

The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times"

Week of February 5th, 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's Annual Cross Country



Principal's Corner:

Good day Berkeley Family,

We embrace another magnificent Monday! It is my hope that you enjoyed the weekend and that you are looking forward to a wonderful week ahead.

We celebrate our P.E. Department and our students for a spectacular Cross Country last week. We were able to push through with the weather holding up just in time for our event. We did however, have a few students who altered the original route and were disqualified. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, congratulations again to all student participants who ran a great race.

Semester 2 begins today- Monday, February 5, 2024. Students will begin new semester courses and we wish them all the best for the new quarter.

Here are our dates for Quarter 2 Honour Roll Assemblies:

S1- Tuesday, February 6th at 11:45 a.m.

S2- Tuesday, February 20th at 11:45 a.m.

S3- Monday, February 19th at 10:10 a.m.

S4- Thursday, February 22nd at 11:45 a.m.

Participating students will receive invitations by hand. All Honour Roll Assemblies will take place in- person in the Cafetorium.

For ease of reference, here is the guide for grades and honour roll using our new GPA calculations;

Grades:	A = 4.0	C = 2.0
	A- = 3.67	C- = 1.67
	B+ = 3.3	D+ = 1.33
	B = 3.0	D = 1.0
	B- = 2.67	D- = 0.67
	C+ = 2.33	F = 0

Honour Roll:

Principal Honours- GPA of **3.8 and above**

High Honours- GPA between **3.4 and 3.79**

Honours- GPA between **3.0 and 3.39**

Academic Merit- GPA between **2.67 and 2.99**

Parents and guardians, we welcome your presence and support as we gear up to celebrate our Quarter 2 honour roll students.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Student Council's **Winter Formal** because only a handful of tickets were sold. We are looking to push to have many more students participate by purchasing tickets ahead of the new date, which is now **Saturday, March 9, 2024**. Students, we encourage you to purchase your tickets now! Please support your Student Council!

Parents and guardians, staff and students, we look forward to seeing you at our **PTSA Meeting** this evening- **Monday, February 5, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Cafetorium. As always, we will have our 'Just for Coming Raffles' and students and staff will enjoy a **FREE Grub Day** on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**.

Have a great week!

Looking Ahead: We will be hosting a **\$3.00 school Grub Day** on **Friday, February 9, 2024**. School will be **CLOSED** for **Mid-Term break** for students from **February 12th to 16th, 2024**. Teachers will be in **Professional Development Workshops** from **February 12th to 14th, 2024**. All staff and students return to school on **Monday, February 19, 2024**.

Kind regards,

Keisha L. Douglas

Principal



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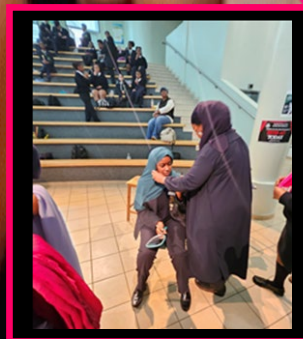
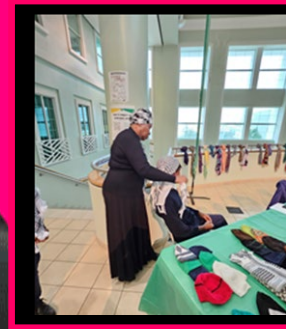
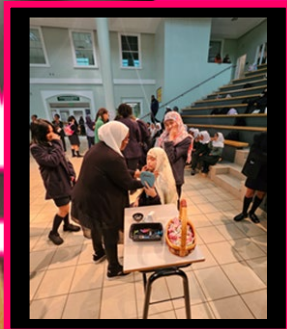
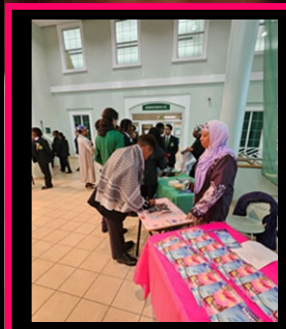
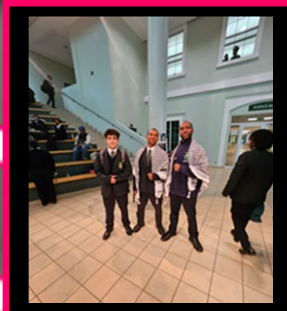
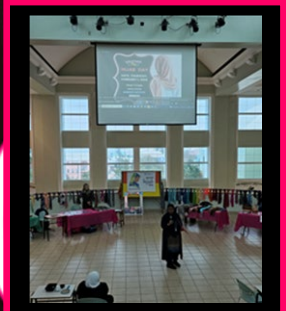
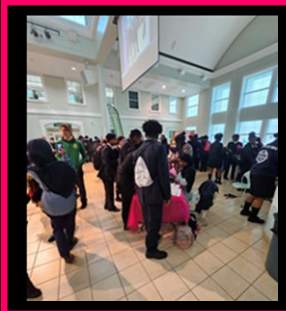
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Aspiring Leaders Receive Certifications

On Wednesday, January 31st 2024, Principal Douglas facilitated an awards ceremony in the staff room to present faculty members, who participated in the Aspiring Leadership Institute 2023, with certificates of partaking. The course outline exposed staff members to six leadership workshops that were facilitated by four seasoned professionals in education. Principal Douglas conducted the first two workshops entitled, “What is Leadership?” and “Leadership vs. Management”. The Commissioner of Education, Mrs. Kalmar Richards, hosted the third working session entitled, “Managing Conflict & Having Hard Conversations”. Mrs. Garita Coddington, Senior Manager of Learning & Development at KPMG, shared how to “Motivate & Lead Others” in the fourth awe inspiring workshop. The fifth workshop was entitled, “Managing Change” that was conducted by Principal Douglas. The final session of the course was entitled, “Technology in Leadership” which was facilitated by Deputy Douglas. Cheers to all of our staff members who completed the course.



Berkeley Students Embrace World Hijab Day



On Thursday, February 1st 2024, Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Elamin-Steede, facilitated the recognition of World Hijab Day during the lunch period in the Upper Atrium of The Berkeley Institute. World Hijab Day is an annual event founded by Nazma Khan in 2013, taking place on 1 February each year in 140 countries worldwide. Its stated purpose is to encourage women of all religions and backgrounds to wear and experience the hijab for a day and to educate and spread awareness on why hijab is worn. Students learned of the historical significance of World Hijab Day from Mrs. Elamin-Steede who hosted the event. Pupils of the Muhammad Mosque were invited to share in appreciation of World Hijab Day. Our female and male students relished the opportunity to put on hijabs and taqiyahs. Mrs. Elamin-Steede, we thank you for educating our students on why hijabs are worn.

#Hijabs&Taqiyahs

#SharingIsCaring

Berkeley Shorts: Ski Trip Pot Luck, Science Field Trip & MILE Program



Ski Trip Pot Luck

Science Field Trip

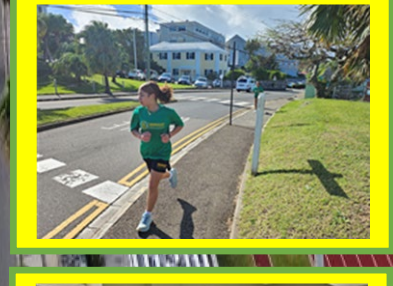
MILE Program

On Friday, January 26th 2024, Ms. Key-Holmes, the Ski Trip committee, and traveling S4 students combined their efforts to host a Pot Luck in the Cafeteria of The Berkeley Institute from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Students prepared and served: fried wahoo, BBQ chicken, scalloped potatoes, Spanish rice, mac & cheese, peas & rice, mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, and assorted desserts. Special thanks to Rosas, Deputy Symonds, Ms. Simmons, Ms. Waldron, Mr. Greaves, and Mr. Ball for facilitating the fund raiser. The Ski Trip takes place this week Friday so we wish them a safe journey.

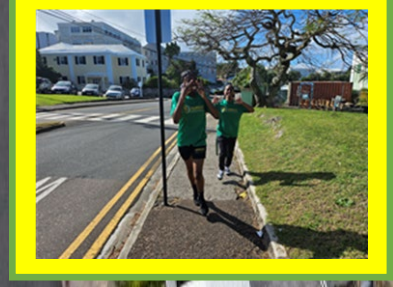
On Wednesday, January 31st 2024, Mrs. Hyacinth-Logies' Science in Medicine students toured the pathology lab and blood donor center at KEMH. Students had an opportunity to observe blood being taken from a volunteer and saw the process of separating blood into its component part in a centrifuge. Students learned blood and urine analysis for microorganisms. Lastly, students attained insight on how cytology and histology are critical processes for cancer screenings and other diagnosis. Thank you to Ms. Rachael Robinson, Learning and Talent Development Advisor; Ms. Asia Ming-Raynor, Manager, HR Programs and Ms. Kathy Stevens, Lab Manager and all laboratory staff for accommodating the tour.

On Thursday, February 1st 2024, Mr. Anthony Ball, Educational Therapist at The Berkeley Institute, invited Mr. Lance Tucker to speak to our young men in the MILE program about how art played a significant role in his recovery from drug addiction. Mr. Tucker shared personal testimonies of his addiction to drugs. He revealed how a relationship with God and art played a significant role in his redemption. Thank you to Mr. Lance Tucker for sharing his journey with our young men.

Run as One, Finish as a Family



On Tuesday, January 30th 2024, The Berkeley Institute's PE Department hosted its annual Cross Country. The event commenced with **Green House** versus **Gold House** rallies on the school field before our students took the streets for a cross country race to earn points for their houses. The S1 girls' race was won by Azari Jones while Kelise Wade and Kalila Daley finished second and third respectively. The S1 boys' race was won by Maximus Lightbourne. Cyre Trott placed second while Joshua Smith finished third in the race. The S2 girls' race was won by Keyande Lightbourne while Kenya Robinson and Hailey Trott finished second and third respectively. In the S2 boys' race Patrick Dill finished first while Musa Abdul-Jabbar and Joshua Watson finished second and third respectively. The S3-S4 girls' race was won by Chinae Dickenson-DeSilva while Chiaje Rudo and Naveah Thompson-Swan finished second and third respectively. In the S3-S4 boys' race Seer Carey finished first and Miguel Falcao, and Jayden Belboda-Raveneau finished second and third respectively. Congratulations to the PE Department, staff, and all of our student participants for making our annual Cross Country event successful.



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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 5th 2024
 - Staff Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.
 - P.T.S.A. Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
 - B.U.T. Spirit Week
- ❖ Tuesday, February 6th 2024
 - S1 Quarter 2 Honor Roll
- ❖ Thursday, February 8th 2024
 - Sports House Meetings
- ❖ Friday, February 9th 2024
 - School Grub Day
- ❖ Monday, February 12th 2024
 - Mid-Term Break

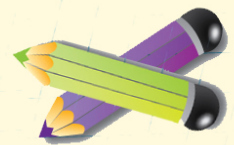
On Wednesday, January 24th, 2024, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Bermuda celebrated Mentoring Month with a special ceremony at City Hall. Ms. Giselle Outerbridge, whose Little Sister is S4 student Amiyah Anderson, received an award for being the Big Sister of the Year. Amiyah shared with the Royal Gazette newspaper in an interview, "My Big Sister is an amazing human and mentor. Her direction and insightful advice have made me a better person. I don't think I can ever thank her enough for everything she has done. Her useful advice will always remain with me. Thank you and I love you so much." There were many heart felt tears in the audience as recipients received individual and company awards. On behalf the of the entire Berkeley family, I wish to sincerely thank Mrs. Patrina O'Connor-Paynter, Managing Director of BBBS, for facility this special ceremony.

Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. Student Council members pose for a picture during the lunch period.
2. Principal Douglas takes a group photo with staff who received their certificates for completing the Aspiring Leadership Institute 2023.
3. Principal Douglas poses for a selfie with Mrs. Carrion-Minano and Ms. Holmes.



Quincy Paynter
Deputy Principal
Editor

Respite Finem! Keep the End In View!