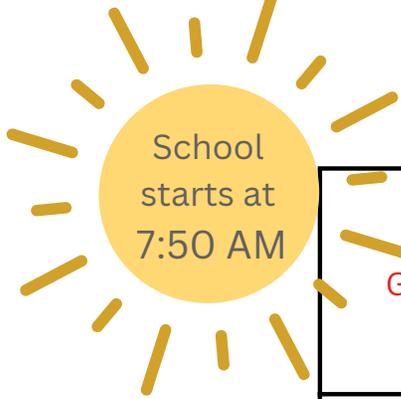


<https://getfortifyfl.com/>

Berkley's
Parent Liaison
is
Mayme Plumlee

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!
ATTEND TODAY. ACHIEVE TOMORROW.

December 2025



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 FAST PM2 Grades 3, 4, 5 → Block Day 3	2 Block Day 4	3 Block Day 5	4 Block Day 6	5 Freestyle Friday Block Day 1
8 FAST PM2 Grades K, 1, 2 → Block Day 2	9 Block Day 3	10 Block Day 4	11 Block Day 5	12 BOD Mtg 7AM Block Day 6
15 Block Day 1	16 Block Day 2	17 Block Day 3	18 Block Day 4	 19 Early Release 12:30 PM End of 2nd quarter Block Day 5
22 No School Winter Break	23 No School Winter Break	24 No School Winter Break	 25 No School Winter Break Christmas Day	26 No School Winter Break
29 No School Winter Break	30 No School Winter Break	31 No School Winter Break New Year's Eve	1 No School Winter Break New Year's Day	2 No School Winter Break



What's Ahead:

- Jan. 6 - Students Return
- Jan. 13 - Report Cards
- Jan. 16 - Early Release
- Jan. 19 - No School



★ Students will FAST test 2 days, 1-Reading & 1-Math



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LUNCH

MONDAY

Chicken Patty Sandwich
Romain, Tom & Pickle
Sweet potato fries
Juice
Milk

01

TUESDAY

Spaghetti w/breadstick
Green Peas
Popeye Salad
Fresh Fruit
Milk

02

WEDNESDAY

BBQ Chicken on bun
Baked fries
Green beans
Chilled fruit
Milk

03

THURSDAY

Beef Taco w/Romaine & tom
Rice
Black beans
Fresh fruit
Milk

04

FRIDAY

Pizza
Corn
Carrots w/ Dip
Chilled fruit or juice
Milk

05

Corn Dogs
Seasoned Noodles
Green Beans
Juice
Milk

08

Chicken and Rice w/ Biscuit
Cole Slaw
Broccoli
Fresh fruit
Milk

09

Meatball sub w/cheese
Baked Fries
Baked beans
Chilled Fruit
Milk

10

Beefaroni w/breadstick
Sliced Carrots
Popeye Salad
Fresh fruit
Milk

11

Mini Pepperoni Calzones
Corn
Carrots w/ Dip
Chilled fruit or juice
Milk

12

Beef Nachos w/Romaine &tom
Rice
Black beans
Juice
Milk

15

Cheeseburger on bun
Baked fries
Romain, Tom & Pickle
Fresh fruit
Milk

16

Chicken Nuggets w/biscuit
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Broccoli
Chilled fruit
Milk

17

Managers Choice
Popeye Salad
Green Peas
Fresh fruit
Milk

18

Pizza
Corn
Carrots w/ Dip
Chilled fruit or juice
Milk

19

NO SCHOOL

22

NO SCHOOL

23

NO SCHOOL

24

NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

29

NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

31



Mon-Thur.-salad chef or Caesar Fri-yogurt & muffin. Mon-Fri sandwich or wrap-ham or turkey.
Lunch = \$2.60 Staff = \$5.00.
Breakfast = \$1.25 Staff = A la carte

DECEMBER 2025



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Dear K-2nd Grade Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that students K-2 will take the Renaissance Star Early Literacy or Star Reading and Star Math assessments the week of December 8th. Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions. If you or your student would like to review Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math sample items at home, visit <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 FLFAST.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cervantes
Assistant Principal

"Learning For All, Whatever It Takes"



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Dear 3rd- 5th Grade Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that students will participate in the second administration (PM2) of Grades 3 - 5 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) ELA Reading and Mathematics assessments in December. Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present 35–40 items that will cover the entire test “blueprint,” meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST ELA Reading Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to access any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom). If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test may be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**—For Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics, approved handheld scientific calculators may be used. For Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, a handheld four-function calculator may be used.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking the box in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**

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- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss any testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.
- **Testing Irregularities**—In the event a testing irregularity occurs in your student’s testing room, as part of a school investigation, your student may be asked questions to provide clarification of the incident. In addition, your student may be required to retake the assessment if a suspected irregularity is reported that may affect the validity of the test results.
- **Extra Time**—Any student still working at the end of the allotted time for the session will be provided extra time, as allowed for each assessment, to complete the test. However, according to directions from the district, students who are not actively working (e.g., sleeping) at the end of regular time may be dismissed rather than being provided with extra time.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Jennifer Cervantes at jennifer.cervantes@berkeleyknights.net. For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cervantes
Assistant Principal

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If you are NOT purchasing online,
please fill out and return the bottom of this form with your payment.

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Terry: amanda.terry@berkeleyknights.net

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SCRIP GIFT CARD ORDERS

Berkley is selling scrip GIFT CARDS. Scrip gift cards are exactly like regular gift cards, but our school gets a percentage of those we sell! All of the money our school earns goes toward school activities and/or classroom materials. In addition to gift-giving, gift cards are perfect for money you'll already spend (groceries, gas, travel, etc)! With a little planning, you can really help our school in the process!

It's easy to order!

Option 1: Fill out the order form below and send in cash or a check (**made payable to Berkley Charter School**) for the amount of the gift cards you are ordering. **Orders due Thursday, December 11th.**

Option 2: Order & pay online at www.raiseright.com. Have cards shipped to the school or directly to your home. There are lots of additional stores, amounts, and e-card options available online! Use the QR code to the right for to enroll through our school.



1. Your Name:
2. Child's Name:
3. Phone Number:
4. Grade/Homeroom
5. Email:

**Your scrips will be available for pick up
December 17th-19th in the front office.**

**Make all checks out to:
Berkley Charter School**

	Restaurants and Fast Food	Amt	%	Qty	Total
	Dunkin Donuts	\$25	3%		
	Hardee's	\$10	5%		
	IHOP	\$25	8%		
	Krispy Kreme	\$10	8%		
	Little Ceasar's Pizza	\$20	8%		
	LongHorn Steakhouse	\$25	9%		
	McDonald's	\$10	3%		
	McDonald's	\$25	3%		
	Olive Garden	\$10	9%		
	Olive Garden	\$25	9%		
	Outback Steakhouse	\$10	8%		
	Outback Steakhouse	\$25	8%		
	Outback Steakhouse	\$50	8%		
	Panera Bread	\$10	9%		
	Panera Bread	\$25	9%		
	Papa John's Pizza	\$10	8%		
	Pizza Hut	\$10	8%		
	Red Lobster	\$25	9%		
	Red Robin	\$25	9%		
	Starbucks	\$5	5%		
	Starbucks	\$10	5%		
	Starbucks	\$25	5%		
	Subway Restaurants	\$10	6%		
	Steak 'n Shake	\$10	8%		
	Sonic	\$10	8%		
	Sonic	\$25	8%		
	Taco Bell	\$10	5%		
	Taco Bell	\$25	5%		
	Wendy's	\$25	4%		
	Zaxby's	\$25	8%		
	Zaxby's	\$25	8%		
	Denny's	\$10	7%		
	DoorDash	\$25	4%		
	UberEats	\$25	3%		

Entertainment/Online	Amt	%	Qty	Total	HomeGoods	\$25	6%		
Amazon.com	\$10	3%			J.Crew	\$25	13%		
Amazon.com	\$25	3%			JCPenney	\$25	5%		
Amazon.com	\$100	3%			Journeys	\$25	10%		
AppleStore/Apple.com	\$15	5%			Kohl's	\$25	4%		
AMC Theaters	\$25	8%			Lane Bryant	\$25	8%		
Cinemark Theaters	\$25	4%			Lowe's	\$25	4%		
Fandango	\$25	8%			Lowe's	\$100	4%		
Groupon.com	\$25	7%			Macy's	\$25	10%		
GameStop	\$25	5%			Marshall's	\$25	7%		
iTunes/App Store	\$15	5%			Michael's	\$25	4%		
iTunes/App Store	\$25	5%			Old Navy	\$25	14%		
TopGolf	\$50	8%			Old Navy	\$100	14%		
Shutterfly	\$25	9%			PetSmart	\$25	4%		
Health & Beauty	Amt	%	Qty	Total	Ross Dress for Less	\$25	8%		
Bath & Body Works	\$10	13%			Sam's Club	\$25	2%		
Bath & Body Works	\$25	13%			Sam's Club	\$50	2%		
Claire's	\$10	9%			Sam's Club	\$100	2%		
CVS Pharmacy	\$10	6%			Sears	\$25	4%		
Sally Beauty	\$25	12%			Shoe Carnival	\$25	5%		
ULTA	\$25	4%			Staples	\$25	5%		
Walgreens	\$25	6%			T.J.Maxx	\$25	7%		
Department/Specialty Stores:	Amt	%	Qty	Total	Target	\$10	2%		
Ace Hardware	\$25	4%			Target	\$25	2%		
Aeropostale	\$25	10%			Target	\$50	2%		
American Eagle	\$25	10%			Target	\$100	2%		
Banana Republic	\$25	14%			Walmart	\$25	2%		
Barnes & Noble	\$10	8%			Walmart	\$50	2%		
Barnes & Noble	\$25	8%			Walmart	\$100	2%		
Bass Pro Shops	\$25	10%			Walmart	\$250	2%		
Bass Pro Shops	\$100	10%			Travel/Automotive	Amt	%	Qty	Total
Belk	\$25	8%			AutoZone	\$25	7%		
Best Buy	\$25	3%			BP	\$50	1%		
Big Lots!	\$25	4%			Circle K	\$25	4%		
Build-A-Bear Workshop	\$25	8%			Jiffy Lube	\$30	8%		
Burlington	\$25	8%			Shell	\$25	2%		
buybuyBABY	\$25	8%			Wawa	\$25	1%		
Champs Sports	\$25	9%			Wawa	\$100	1%		
Children's Place	\$25	12%			Grocery/Delivery	Amt	%	Qty	Total
Chuck-E-Cheese	\$10	4%			Gordon Food Service Store	\$25	4%		
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25	8%			Instacart	\$25	4%		
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$100	8%			Instacart	\$100	4%		
Dillard's	\$25	9%			Publix	\$25	3%		
Five Below	\$25	3%			Publix	\$100	3%		
Gap	\$25	14%			Winn Dixie	\$25	4%		
Home Depot, The	\$25	4%			Amt			Qty	Total
Home Depot, The	\$100	4%			GRAND TOTAL:				