

# The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times"

## Week of February 26<sup>th</sup> 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*

### Year Level Prefects Present Vision Boards



## Principal's Corner:

Good day Berkeley Family,

We welcome staff and students back to campus, as we embrace a magnificent Monday and a great school week ahead!

As you may be aware, The Board of Governors and Administration of The Berkeley Institute are aware of allegations of inappropriate activity during a recent school-related trip overseas, and these allegations are being investigated and dealt with in accordance with the School's policies, procedures and the Code of Conduct. The School will not share any further details of these incidents.

With a new week upon us, we are thrilled to announce that it is Spirit Week! This week presents us with the perfect opportunity to come together, showcase our creativity, and celebrate our school's vibrant spirit. Let's dive into the fun-filled activities and **FREE** dress-up days with enthusiasm, spreading excitement and positivity throughout our hallowed halls. Please adhere to the themes shared by our Student Council (see flyer attached).

This is a gentle reminder that **Mid-Quarter 3** grades are due this **Friday, March 1, 2024**. It is our hope that students stay focused and diligent in their academic pursuits, striving for excellence in all that they do.

We look forward to seeing all stakeholders at our upcoming monthly **PTSA Meeting** scheduled for **Monday, March 4, 2024** at **5:30 p.m.** We will host year-level breakout sessions.

Additionally, we are gearing up to celebrate **International Women's Day** on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, a day dedicated to honouring the achievements and contributions of women worldwide. We will take this opportunity to recognize and reaffirm our Berkeley 'Women of the Future'. More details are forthcoming.

Looking further ahead, mark your calendars for our **Annual Sports Days** on **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, where our Green and Gold Houses will compete in friendly, yet spirited competition. Parents your presence and support is welcomed!

In closing, I want to offer a word of encouragement to each member of our school community. Remember that challenges are temporary, but the strength we gain from overcoming them is lasting. Together, we are capable of achieving greatness, guided by our shared values and commitment to student success today and for their futures ahead.

Here's to a fantastic week filled with spirit, dedication and academic success!

Visions of the Future Amidst Memories of the Past



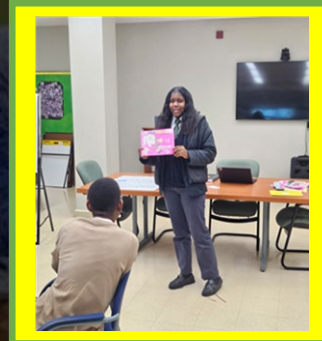
#MarvelousMikale



#PowerfulPreston



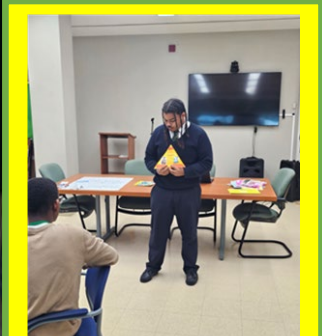
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#MagnificantMaali



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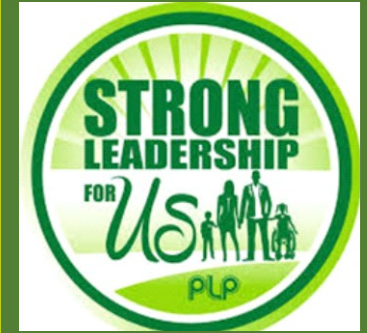
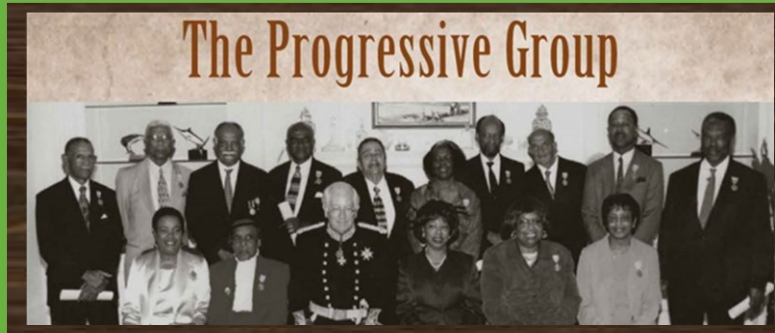


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WITH A  
Vision Board



# Berkeley Students Participate in Marking 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Progressive Group



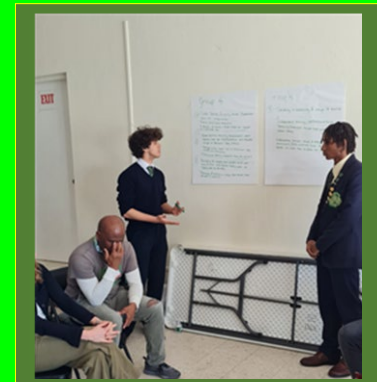
#HistoricSession



Students of The Berkeley Institute were invited to a gathering at the Bermuda Industrial Union headquarters which commemorated the Progressive Group and its historic meeting on February 8, 1959 at Town Hill in Flatts. Mr. Glenn Fubler, of the community group Imagine Bermuda, described the meeting as an “interactive gathering”. He opened the gathering with the recognition of three Progressive Group members: Izola Harvey, Florenz Maxwell, and Erskine Simmons. Participants engaged in a round robin of workshops aimed at drawing lessons that could bring about a move towards “a better Bermuda”. The theme of the gathering was “always learning”. Some of the discussions included members of Citizens Uprooting Racism in Bermuda while the guests included: six students from The Berkeley Institute; representatives of the faith, charity and arts communities; and union officials and directors of several government departments. The Progressive Group’s historic secret session led to a peaceful boycott of segregated theatres in June 1959. The boycotts achieved their goal in only two weeks, with cinemas, hotels, and other institutions opening their doors with segregation removed. Congratulations to Mr. Glenn Fubler for commemorating the anniversary of a landmark secret meeting of activists that led to the ending of racial segregation in Bermuda. On the behalf of the entire Berkeley family, I salute Mr. Fubler for facilitating the workshops and for carrying the theme “always learning” into weekend events at the Elliot Primary School and Christ Church in Devonshire.



#MeetingOfTheMinds



# Staff Sharpen Tools with PD Sessions



**Berkeley Family:** staff get together for a picture before the start of workshops.



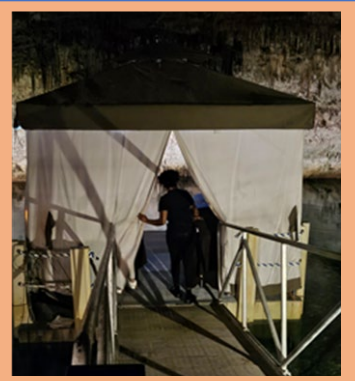
#HennaTattoo



#SingleRose



On Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2024, Mrs. Keisha Allen-Smith, Director of Staff Development, offered five dynamic professional development sessions for staff to choose from. Dr. Cherita Raynor and Ms. Risha Sookoo of the Mid-Atlantic Wellness Institute facilitated a workshop for staff entitled, "Mental Health First Aid Training" in the staff room. Ms. Rhonda Rawlins, Physical Education teacher, facilitated First Aid and CPR Training for staff in room A413. Dr. Beckles-Clarke, Dean of Discipline, hosted a Restorative Practices Workshop in room B507. A BTEC working session was held in meeting room C337. The session was facilitated by Mrs. Allen-Smith and Mrs. Telford. The final workshop offering was School Transformation Team working sessions held at The CedarBridge Academy on Monday and at The Berkeley Institute on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2024. On the behalf of our entire staff, I wish to thank Mrs. Allen-Smith and the hosts for facilitating workshops.



# Around Campus: Professional Development

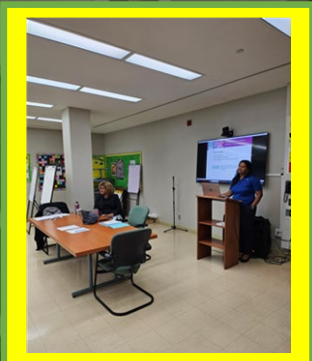
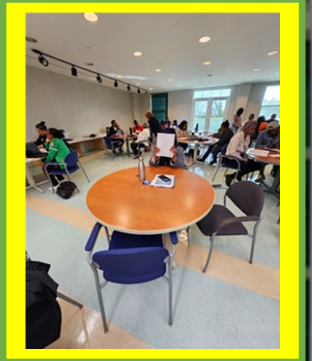


On Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 2024, the staff engaged in a 'Staff Wellness Day' at the Grotto Bay Beach Resort. Faculty members participated in a Staff Wellness Walk of Coney Island. After the walk staff registered for one of the following wellness sessions: Waist Beading; Sip and Paint; Tennis/Pickleball; Crystal Caves Tour; and a Retreat, Release, Restore Holistic Healing Session. On behalf of the entire Berkeley staff, I wish to sincerely thank the following practitioners for facilitating the aforementioned wellness activities: Mrs. Zulema Bean, Ms. Tenisha Dill, Ms. Rhonda Rawlins, Ms. Tamala Dickinson, and Mr. Brian Purvey. I wish to take this opportunity to send tokens of appreciation to the staff at the Grotto Bay Beach Resort for catering to our staff's needs.

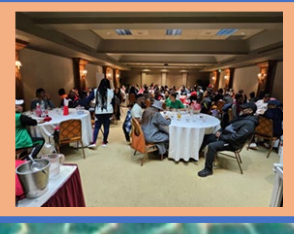
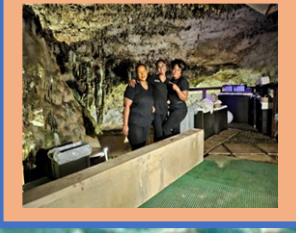
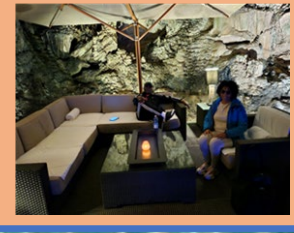
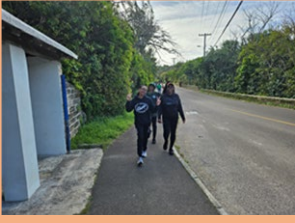


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# The Berkeley Institute

## Hours of Operation

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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## The Week at a Glance

- ❖ Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2024
  - Student Council Spirit Week
  - Movie Monday
- ❖ Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 2024
  - Twin Tuesday
- ❖ Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2024
  - Weird & Wonderful Accessories Wednesday
- ❖ Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> 2024
  - Throwback Thursday
- ❖ Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024
  - Freaky Friday
  - Mid-Quarter 3 Grades Due

## STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS....

# SPIRIT WEEK

Feb 26 - Mar 1

MON

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### Movie Monday

Come dressed as your favorite character from a TV Show or Movie.

TUES

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### Twin Tuesday

Come dressed in identical or relatively similar clothes with a friend.

WED

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### Weird & Wonderful Accessories Wednesday

Students wear oversized sunglasses, goofy hats, or quirky jewelry, stockings, gloves – any type of accessory that compliments their grub attire  
**ALSO ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK DAY**

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### Throwback Thursday

A classic, come dressed in clothes from your favorite past era.

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### Freaky Friday

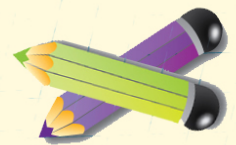
Students dress as the Teachers, and Teachers come dressed as the Students!

## Berkeley Pictures of the Week



### From left to right:

1. Mr. Frederick and his GCSE Geography students take a picture while on a field trip.
2. Principal Douglas takes a picture with S1 Principal Honor Students during the S1 honor roll assembly.
3. Mr. Gavin Smith takes a picture with our students at the B.I.U. Headquarters.



Quincy Paynter  
Deputy Principal  
Editor

## Respite Finem! Keep the End In View!