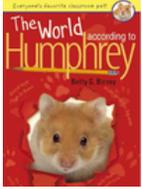




**Deanna Brewer**  
Principal

**Jennifer Cervantes**  
Assistant Principal

## The World According to Humphrey



We are excited to kick off reading our 2026 schoolwide book! This year we're reading "The World According to Humphrey". All K-5 students will receive their own copy of the book to keep, along with a special bookmark. Students can read the book independently, with their family, or even listen to our staff read chapters by scanning the QR code on the front cover. Whichever method a student chooses, we hope all will participate. We have a school-

wide goal for 400 students to pass an AR test by March 27th. If we reach the goal as a school, all of our students will be able to participate in a special reward together. Students who pass the AR test with a 80% or higher will also receive a brag tag. A special thanks to Polk Education Foundation and their Community Grants for sponsoring this project. We're looking forward to reading this story, full of fun and adventure, with all our amazing readers!

## Thank You Bus Drivers!



February is "Love The Bus" month! We want to take this opportunity to say how much we love our bus drivers at Berkley! We appreciate how much they care about our students and help get them to and from school safely each day!

Sending a **BIG thank you** to:  
Ms. Bacon, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Brown,  
Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Martin, Mrs.  
Rosado, Mr. Rosado, Mr. Snyder, Mr.  
Terry, Mr. Townsend & Mrs. Wood.



## Spring & Class Pictures



Spring and Class Pictures will be held on February 11th. Students may dress out of their Berkley uniform on this day, but they must follow general dress code guidelines. Sleeveless tops, hats, jeans with holes, or backless shoes may not be worn. Order forms for individual pictures will be sent home BEFORE Picture Day. Class picture order forms will be sent home AFTER Picture Day. Flyers with ordering info will be sent home when they become available.

## 26-27 School Calendar

See our school calendar for the 26-27 school year. → [Berkley School Calendar](#)  
It's also available on our website [www.berkleyknights.net/calendar/](http://www.berkleyknights.net/calendar/)

**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](http://www.berkleyknights.net)**



## Field Day 2026



On February 12th our students will get to extend their teambuilding skills to the great outdoors for Berkley's annual Field Day! Games and activities will be setup on the PE field for classes to participate in during their block time. Be sure your student dresses appropriately on the 12th for this outdoor event. We are looking forward to a fun day in the sun!

## Pinewood Derby



Our annual Pinewood Derby is scheduled for March 5th, 4:00 - 5:15PM. All of Berkley's PreK-5th graders are invited to participate! Students and families can work together to construct and decorate cars prior to the racing event. We have derby car kits available for \$5 each, if needed. Families can also choose to purchase their own kits if preferred, but derby rules must be followed for construction, weight and size. More information is attached for those families who are interested in participating in our 2026 Pinewood Derby!

## Yearbook Cover Contest Winner



Congratulations to 5th grade student, Julio Cruz Oviol. Julio won the 25/26 Yearbook Cover Contest!! His artwork, pictured on the left, will be displayed on the front cover of our 25/26 Yearbook. We want to thank all those who participated in this year's contest. We had several great entries!

## 25/26 Yearbook Orders

Order your 2025-2026 Berkley Charter School Yearbook now! Purchase online at [buytheyearbook.com](http://buytheyearbook.com). Contact Amanda Terry at [amanda.terry@berkleyknights.net](mailto:amanda.terry@berkleyknights.net) for any yearbook questions you may have.

## 26/27 Open Enrollment



Mark your calendar! Our Open Enrollment dates for the 2026-2027 school year are March 23 - 27, 2026. Applications will be available online and in-person. This is only for new students to Berkley. Current students do not need to reapply.

Next Board Meeting

Feb. 13, 2026  
7am

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



[berkleyvolunteergroup@gmail.com](mailto:berkleyvolunteergroup@gmail.com)

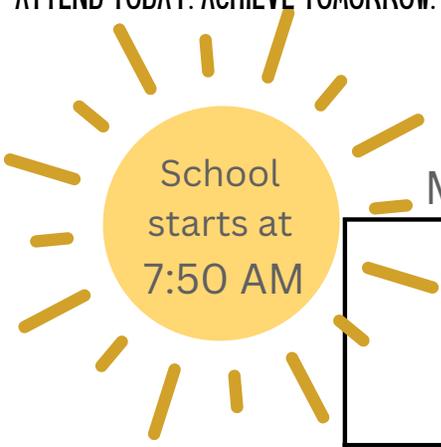


<https://getfortifyfl.com/>

Berkley's  
Parent Liaison  
is  
Mayme Plumlee

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**  
ATTEND TODAY. ACHIEVE TOMORROW.

# February 2026



What's Ahead:

- Mar. 13 Early Release
- Mar. 16 - 20 Spring Break
- Mar. 23 - 27 Open Enrollment
- Mar. 30 Report Cards



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Block Day 6	3 Block Day 1	4 Vision & Hearing Screenings K, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Block Day 2	5 Block Day 3	6 Freestyle Friday Block Day 4
9 Block Day 5	10 Block Day 6	11 Spring Pictures Block Day 1	12 Interims Field Day Block Day 2	13 BOD Mtg 7AM Early Release 12:30 PM Block Day 3
16 No School  Presidents' Day	17 Block Day 4	18 Block Day 5	19 Block Day 6	20 Block Day 1
23 Block Day 2	24 Block Day 3	25 Block Day 4	26 Block Day 5	27 Block Day 6



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# LUNCH

## MONDAY

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

02

## TUESDAY

Starfish Nuggets  
Cole Slaw  
Macaroni & cheese  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

03

## WEDNESDAY

Spaghetti w/ breadstick  
Sliced carrots  
Steamed Broccoli  
Chilled fruit  
Milk

04

## THURSDAY

Sloppy Joes on a bun  
Baked fries  
Green Beans  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

05

## FRIDAY

Pizza  
Corn  
Garden Salad  
Chilled fruit or juice  
Milk

06

Chicken & Yellow rice w/biscuit  
Corn  
Steamed Broccoli  
Juice  
Milk

09

Chicken & Waffle  
Sweet potato fries  
Green Beans  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

10

BBQ Chicken Sandwich  
Baked beans  
French fries  
Chilled fruit  
Milk

11

Beef Nachos w/romaine & Tom  
Fiesta Rice  
Beans  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

12

Mini Pepperoni Calzones  
Popeye Salad  
Green peas  
Chilled fruit or juice  
Milk

13

**Presidents' Day  
Holiday**

16

Shepherds Pie w/roll  
Steamed Broccoli  
Peas & Carrots  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

17

Hamburger on a bun  
Romaine, Tom & Pickle  
Baked Fries  
Chilled fruit  
Milk

18

Chicken soft tacos  
Rice / Black beans  
Fresh Veggies (grape tomatoes)  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

19

Pizza  
Corn  
Carrots w/dip  
Chilled fruit or juice  
Milk

20

Walking Tacos w/cheese cup  
Carrots w/dip  
Black beans / Rice  
Juice  
Milk

23

Chicken Patty Sandwich  
Romaine, Tom & Pickle  
Sweet potato fries  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

24

Beefaroni w/ roll  
Sliced Carrots  
Green beans  
Chilled fruit  
Milk

25

Teriyaki Chicken w/egg roll  
Caribbean blend  
Fresh veggie (Cucumber slices)  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

26

Mini Pepperoni Calzones  
Corn  
Garden Salad  
Chilled fruit or juice  
Milk

27

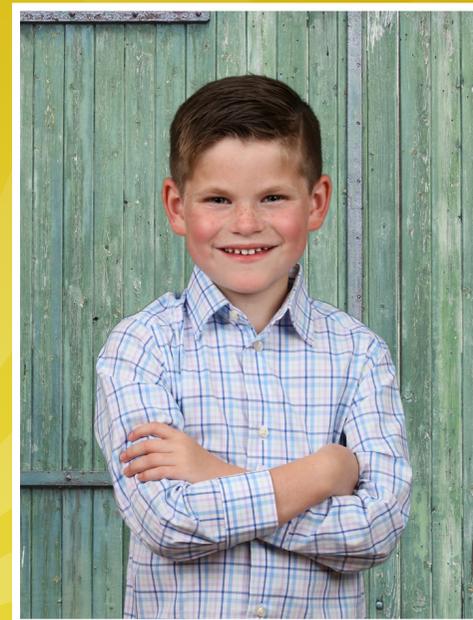


### School Information:

Monday – Thursday Chef Salad or Caesar Salad & Friday Yogurt Muffin Mon-Friday Ham or Turkey Sandwich or wrap  
Lunch K – 5<sup>th</sup> = \$2.60 Staff = \$5.00, Breakfast = \$1.25, Staff – Al-a- carte pricing

# FEBRUARY 2026

*Leonard's*  
**SPRING**  
**PORTRAITS**



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**ORDER  
ONLINE NOW!**



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## 2026-2027 School Calendar

*Dates are subject to change*

Teacher Work Days	Friday, July 31 - Wednesday, August 5, 2025
ALL Students - In Person Orientation 8-11am	Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Paraeducator First Work Day	Tuesday, August 4, 2026
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	Thursday, August 6, 2026
Holiday (Labor Day) – Student/Teacher/Paraeducator	Monday, September 7, 2026
Interim Report	Thursday, September 10, 2026
Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Week	Monday-Friday, October 5-9, 2026
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 9-Week Grading Period	Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Teacher Work Day - Student/Paraeducator Holiday	Friday, October 16, 2026
Distribute Report Cards (First 9 Weeks)	Monday, October 26, 2026
Holiday - Student/Teacher/Paraeducator	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Interim Report	Thursday, November 19, 2026
Holiday – Student/Teacher/Paraeducator	Monday-Friday, November 23-27, 2026
END OF 1 <sup>st</sup> SEMESTER/Last Day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grading Period	Friday, December 18, 2026
Last School Day Before Winter Holidays	Friday, December 18, 2026
Teacher Workday - Student/Paraeducator Holiday - Storm Make-up Day (if needed)	Monday, January 4, 2027
Students and Paraeducators Return After Winter Holidays	Tuesday, January 5, 2027
Distribute Report Cards (Second 9 weeks)	Tuesday, January 12, 2027
Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) Student/Teacher/Paraeducator	Monday, January 18, 2027
FTE Week	Monday-Friday, February 1-5, 2027
Interim Report	Thursday, February 11, 2027
Teacher Work Day - Student/Paraeducator Holiday	Friday, February 12, 2027
Holiday (President’s Day) – Student/Teacher/Paraeducator	Monday, February 15, 2027
End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9-Week Grading Period	Wednesday, March 10, 2027
SPRING BREAK	Monday-Friday, March 15 – March 19, 2027
No School - Teacher/Students/Paraeducator	Friday, March 26, 2027
Distribute Report Cards (Third 9 Weeks)	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Interim Report	Thursday, April 22, 2027
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS – End of 4 <sup>th</sup> 9-Week Grading Period - Early Release Distribute Report Cards (End of 4 <sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks) - Storm Make-up Day (if needed)	Monday, May 24, 2027
Teacher Work Day	Tuesday, May 25, 2027

Designated Storm Make-Up Days: 1/4 and 5/25

**Reminder:** Non-refundable travel tickets should not be purchased in the event that Storm Days are used as Student Attendance Days and/or Teacher Work Days.

**Student Testing:** Dates/information is located on the District’s website at <https://polkschoolsfl.com/assessment> .

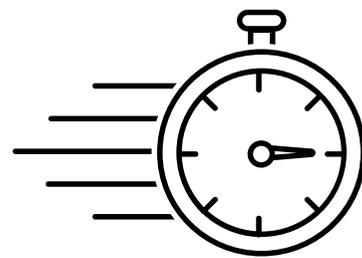
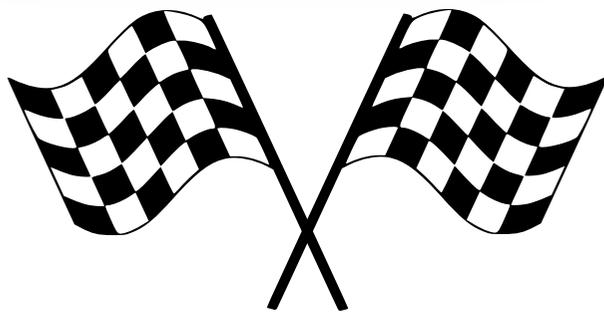
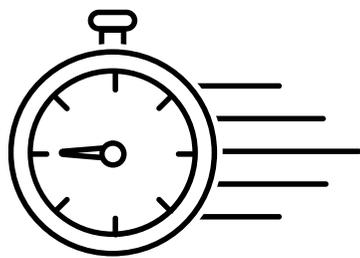
**Early Release Days:**

Thursday, August 20, 2026	Friday, January 15, 2027
Friday, September 4, 2026	Thursday, February 11, 2027
Thursday, October 15, 2026	Friday, March 12, 2027
Friday, November 20, 2026	Friday, April 23, 2027
Friday, December 18, 2026	Monday, May 24, 2027



# PINEWOOD DERBY

**MARCH 5TH 4:00-5:15PM**



## ***PINEWOOD DERBY CONSTRUCTION RULES:***

1. IT CANNOT BE LARGER THAN 7 INCHES LONG AND 2 ¼ INCHES WIDE.
2. IT CANNOT WEIGH MORE THAN 5 OUNCES.
3. IT MUST BE POWERED ONLY BY GRAVITY (NO ACCELERANTS, STARTING DEVICES, ETC).
4. THE HEIGHT SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 6 INCHES TO FIT UNDER THE FINISH LINE.

## ***BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN!***

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- \*FASTEST CAR
- \*MOST CREATIVE DESIGN
- \*JUDGES' CHOICE

Each derby car will be placed in racing heats throughout the afternoon until the final heats run from 5:00-5:15.

AWARDS WILL FOLLOW THE FINAL HEAT.

# ***ORDER YOUR DERBY CAR KIT***

Construction kits are ON SALE NOW for \$5. If you would like to purchase a kit to be sent home with your child, please fill out the information below and return it with payment.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose a kit (\$5 each):**

- |                   |  |             |   |
|-------------------|--|-------------|---|
| _____ Solid Block |    | _____ Wedge |    |
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## WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?

- When you have completed the first treatment and combed out all the nits
- Take your child to the school clinic where they will check to make sure your child is lice and nit free
- We want your child to return to school as soon as possible



**STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN SCHOOL IF LICE OR NITS ARE PRESENT IN THEIR HAIR**

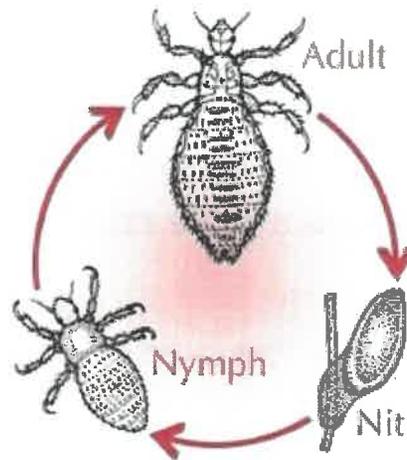
## FIVE STEP BATTLE PLAN (RECORD)

DAY	DATE	✓	TREATMENT
1			Head lice shampoo or Olive Oil
5			Olive Oil Treatment
9			Olive Oil Treatment
13			Olive Oil Treatment
17			Olive Oil Treatment
21			Olive Oil Treatment

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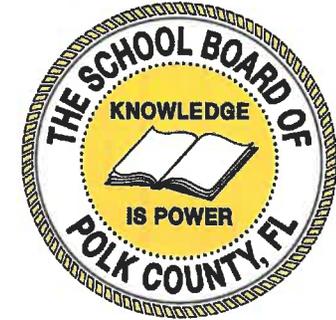
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Polk County Public Schools Head Lice Policy



July 2012; revised 9/12; 9/13

## Polk County Public Schools And Florida Department of Health



## Head Lice Information for Parents



## INFORMATION ON HEAD LICE

### WHAT ARE HEAD LICE?

- Head lice are tiny, wingless, grayish -tan insects that live and breed in human hair
- Their eggs are called nits
- Lice are not known to be associated with any diseases

### HOW DO THEY SPREAD?

- Head lice **cannot jump** from one person to another
- They can spread by close contact and sharing personal items such as:

Combs	Brushes
Hats	Head Phones
Stuffed Animals	Clothing
Hair Bows	Hair Bands

### HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD HAS HEAD LICE?

- The first clue that a child has lice is frequent scratching of the scalp but sometimes there are no signs
- Check the hair and scalp area carefully for nits and lice, especially behind the ears and back of neck
- Natural sunlight is the best light for checking the hair
- A magnifying glass also helps due to the small size of the lice and nits

## HOW ARE LICE TREATED?

Recommendations are to use the 5 step battle plan, over-the-counter head lice shampoo or contact your doctor .

### FIVE STEP BATTLE PLAN

#### STEP 1 (THIS STEP IS OPTIONAL)

- Use head lice shampoo and follow the directions on the container carefully
- Never use lice shampoo on family members that are pregnant, sick or on children under the age of two

#### STEP 2 - OLIVE OIL TREATMENT

- Apply the olive oil to entire head which smothers and kills active lice
- Coat all hair shafts
- Apply shower cap
- Allow olive oil to remain in hair with cap on for **6 to 8 hours**
- **Repeat treatment every 4 days for a total of 6 treatments up to 21 days**

#### STEP 3

- Vacuum mattresses, rugs, furniture, car upholstery and stuffed animals **“frequently”**
- Wash all bed linens and recently worn clothing in hot water and dry in a hot dryer
- Seal items that cannot be vacuumed, washed or dried in a plastic bag for ten days
- Clean combs and brushes in hot water



#### STEP 4

- Comb or pick out the all of the nits **This is the most important step!!!**
- Use a good metal comb and comb through section of hair at a time
- Once whole head is combed and nits removed, shampoo hair with regular shampoo
- Clean comb in hot water after each use
- Each family member should have their own comb

#### STEP 5

- Check for nits
- Once hair is clean and dry, check hair for any nits that may have been missed
- Check each section of hair carefully using natural sunlight and a magnifying glass

### IMPORTANT NOTE

**Regular head checking of all family members is the best prevention. This should continue every day for 2 –3 weeks. The use of lice sprays is not recommended and may be toxic to your family.**