

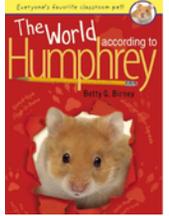
**Deanna Brewer**  
Principal



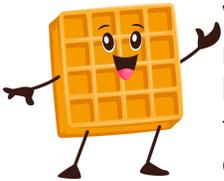
**Jennifer Cervantes**  
Assistant Principal

## The World According to Humphrey

Update! Students are excited about this year's book challenge and are enjoying listening to our staff members read through the chapters. We are just under 230 passed A.R. tests which means we are more than half way to achieving our goal of 400! Students have until March 27<sup>th</sup> so there's plenty time for everyone to participate, if they haven't yet. Remember, all students have their own copy of the book and can scan the QR code to listen, as they follow along. This would be an excellent way to encourage your student to read over Spring Break!



## Berkley Cafe News



We are excited to celebrate National School Breakfast Week, March 2-6. This is a nationwide event that highlights the importance of starting each day with a healthy breakfast. This special week is organized each year by the School Nutrition Association to raise awareness about the benefits of the school breakfast program and to encourage all students to begin their day with a nutritious meal. Our cafeteria staff is planning items such as, breakfast pizza, cosmic waffles, and breakfast soft tacos for our students this week. We encourage all students to participate and stop by for a healthy breakfast to start their day!

**Also**, this is a reminder that lunch visitations will conclude on March 12. After this date, lunch visitors will not be permitted for the remainder of the school year. Lunch visitations are paused during the final quarter to allow us to focus on the many end-of-year activities and state testing scheduled during this time. This helps ensure a structured and distraction-free environment for all students. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we prioritize instructional time and student success.

## Time to Shine



Spring testing begins on March 31 with our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in the B.E.S.T. Writing assessment. Throughout the year, students have worked diligently to strengthen their writing and essay development skills, and we are confident their hard work will reflect in their performance.

We wish all of our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders the very "BEST" of luck as they showcase their learning.

\*Additional information is attached.

## Artwork Orders

Students have been creating their very own masterpieces in Art class and through our partnership with "Original Works", families will have the opportunity to transform their child's artwork into special keepsakes such as magnets, tote bags, keychains, calendars, and more. Student artwork and ordering information will be sent home in March (following Spring Break). All orders must be submitted no later than April 6. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Bateman at [cari.bateman@berkleyknights.net](mailto: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**  
**[www.berkleyknights.net](http://www.berkleyknights.net)**



## 25/26 Academic Team



We are incredibly proud of our 5th Grade Academic Team for their hard work, outstanding effort, and exceptional teamwork at their recent competition. A special thank you goes out to their coaches, Mrs. May and Mrs. Wood. We appreciate the time and dedication everyone contributed to our 25/26 A-Team.

## 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.

\*\*\*For those who plan to participate, registration will start at 3:45 in the breezeway. See you there!

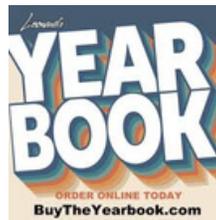
## Clinic Donations



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!

## 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

April 10, 2026  
7am

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<https://getfortifyfl.com/>

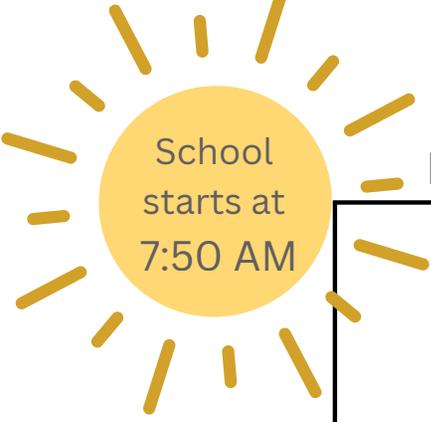
Berkley's Parent Liaison is Mayme Plumlee

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTEND TODAY. ACHIEVE TOMORROW.



# March 2026



## What's Ahead:

- Apr. 3 - No School
- Apr. 23 - Interims
- Apr. 24 - Early Release



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Block Day 1</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Block Day 2</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Block Day 3</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Pinewood Derby 4-5:15 PM</p> <p>Block Day 4</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Freestyle Friday</p> <p>Block Day 5</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Block Day 6</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Block Day 1</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</p> <p>Block Day 2</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Block Day 3</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Early Release 12:30 PM</p> <p>Block Day 4</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>No School Spring Break</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>No School Spring Break</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>No School Spring Break</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>No School Spring Break</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>No School Spring Break</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Open Enrollment</p> <p>APPLY NOW</p> <p>Block Day 5</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Open Enrollment</p> <p>APPLY NOW</p> <p>Block Day 6</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Open Enrollment</p> <p>APPLY NOW</p> <p>Block Day 1</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Open Enrollment</p> <p>APPLY NOW</p> <p>Block Day 2</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Open Enrollment</p> <p>APPLY NOW</p> <p>Block Day 3</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Report Cards</p> <p>Block Day 4</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>BEST Writing 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Block Day 5</p>			

★ Berkley students do not need to reapply during Open Enrollment Week.



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## MONDAY

Chicken Fajita  
Beans / Rice  
Carrots w/dip  
Juice  
Milk

02

## TUESDAY

Starfish Nuggets  
Side salad / Green beans  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

03

## WEDNESDAY

Oven Roasted Chicken w/roll  
Mashed Potatoes  
Steamed Broccoli  
Chilled fruit  
Milk

04

## THURSDAY

BBQ Chicken Sandwich  
Sweet potato fries  
Cole Slaw  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

05

## FRIDAY

Pizza  
Corn  
Garden Salad  
Chilled fruit or Juice  
Milk

06

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

09

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

10

BBQ Pork Sandwich  
Green beans  
Sweet Potato fries  
Chilled fruit  
Milk

11

Chicken & Waffle  
Baked Beans  
Garden Salad  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

12

Mini Pepperoni Calzones  
Cucumber slices  
Corn  
Chilled fruit or Juice  
Milk

13

**NO SCHOOL  
SPRING BREAK**

16

**St. Patrick's Day  
NO SCHOOL  
SPRING BREAK**

17

**NO SCHOOL  
SPRING BREAK**

18

**NO SCHOOL  
SPRING BREAK**

19

**NO SCHOOL  
SPRING BREAK**

20

Corn Dogs  
Green Beans  
Sweet potato Fries  
Juice  
Milk

23

Chicken soft Taco  
Rice / Beans  
Fresh veggie (Cucumber slices)  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

24

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

25

Chicken Alfredo pasta w/roll  
Steamed Broccoli  
Popeye Salad  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

26

Pizza  
Corn  
Carrots w/dip  
Chilled fruit or juice  
Milk

27

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

30

Managers Choice  
Garden Salad  
Sweet potato fries  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

31



**School Information:** Monday – Thursday, Chef Salad or Caesar Salad and Friday, Yogurt Muffin. Monday – 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

# MARCH 2026



# Berkley Charter School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

4th and 5th grade students will take the computer-based Grade 4/5 Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Writing assessment on March 31, 2026. The B.E.S.T. Writing assessment is administered in one 120-minute session, and students may work up to half of a typical school day. You will be provided information about how to see your student's results after testing is completed.

You or your student can review the computer-based sample items and certain released tests at home at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not allowed to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smart glasses, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them. Students may not wear smart glasses during statewide testing, even if they are prescription glasses. Students with prescription smart glasses will need to remove them or test another day with standard glasses. If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated (not scored).
- **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 click a box in the test to show that they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last part of the testing rules read to students states that because the test content is secure, students may not discuss or share details about the test items and passages after testing. This includes texting, emailing, or posting test content to social media sites. While students may not share information about what questions were on their test, this policy is not meant to prevent students from talking about their testing experiences with their parents/families.
- **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 (not scored).
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she will not be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Educational Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.
- **Testing Irregularities**—If a testing irregularity occurs in your student's testing room, as part of a school investigation, your student may be asked questions to provide information about the incident.

- **Extra Time**—Any student still working at the end of the allotted time for the session will be provided extra time, as allowed, to complete the test. However, based on 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 given extra time.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Jennifer Cervantes at [jennifer.cervantes@berkeleyknights.net](mailto:jennifer.cervantes@berkeleyknights.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

# LOOK WHAT'S COMING!

# Art Fundraiser

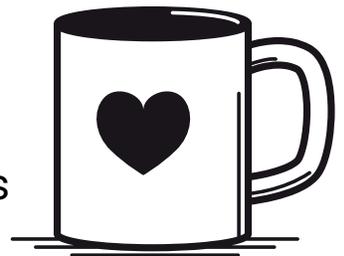


## YOUR CHILD = THE ARTIST

**Students will create their own masterpiece at school.  
We'll turn it into custom keepsakes you can wear, use & gift!**

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

A fun, creative activity for kids  
Priceless keepsakes featuring their art  
Supports our school's programs & goals  
Makes perfect gifts for family & friends



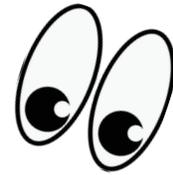
## WHAT'S NEXT?

Watch those backpacks! Order info and instructions are headed your way soon.



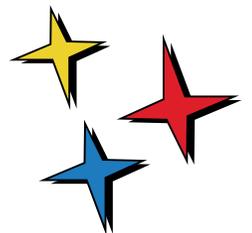
## Want a Sneak Peek?

Check out products & details online:  
[www.originalworks.com/parents](http://www.originalworks.com/parents)



Let's turn imagination into inspiration—  
and a little fundraising magic too.  
Thanks for supporting creativity in our school!

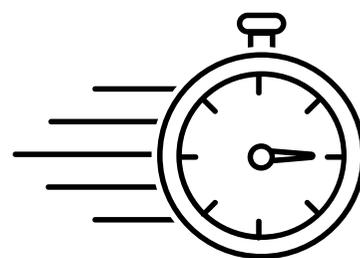
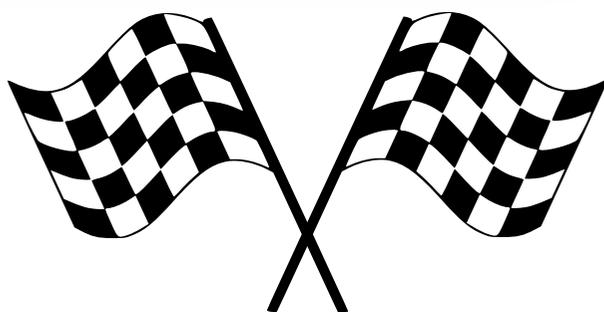
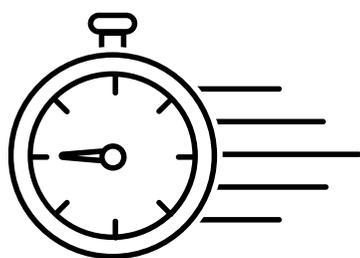
**Original  
Works**





# 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 |    |
| _____ Pre-Shaped  |  | _____ Truck |  |

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