

The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times"

Week of March 25th, 2024

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

Berkeley Athletes Dominate Inter-School Sports



Principal's Corner:

Good day Berkeley Family,

As we approach the end of term and the upcoming Easter break holiday, I want to take a moment to share some important updates and highlights from our recent successes.

Firstly, I want to remind everyone that there are just **four (4)** instructional days left until the end of term, followed by a well-deserved week off for our students and teaching staff. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday, April 8, 2024**, and in particular our students, who are reminded to report in their summer uniforms, ready to embark on the final stretch of this academic year.

Please be aware that **Principal Douglas** will be on **Personal Leave** on **Monday and Tuesday, April 8th and 9th, 2024**. Deputy **Tiannia Symonds** will be Acting Principal and can be contacted during this time in my absence (tsymonds@berkeley.bm).

Last week, we had the pleasure of celebrating the outstanding achievements of our students at the Quarter 2 Principal Honour's Luncheon. It was a testament to their hard work and perseverance, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments.

I am thrilled to announce that Team Berkeley emerged victorious at the Senior School Interschool Sports Championships, surpassing all schools, both private and public, by nearly 300 points! This incredible achievement speaks volumes about the talent, dedication, and teamwork of our student-athletes. A special commendation goes out to our PE Department for their unwavering support and commitment in ensuring our athletes were well-prepared and represented The Berkeley Institute with pride. A round of applause is also in order for our Berkeley Cheerleaders, who captivated the crowd at Nationals with their beautiful, new green cheer uniforms and brilliant gold pom-poms!

Finally, we extend our best wishes to our student-athletes who will be representing Bermuda in the upcoming Carifta Games this weekend. Your hard work and dedication have brought you this far, and we have every confidence in your ability to shine on the global stage, now representing Team Bermuda!

Our Berkeley Carifta Athletes:

Saniya Place (U17 - 100M)
Lashee Jones (U17 - 100M)
Seer Carey (U20 – 400M)
Kalila Daley (4x100m & 4x400m Relay)
J'auza James (Octathlon) - alumni

As we head into the Easter break, let us take a moment to celebrate these achievements and reflect on the strength of our Berkeley Institute community. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday, filled with joy, laughter and cherished moments with loved ones.

To our dedicated staff, I extend warm wishes for a restful and rejuvenating break ahead. I hope you find time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the holiday festivities if you celebrate. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our students' success; your dedication does not go unnoticed!

As a reminder, we have some exciting events on the horizon. **Foreign Language Week** is scheduled for this **Week!** A separate email will be sent outlining the activities for each day. In particular, there will be a special Grub Day announced for Thursday as part of the planned activities. Stay tuned! Further, we hope to see you at our **#Trending Dance Showcase** on **Wednesday, March 27, 2024** at **6:00 p.m.** Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

Furthermore, mark your calendars for **Monday, April 15, 2024**, as both our **April Staff Meeting** and **PTSA Meeting** have been rescheduled. The PTSA will also be hosting an exciting **BINGO** fundraiser at the **April 15th** Meeting, so stay tuned for more details.

Have a great short week ahead!

Looking Ahead: **S4 Fashion Show** is scheduled for **April 12th & 13th**.

Kind regards,

Keisha L. Douglas
Principal



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Respice Finem!

Luncheons Fill Pots and Light Fires



Principal Douglas welcomes everyone.

On Thursday, March 14th and March 21st, 2024, Principal Douglas hosted luncheons for students who attained Principal Honors during the Quarter 1 and 2 grading period respectively. In order for a student to achieve Principal Honor status one must have an overall average of 90% and above without any failing courses. On March 14th our S1 - S4 Principal Honor students were treated to a pie luncheon to commemorate International Pie Day. Our honorees were treated to a choice of beef, chicken, or veggie pies. On March 21st S1-S4 Principal Honor students were treated to a traditional Bermudian lunch with chicken, fish, mac & cheese, peas & rice, and salad. A commemorative green and gold cake put the icing on the dessert menu for both luncheons. Students had an opportunity to share their 'secret recipes' of success that resulted in the attainment of Principal Honor status. Our students shared that: making studying fun; avoiding procrastination; pushing beyond limitations; communicating with teachers; writing notes and flashcards; attending tutorials; self-advocacy; avoiding becoming overconfident; making sacrifices; maintaining an all-around balance; and sharing tips were the secrets to their success.



Congratulations
**PRINCIPAL'S LIST
& HONOR ROLL**



#SeeringToPrincipalHonors



#JonahAndEliasSpeak



#LadiesAtTheLuncheon



#InstaGoodCake



#Tange&ChelseaShare



#ServiceWithASmile



#PersistenceIsKey



#PrincipalDouglas'Dandies



#Lugo'sLearningLecture

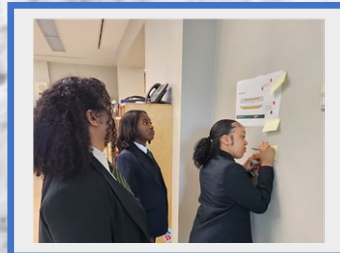
Education Reform: Case for Change and Vision for Learning



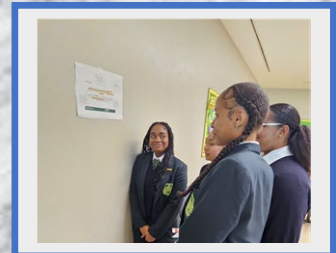
#EducationReform



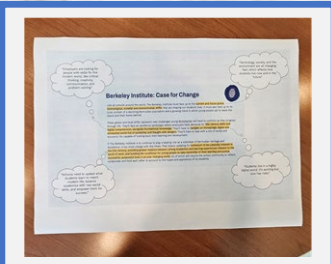
#DynamicDeputy



#ProjectBasedLearning

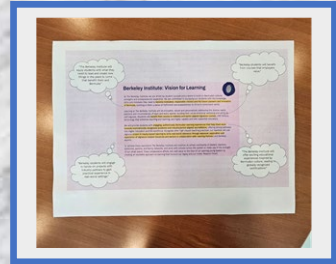


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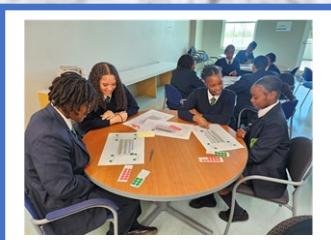


#CaseForChange

Deputy Douglas hosted a series of Signature Transformation Team workshops for stakeholders of The Berkeley Institute including our Board of Governors, administrators, staff, and students. The purpose of the workshops were to engage our relevant stakeholders around a 'Case for Change' in the educational reform of Bermuda's public school system. A major component of school transformation in Bermuda is more infusion of project based learning and structured involvement of learning partners via guest lectures, field trips and work site visits. Deputy Douglas has sent out short surveys to staff in order to determine the current status of this approach to learning at The Berkeley Institute. The STT's effort to gather data by completing this very short survey has transitioned into an activity for stakeholders whereupon participants read documents on the 'Case for Change' and 'Vision for Learning' in small groups. Participants were encouraged to stick green dots next to parts of the documents that were strongly supported. Then participants had to stick red dots next to parts of the documents that were strongly unsupported before suggesting alternatives or comments on post-it notes. The second activity was to read blueprints of statements whilst considering how well they served the 'Vision for Learning'. Participants worked in pairs to walk along a gallery of statements that were posted on the walls in the Staff Room with the purpose of sticking green dots, red dots, and/or post-it comments next to statements that were strongly supported or unsupported. Thanks Deputy Douglas for facilitating these engaging sessions.



#VisionForLearning



#FemalesInFocus



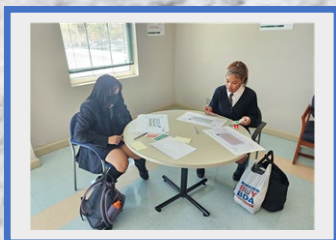
#MindfulMales



#TeamTransformation



SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION LAB
ALL STUDENTS GOT TALENT



#ChangeOfVision

Berkeley Triumphant at Inter-School Sports



GREEN & GOLD
TRACK & FIELD CLUB



The Berkeley Institute defended their Bermuda School Sports Federation Senior School Track and Field Championships in convincing fashion at the Dame Flora Duffy South Field Stadium at the National Sports Center. Berkeley were runaway winner as they collected 665 points in the win, Warwick Academy finished a distant second with 397.5 points with Saltus Grammar School rounding out the top three with 334 points. Recent CARIFTA Games qualifiers dominated the Under 16 Girls Division. Berkeley's Lashee Jones won double Gold in the 100 and 200-meter events while finishing fourth in the Long Jump. Schoolmate Kalila Daley finished in second to Jones in the 100 and 200 meters while also finishing in second in the 400 meters. The Berkeley Institute's Kyah Richardson was named Champion Boy in the Under 16 Division. Richardson was victorious in the Long Jump and finished second in the 100 meters and third in the 200 meters. Chinae Dickenson-Desilva from Berkeley earned sprinting bragging rights in the Over 16 Girls Division by winning the 100, 200, and 400 meters. Berkeley's l'Aura Golding was a double winner in the Long Jump and Triple Jump. Congratulations to our Berkeley athletes and to our PE Department staff for their combined efforts at the 2023-2024 Inter-School Sports.



Around Campus: Foreign Language Week



THE BERKELEY INSTITUTE
CELEBRATES

FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

LEARNING LANGUAGES PROMOTES FRIENDSHIPS



CELEBRATING THE PHILIPPINES AND INDIA

MONDAY, MARCH 25

WIN TRIVIA PRIZES DURING
ADVISORY!

JOIN US IN THE LIBRARY AT LUNCH
12:25 P.M. - 1:05 P.M.

FOR LANGUAGE 101 SESSIONS



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LEARNING LANGUAGES PROMOTES FRIENDSHIPS



CELEBRATING FRANCE AND SPAIN

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

JOIN US IN THE COURTYARD AT LUNCH -
1:10 P.M. - 1:55 P.M.

FOR

LANGUAGE OLYMPICS

MUSICAL CHAIRS,
DOMINOES
RELAYS
JUMP ROPE
Q&A
MUSIC & MORE



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FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

LEARNING LANGUAGES PROMOTES FRIENDSHIPS

Celebrating
Portugal



the Dominican Republic



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

JOIN US IN THE COURTYARD AT LUNCH
1:10 P.M. - 1:55 P.M.

FOR:

FOOD TASTING & MUSIC!



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FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

LEARNING LANGUAGES PROMOTES FRIENDSHIPS

CELEBRATING BERMUDA, THE CARIBBEAN AND AFRICA



THURSDAY, MARCH 28

JOIN US IN THE COURTYARD DURING
LUNCH & ADVISORY
1:15 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

FOR:

THE CULTURAL FAIR

The Berkeley Institute

Hours of Operation

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The Week at a Glance

- ❖ Monday, 25th March, 2024
 - Foreign Language Week
- ❖ Wednesday, 27th March, 2024
 - Dance Concert “#Trending” @ 6:00 p.m. in the Cafetorium
- ❖ Thursday, 28th March, 2024
 - Last Day for Field Trips
 - Last Day of School Term
- ❖ Friday, 29th March, 2024
 - Public Holiday – Good Friday

Berkeley Trio Engage in 2024 Human Rights Conference



On Thursday, March 21st 2024, The Berkeley Institute trio Lia Smith, Elias Baia, and Mikale Willis presented and represented our school at the 2024 Human Rights Conference held at Pier Six. The trio presented their group ideas on the conference at the time mark of 4:47:10. A link to a livestream address is attached below:

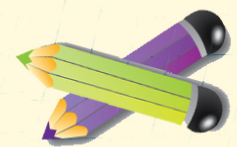
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Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. Coach Todd inspires Berkeley's varsity boys' basketball team to a victory over Warwick Academy's Bears.
2. Ms. DeShield prepared Berkeley's cheer team for the annual Inter-School Sports.
3. Fantastic Five: athletes take a break from the competition to pose for a picture.



Quincy Paynter
Deputy Principal
Editor

Respite Finem! Keep the End In View!