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First Quarter

It's hard to believe the end of the first quarter is here. October 10th marks the official last day and report cards are scheduled to go home on the 21st. Our students have been busy these first few months of school. Beginning of the year testing, adjusting to new routines, learning new grade level standards, and making new friends are all tasks our students have already undertaken and we are proud of the hard work we've seen so far! Now is a good time to celebrate successes, encourage continuous effort, and help set goals for the upcoming marking period. Whether it be improving in a specific subject area, earning more A.R. points, practicing kindness, or completing homework independently, everyone has something they can work on and each new quarter offers a fresh opportunity for growth. We look forward to the second quarter and all it has to offer.



Fall Fest 2025



We're excited to announce that Fall Fest 2025 is just around the corner! Thursday, October 30th from 4:30-6pm students and families are invited to join us for an evening of fun and festivities. There will be game and activity booths for all ages to enjoy. Tickets for Fall Fest go on sale beginning Oct. 27th. They are \$.50 each and booth costs range from 1 to 6 tickets. Money can be sent with students in a sealed envelope, starting on the 27th. Just be sure to write your student's name, teacher, and dollar amount on the outside of the envelope. Tickets will also be sold in the breezeway during Fall Fest. All proceeds go directly to the grade levels who sponsor the booth and help pay for educational supplies, field trip opportunities, etc. Fall Fest is one of our longest lasting events that brings our school community together and creates lasting memories for those who attend. We hope you'll mark your calendar and plan to be part of this special tradition.

Picture Retakes

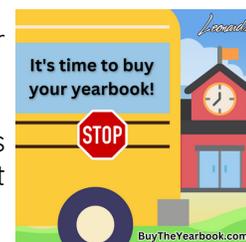


Picture retakes are October 23rd for students who were absent on our fall picture day, or those who wish to retake their photo. If your child is retaking their photo, the original photo package must be returned. Students taking pictures may dress out of uniform on this day.

25/26 Yearbooks & Cover Contest

Our Yearbook Cover Contest is still underway! All entries are due to Mrs. Bateman by October 3rd. See the attached flyer for more information.

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.



School Hours
7:50 - 3:00

Morning Drop-off
7:30am

5240 Berkley Rd
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Office Hours
7:30 - 3:30

Early Dismissal
12:30

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Making Healthy Choices



This month, our school is proud to celebrate Red Ribbon Week, a nationwide campaign that promotes healthy, safe, and drug-free lifestyles. Throughout the week of Oct. 27-31, students can take part in spirit days that encourage them to make positive choices for their future.

Red Ribbon Week is a great reminder that the decisions we make each day (what we eat, how we spend our time, and the friends we choose) help shape the kind of person we become. Choosing healthy foods, staying active, getting enough sleep, and saying “no” to harmful substances are all important ways to stay strong and ready to learn.

We encourage families to join the conversation at home. Talk with your child about what it means to make safe and healthy choices, and celebrate the small steps they take each day to build good habits. Together we can help our students grow into confident, healthy, and successful individuals.

Here’s a look at what we have lined up for Spirit Week:

Motivation Monday (Oct. 27) **Wear Red**. Pledge to live healthy lives.

Teamwork Tuesday (Oct. 28) **Sports Shirt Day**. Cheer someone on.

Wacky Wednesday (Oct. 29) **Mix & Match**. Sit with someone new or play with a new friend.

Throwback Thursday (Oct. 30) **Wear Retro**. Kindness is always in style.

Friendly Friday (Oct. 31) **Wear Neon**. Brighten someone’s day.

There’s also community sponsored events, such as the Red Ribbon Run, that students and families can participate in. See the attached flyer for more information.

Calendar of Events

It’s easy to stay up to date with all Berkley Charter School related events.

Step 1: Visit our website. www.berkleyknights.net

Step 2: Click “School Calendar” on the homepage.

Step 3: Scroll down to this month’s calendar.

Step 4: Click on the “Subscribe” button and select your calendar.

Step 5: Follow the prompts and our school events are now visible on your mobile calendar.



Campus Safety Reminders

Safety is a priority at Berkley. We’d like to remind everyone to practice caution and courtesy as they travel through our campus during morning drop-off and afternoon pickup times. We encourage drivers to proceed slowly, adhere to street signs, watch for pedestrians, and minimize distractions. We ask all pedestrians to utilize designated crosswalks and sidewalks, when applicable. Also, as a reminder, only pre-k parents with their ID badges are allowed on campus during arrival and dismissal times. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation in helping us maintain a safe campus for our students.

October 10, 2025

Canceled

Next Board

Meeting

Dec. 12, 2025

7am

Connect with us!



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www.facebook.com/berkleycharterschool



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



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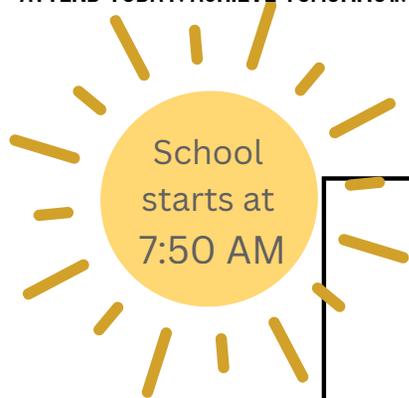


<https://getfortifyfl.com/>

Berkley’s
Parent Involvement
Liaison
Mayme Plumlee

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!
ATTEND TODAY. ACHIEVE TOMORROW.

October 2025



What's Ahead:
Nov. 11 - No School
Nov. 21 - Early Release
Nov. 24 - 28
Thanksgiving Break



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | 1 Block Day 6 | 2 Block Day 1 | 3 Freestyle Friday Block Day 2 |
| 6 Block Day 3 | 7 Block Day 4 | 8 Block Day 5 | 9 Block Day 6 | 10 BOD Mtg 7 AM Canceled End of 1st quarter Early Release 12:30 PM Block Day 1 |
| 13 No School Student Holiday | 14 Block Day 2 | 15 Block Day 3 | 16 Block Day 4 | 17 Block Day 5 |
| 20 Block Day 6 | 21 Report Cards Block Day 1 | 22 Picture Retakes Block Day 2 | 23 Block Day 3 | 24 Block Day 4 |
| 27 Red Ribbon Week >>> >>> >>> Block Day 5 | 28 Block Day 6 | 29 Block Day 1 | 30 🍁 Fall Fest 4:30 - 6 PM Block Day 2 | 31 Early Release 12:30 PM Block Day 3 |



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MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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

06

Spaghetti w/breadstick
Green Peas
Popeye Salad
Fresh Fruit
Milk

07

Hamburger on bun
Romain, tom & pickle
Baked fries
Chilled fruit
Milk

01

Shepherds Pie w/ biscuit
Sliced Carrots
Steamed Broccoli
Fresh fruit
Milk

02

Mini Pepperoni Calzones
Corn
Garden Salad
Chilled fruit or juice
Milk

03

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

13

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

14

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

15

Corn Dogs
Sweet potato fries
Green Beans
Fresh fruit
Milk

16

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

17

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

20

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

21

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

22

Chicken Alfredo Pasta
w/breadstick
Popeye salad
Green peas
Fresh fruit
Milk

23

Pizza
Corn
Carrots w/ Dip
Chilled fruit or juice
Milk

24

Sloppy Joes on bun
Sweet potato fries
Green beans
Juice
Milk

27

Chicken Soft Taco
Rice
Pinto beans
Fresh fruit
Milk

28

Hamburger on bun
Romain, tom & pickle
Baked fries
Chilled fruit
Milk

29

Shepherds Pie w/ biscuit
Sliced Carrots
Steamed Broccoli
Fresh fruit
Milk

30

Mini Pepperoni Calzones
Corn
Garden Salad
Chilled fruit or juice
Milk

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

OCTOBER 2025

All entries
due by
October 3rd!

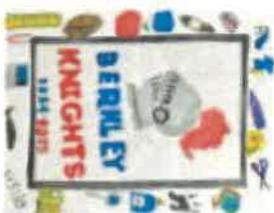
YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

ALL STUDENTS (K-G-5th) ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

- ★ Must be on an 8.5x11 sheet of paper (unlined, computer paper).
- ★ Picture must be drawn vertically (see example).
- ★ Make it **COLORFUL** and **CREATIVE!**
- ★ You can use crayons, markers, paint, etc.
- ★ You can choose a theme as inspiration (Knights, school, superheroes, etc.) or create your own unique idea.
- ★ Please **DO NOT FOLD** your artwork.
- ★ Remember to **CHECK YOUR SPELLING.**
- ★ Please write your *full name lightly in pencil ON THE BACK* of the paper.
- ★ Entries without a name cannot be considered.
- ★ Finished entries must be submitted to Mrs. Bateman by October 3rd.

1 winner will have their artwork featured on the cover AND will receive a *free yearbook!*

OTHER STUDENT ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE BACK COVER OR THROUGHOUT THE BOOK.



BERKLEY ELEMENTARY

RED RIBBON

week

Monday, October 27th -
Friday, October 31st

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MOTIVATION MONDAY

wear red,
pledge to live
healthy lives

TEAMWORK TUESDAY

sports shirt day,
cheer someone
on

WACKY WEDNESDAY

mix & match
- mix it up -
sit with someone
new, play
with a new
friend, etc.

THROWBACK THURSDAY

wear retro,
kindness is
always in style.

FRIENDLY FRIDAY

wear neon,
brighten
someone's day

Participate
each day to
show your
commitment to
making safe,
respectful, and
responsible
choices!



**OCT
25**
2025

START TIME:
Grade Level Heats – 8:30 a.m.
Family Heat – 10:45 a.m.

RACE DAY CHECK-IN:
At the **Lake Mirror Auditorium** – Lakeland, Florida

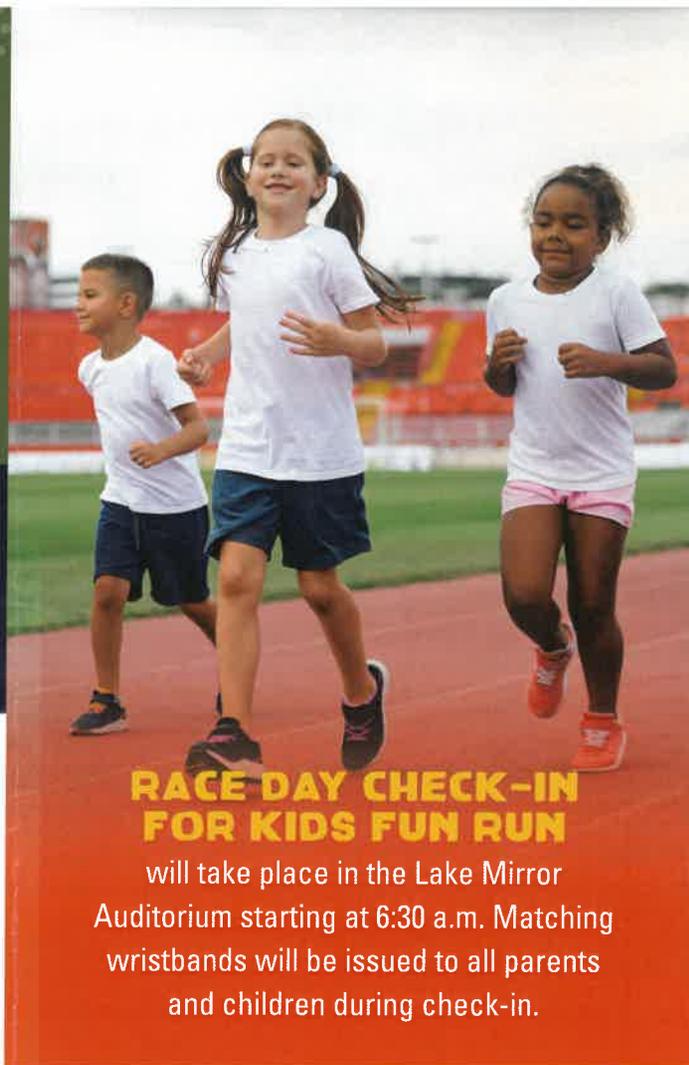
You are invited to participate in the Red Ribbon Kids Fun Run on Saturday, October 25, 2025 around picturesque Lake Mirror. It's a fun family event where parents can run with their children during the Family Heat – 10:45 a.m.

RED RIBBON RUN REGISTRATION IS FREE FOR KIDS K-8TH GRADE!

If parents are running in Family Heat, there is a \$5 fee per parent.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY AT INNERACTALLIANCE.ORG

Registration for the Kids Fun Run is FREE prior to October 25th but there will be a \$5 charge day of race. Students who are registered prior to **October 10th** will receive a free commemorative Run t-shirt (t-shirt not guaranteed after 10/10/25). The Fun Run will start and finish at Lake Mirror Promenade. K-8 students will receive awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies in male and female categories. Awards will also be given to the top 3 elementary schools and top middle school with the largest percentage of student participation based on school census numbers. The private school with the highest percentage of participation will also receive a trophy.



RACE DAY CHECK-IN FOR KIDS FUN RUN

will take place in the Lake Mirror Auditorium starting at 6:30 a.m. Matching wristbands will be issued to all parents and children during check-in.

PARKING:

Lakeland Electric Garage or Main Street Garage

Bring Chairs & Blankets for participants and spectators to watch the exciting races.

Join us at the end of your heat at the Florida Dairy Farmers World Tour to participate in healthy activities, sample fruits and veggies, enjoy milk and cookies, and experience different cultures from around the globe.

2025

**INNERACT ALLIANCE
RED RIBBON
RUN**

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MISSION

TO REDUCE THE ABUSE AND UNDERAGE USE OF HARMFUL SUBSTANCES ALONG WITH INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER RISKY BEHAVIORS THROUGH: COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT; PREVENTION EDUCATION; ECONOMIC SUPPORT; AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

FOR ALL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CHECKOUT
INNERACTALLIANCE.ORG

2025 RED RIBBON RUN & CHALLENGE

offers fun activities to do over 4 weeks. Challenges may be completed in PE class or at home.

“The Challenges kick off on September 29 with “Eat Dinner with your Family Day” and ends on October 26. Join the Red Ribbon Team on October 2 at Il Forno Restaurant (No./So. Lakeland).

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to InnerActAlliance.org - click Red Ribbon Run tab to register
2. Post challenges #RedRibbonChallenges to InnerAct Alliance Facebook page to show your hard work



SEPT. 29 - OCT. 5

FAMILY DINNER & ACTIVITIES

Eat & Keep Fit Together

Create a Balanced Meal Plan for your Family – see www.myplate.gov to find out more.

Use a family recipe that may be from a distant land and Eat Dinner with your Family by having dinner at Il Forno (North or South Lakeland). Post a picture on the InnerAct Alliance Facebook page!

- Have Dinner with your family at Il Forno on October 2nd – all proceeds benefit InnerAct Alliance.
- Eat Together at least 4 times/week.
- How many Jumping Jacks can you do in a minute? Post how many you did on IAA Facebook page!
- Exercise to stay fit. Try some warm-ups first. Stretch by bending to your toes and reaching for the sky.
- Practice and Register for the Red Ribbon Run at – InnerActAlliance.org



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OCT. 6-12

KINDNESS & TOLERANCE

Ways to Promote the Positive!

What can you do to make your world better? Look around your home or your classroom and find ways to help someone or make them feel better. It ALL starts with being kind to YOU. Look beyond differences to appreciate the PERSON.

- Taking care of yourself is important so that you can be a part of a Wonderful World. Eating Healthy, Exercising are a great start but also reminding you how great YOU are! Take a moment each morning this week. **Example:** Hi Self, you sure did a great job being kind by saying hello to everyone you passed today. That is great!”
- Make a Kindness Circle in class. Toss a ball, if you hold the ball, share a nice trait you have and one the person on your left has.
- Do a Random Act of Kindness – open the door for someone – kindness doesn’t cost money.
- Give a Helping Hand. Set the table or clean afterwards at home to give someone a break!
- Join us to “Run the World” Register for Red Ribbon Run!



OCT 13-19

HEALTHY MIND/ HEALTHY BODY

Being your Best You

Be smart when you Eat, Exercise and Care for You as well as others.

- Yoga is a great way to calm your mind and stretch your body. Try the following poses: Downward Dog, Lotus Pose, Tree Pose, Child’s Pose and Forward Fold – research and try them!
- Enjoy Nutrient-Rich Snacks and refresh with a cold glass of milk. Milk contains vitamins, minerals, protein, healthy fat, and antioxidants for strong bones and a healthy diet.
- If you and your friend eat and exercise the same, you will still be very different. One may be tall and slim while the other may be more muscular looking. Both body types are great as long as you are both healthy. All our differences are what makes the world so fun!
- Get your Cardio UP! See how far you can run/walk. Get to a mile by October 25. Run with a friends or family – it’s more fun! Remember to Stretch your muscles before you run.

VISIT THE FLORIDA DAIRY FARMERS WORLD TOUR

after your run head to participate in more healthy activities and celebrate different cultures from around the world.



OCT 20-26

INVEST IN YOURSELF & IN YOUR FUTURE

Take time to learn about ourselves and other people, places, and cultures.

- Investigate your family roots. Talk to parents/grandparents about where your ancestors came from and learn family stories.
- Do a Dance off using dance moves from other countries (Ex: Salsa moves from Latin America)
- Plan a Craft Day to make a piggy bank out of a recycled milk or juice container or box. Decorate with markers or stickers.
- Save money each week so someday you can travel to the places that interest you. Create a travel poster to hang on your wall for inspiration.





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September 2025

Dear Polk County School Principal,

InnerAct Alliance is celebrating the **Annual Red Ribbon Campaign** and we appreciate Polk students, teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, and families who participate in the Red Ribbon events each year. **Red Ribbon Week** is observed annually from October 23-October 31. Our popular **Red Ribbon Run** will take place on **Saturday morning, October 25, 2025** around beautiful Lake Mirror in Lakeland.

The **Red Ribbon Run** features a **Kids Fun Run** for students in grades K-8 to run in timed grade heats and win trophies awarded for first, second, and third place in each gender and grade or run/walk with their families in untimed heats in the **Family Fun Run**. Registration for students in grades K-8 is **FREE** at www.inneractalliance.org before 10/25/25 (\$5 fee day of event); Adults pay a \$5 fee to run with their child in the Family Fun Run. All students registered prior to 10/10/25 will receive a free Run t-shirt. This popular community event includes the **Florida Dairy Farmers World Tour** vendor area for participants to enjoy healthy snacks, activities, and entertainment celebrating cultures from around the globe. Weekly challenges will also take place in a virtual format beginning in late September at InnerActAlliance.org for participants to complete fun, health-oriented activities.

Copies of the Red Ribbon brochure will be sent to P.E. Coaches to distribute to students. We have asked coaches to incorporate the challenge activities in daily P.E. classes and encourage parents to register their children for weekly online challenge activities at www.inneractalliance.org during October. Registration is free for students in grades K-8.

FYI - InnerAct Alliance also offers informative educational presentations and free prevention materials that you may use as helpful, informative resources for parents, teachers, and students. Youth classes offered are evidence-based programs designed for elementary, middle and high school students to promote a healthy drug free lifestyle and resistance skills. Adult programs are available on many topics as well.

Again, thank you for partnering with us for the **Red Ribbon Run** to support the prevention of substance abuse and bullying for youth and families. If you have any questions, please call me at InnerAct Alliance at (863) 802-0777.

Sincerely,

Angie

Angie Ellison
Executive Director
InnerAct Alliance