

The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times"

Week of January 6th, 2025

Our Mission Statement

"The mission of The Berkeley Institute, a diverse senior school with a rich heritage and tradition of excellence, is to ensure a stimulating learning environment that prepares all of its students to lead full and purposeful lives and to assume leadership roles in both the local and global communities." Revised April 2019

Marine Science Students Eat'um to Beat'um



Principal's Corner:

Happy New Year Berkeley Institute Family!

As we welcome 2025, I extend warm greetings to all our staff and students. I hope the holiday season, in its various forms, provided moments of happiness and renewal for each of you. Whether you spent time with loved ones, traveled, rested, read, or simply took a break to recharge, it was well deserved.

We also hold in our thoughts those who are missing loved ones or navigating challenges. May this year bring strength, comfort, and hope to all of you.

As a reminder, please note that I will be on Personal Leave until January 8, 2025, and will return to campus on January 9, 2025. Deputy Symonds (tsymonds@berkeley.bm) will be Acting Principal in my absence. Please be sure to connect with her if you need any assistance during this time.

As part of our Welcome Back to the New Year, I would like for each of you to send me via email at least one holiday picture either of yourself, family, friends, food, pets, decorations, table settings, traditions, etc. that will be included in our **5th Annual Berkeley Holiday Montage**. Thank you in advance for sending your beautiful photos...so exciting! Even if you did not celebrate Christmas, a picture of you on your vacation would be so appreciated. Don't be shy...this initiative will help us to continue to get to know each other even better as we share a special piece of ourselves with one another. I look forward to your participation, as the 'Montage' will be shown at our upcoming Staff Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025!

Now, as we return to campus, it is time to refocus and reenergize for a successful second term. Most importantly, **Mid-term Examinations** are fast approaching, and I encourage everyone to approach the next few weeks with preparation and commitment. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Lest we forget, a heartfelt thank you to everyone for making the last days of term so memorable, including the events put on by our Student Council (Door Decoration winners will be announced soon)! Further, our Charity Walk was a wonderful success. After the walk, we returned to campus to dance to the fantastic tunes played by Mr. Purvey, and many enjoyed a movie in the Cafetorium after Principal Douglas provided a free lunch for all!

Congratulations as well goes out to Dr. Lugo and her Marine Science students for their debut in the Royal Gazette as part of the lionfish initiative. Amazing!

Looking Ahead: \$3.00 School Grub Day (**Fri. Jan. 10th**) and End of Term Charity Walk pledge sheet funds are **DUE (Fri. Jan. 10th)**.

We also look forward to seeing all stakeholders at our upcoming monthly **Staff and PTSA Meetings** on **Monday, January 13, 2025** at **3:45 p.m.** and **5:30 p.m.** respectively in the Cafetorium.

Of importance, we continue to urge our students to uphold all school rules and expectations as we purposefully prepare them for next steps beyond the walls of The Berkeley Institute.

Have a great week ahead and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards,

Keisha L. Douglas

Principal



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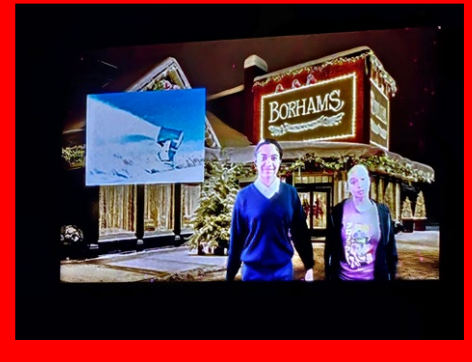
Brilliant Displays of Artistry



#DancingWithTheASDStars



#ChristmasDramaQueens



#BorhamsCommercial



#KingsOfChristmasComedy



#InstrumentalMusicians



My heart is full as I reflect on the phenomenal performances at our Winter Concert 2024. Our talented students left us in awe with their brilliant displays of artistry. From the graceful dancers to the skilled musicians playing the piano, trumpet, and viola, each performance was a testament to the talent and dedication of our students and their teachers. A special shout-out to Mr. Lovence, who, alongside Mr. Woolridge, gave an exceptional rendition of *This Christmas* on his tenor saxophone—a performance that had us screaming with joy. Kudos to our drama students for their engaging commercial and short play that kept us entertained, and bravo to our award-winning school choir, whose harmonies never fail to inspire. A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Nikia Manders and her team for their leadership in delivering such a spectacular evening! It was truly a great night of celebration and school spirit!

Principal Douglas



Around Campus: Annual Charity Walk

Oh What Fun it is to Walk for Charity



#ManyMenMarch



#WalkingOnSunshine



#WalkingHandInHand



#WalkStrongLiveLong



#IndividualStepsCollectiveImpact



#Dr.LugoOnTheGo



On Friday, December 20th 2024, staff and students of The Berkeley Institute participated in our Annual Charity Walk. Students used pledge sheets worth \$20 to raise funds to give back to our community and assist those in need. The charities will be announced in the next few days. The eastern route saw staff and students leave from parking lot across from the Aquarium, walk up Flatts Hill, and proceed to the trail through Jennings Land. The route continued along to Palmetto Road onto North Shore and over Berkeley Road hill to school. The western route saw staff and students leave Warwick Post Office, head up Khyber Pass onto the trail, exit trail near Trimmingham Hill and walk along East Broadway onto Front Street, Bermudiana Road, Par-la-Ville Road to Berkeley. After the walk everyone engaged in activities in the Lower Atrium.



Berkeley Students Eat'um to Beat'um



'Speared then Prepared': Berkeley students catch a half dozen lionfish at Cooper's Island in St. David's.



On Thursday, December 12th and Monday, December 23rd 2024, Dr. Lugo and students from her marine sciences classes engaged in a recent lion fishing training exercise overseen by the Bermuda Zoological Society. The Winter Lionfish Derby is an annual tournament that takes place during the month of January with dozens of lionfish hunters around the island combining their efforts to remove the invasive species. In 2021 a record number of 1,215 lionfish were speared in the waters surrounding Bermuda. This year 63 participants will be on a quest to join forces in order to snag between 800 and 1,000 lionfish. Dr. Lugo's marine science students caught 4 lionfish off of the coast of Cooper's island in St. David's on Thursday, December 12th 2024. On Monday, December 23rd Dr. Lugo's students speared two lionfish in the chilly waters on the rocky coastline of Cooper's Island.



On a Mission to Help Underprivileged People



SPECIAL GUESTS

DIAMOND OUTERBRIDGE

IRA THOMPSON

rgbesthealth

Bermuda Lunchbox

Ms. Outerbridge (English teacher) and Ira Thompson (S4 student) were special guests of The Royal Gazette's recent episode exploring how Bermuda Lunchbox is bridging gaps in food security, supporting local food justice efforts, and promoting sustainable practices to ensure Bermudians can access vital food resources and grow their own food. Bermuda Lunchbox was inspired by the U.N. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Social Justice Bermuda's local food resources initiative. Founded by Ms. Outerbridge and her students, who dedicated over 40 hours of research and web development, Bermuda Lunchbox launched in 2022 as an easy-to-use online platform connecting Bermudians with food and gardening resources, classes, and community events. Through their website and Instagram, Bermuda Lunchbox educates on food security, promotes home gardening, and supports local food justice efforts, with a mission to help underprivileged people access essential resources and grow their own food. Ira received a special acknowledgment for his creative design and direction. Congratulations to Ms. Outerbridge and Ira for their contributions to society that extend beyond the traditional classroom setting.

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Hours of Operation

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Student Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Student Council Corner: Christmas Activities



The Week at a Glance

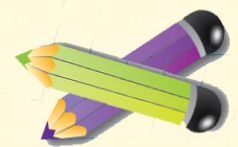
- ❖ Monday, January 6th 2024
 - Students, Teachers, and Support Staff Return to School
- ❖ Friday, January 10th 2024
 - ITL Grade Check
 - School Grub Day \$3.00
- ❖ Monday, January 13th 2024
 - Staff Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.
 - PTSA Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Friday, January 17th 2024
 - S1-S4 Community Service & Co-Curricular Checkpoint #1
 - School Grub Day \$3.00

Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. The Berkeley Institute's Board of Governors thanked Mr. Greyson for his years of service to our school.
2. Students donate cans to citizens of Bermuda who are less fortunate.
3. Ms. Woolridge is sincerely thanked by Mr. Bridgewater, Chairman of The Berkeley Board of Governors, for years of dedication to our school.



Quincy Paynter
Deputy Principal
Editor

Respite Finem! Keep the End In View!