

The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times"

Week of March 11th, 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 its students to lead full and purposeful lives and to assume leadership roles in both the local and global communities." Revised April 2019

Gold House Sparkle and Dazzle



Principal's Corner:

Good day Berkeley Family,

I hope this email finds you well and refreshed after the weekend.

As we recap the events of last week, we begin with thanking our staff, students and parents for their attendance at our PTSA year-level specific sessions on Monday, March 4, 2024. Your active participation and engagement are invaluable to our school. As always, the 'Just for Coming Raffles' remain a huge hit as well as our 'Just for Coming' Free Grub Day, which is being honoured today!

Following, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Lashonna Smith and the Student Services Department for facilitating our exceptional 2nd Annual International Women's Day celebration. The event was a resounding success, featuring the inspiring guest speaker Braea Tilford Green and centered around the theme 'Women of the Future'. Your hard work and dedication in organizing such an impactful event are truly commendable.

Additionally, I want to recognize the outstanding efforts of the P.E. Department for hosting two thrilling days of Sports. It was such a 'vibe' indeed as coined by Ms. Burchall!

Congratulations to **Gold House** for their well-deserved victory! Gold House participants, you were intent on remaining the champions and so you are! The commitment, enthusiasm and teamwork displayed by all is greatly appreciated. We were, however, disappointed with the overall participation levels across both houses at the S1 and S2 level and wholeheartedly thank those students who did step up to assist their teams. It is our hope to strategize an improved and enhanced way to get more students involved in such an important and special event for our school.

A special shout out goes to the Student Council for their efforts in organizing the Masquerade Formal held on Saturday evening. While we hoped for a larger turnout, it was heartening to see those who attended looking so beautiful and enjoying themselves. Student Council, your dedication to creating memorable experiences for our student body does not go unnoticed. See picture below of some of our staff in attendance!



As we move forward, let us shift our focus back to academics, with only **14 instructional days** left before the end of the term. It is crucial that we make the most of this time and that students remain dedicated to their studies.

Furthermore, we would like to advise everyone that our **S4 Mock Interviews** will take place this **Friday, March 15, 2024**. We encourage our S4 students to be sure that they are prepared and make the most of this valuable opportunity, where they will practice being interviewed by a host of our community partner members.

Looking ahead, we have **Foreign Language Week** approaching which is scheduled for the **Week of March 25th**. Stay tuned for more details on the exciting events planned for that week.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to the success of our recent events. Let us continue to work together to make the remainder of the term (**14 days**) a fulfilling and productive one!

Have a great week ahead!

Looking Ahead: We will be hosting a **\$3.00 school Grub Day** on **Friday, March 15, 2024**; however, S4 students **MUST** come dressed appropriately for their Mock Interviews.

Kind regards,

Keisha L. Douglas
Principal



Black History Month: “Labor of Love”

Dr. Kenneth E. Robinson: Valiant Pioneer



Dr. Kenneth Ellsworth Robinson was born at Till's Hill, Hamilton, on May 29, 1911, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Eden Lefroy Robinson. He moved to North Shore, Pembroke as a young boy growing up and showed an early interest in reading books. He also displayed a great love of music. He enjoyed listening to the North Village Band and was particularly fascinated by the tuba-player with his cheeks puffed out, blowing the enormous instrument. However, it was the flute that stole his heart as he learned to play it by making music for the Gombeyes. Many years later Dr. Robinson would serve a judge at the annual Gombey Festival.

Dr. Robinson attended The Berkeley Institute and the Excelsior Secondary School. He left Bermuda in 1931 on a Bermuda Technical Scholarship to attend University College in London, England. He returned in 1936, with an honors degree in geography. He joined the staff of The Berkeley Institute as a teacher and soon after served as principal at Sandys

Dr. Kenneth E. Robinson: B. Sc. (University College); Diploma in Ed. (Institute of Education); Master/Doctorate of Ed. (Harvard University)

“Thrust of Emergence”



Dr. Robinson and wife Rosalind, daughter Shirley and son Kenneth Jr.

Secondary School. Parents, teachers, and students all worked with the governing body to raise money to pay his own and the teachers' salaries. Dr. Robinson then taught at Victor Scott for four years then returned to Berkeley where he established the Commercial Department and an RSA center. He became president of the BUT in 1940; the founding principal of Harrington Sound School in 1945; founding principal of Francis Patton School in 1950; Supervisor of Schools in 1956; Inspector of Schools in 1960; and Chief Education Officer for the Ministry of Education in 1970.

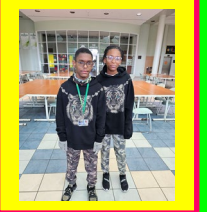


Seated L-R: D.J. Williams, Albert Jackson, Adele Tucker, Dr. Robinson, standing, and Lillian Woolridge. Bermuda Union of Teacher's banquet.

Heritage: Dr. Robinson married Miss Rosalind Taylor in 1937, and had two children; Shirley Pearman and Kenneth Robinson Jr.

Dr. Robinson's goals and objectives: Education reform, curriculum development, professional development for teachers, historical research and writing.

Berkeley Students Indulge in Spirit Week Activities



STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS....

SPRIT WEEK

Feb 26 - Mar 1

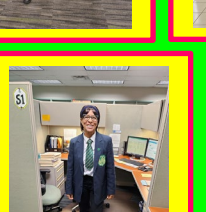
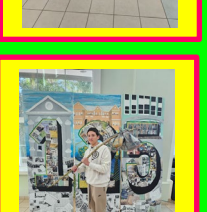
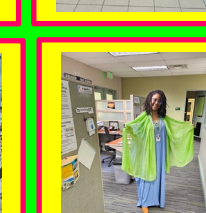
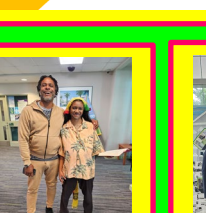
MON
26
Movie Monday
Come dressed as your favorite character from a TV Show or Movie.

TUES
27
Twin Tuesday
Come dressed in identical or relatively similar clothes with a friend.

WED
28
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

THURS
29
Throwback Thursday
A classic, come dressed in clothes from your favorite past era.

FRI
1
Freaky Friday
Students dress as the Teachers, and Teachers come dressed as the Students!



Berkeley Prefects Commemorate Teens Day

On Thursday, February 29th 2024, S4 prefects from The Berkeley Institute gathered on the lawn at City Hall for the launch of Teens Day Weekend. Our students were encouraged to take advantage of opportunities that enhance their talents. Interim President of the Bermuda College, Mrs. Branwen Smith-King, share the importance of finding a path in Bermuda by grasping opportunities. Dean Smith-King shared with the Royal Gazette newspaper, “There are so many temptations and opportunities to default and make mistakes. There is always someone to go to for help.” Minister of Youth, Social Development, and Seniors, Tinee Furbert, conveyed to our prefects that Teens Day Weekend is “an excellent opportunity to promote a nurturing and inclusive atmosphere, that appreciates the unique contributions of our teenagers and to address challenges they may face in this significant life stage.”



Claudette Colvin



Rosa Parks & MLK



David Wingate



Greta Thunberg

Minister Furbert continued, “Navigating both positive and negative aspects can be difficult. But having support is crucial, support of family, of friends, and the support of the Government.” The gathering marked the anniversary of 15 year old Claudette Colvin’s refusal to submit to segregation laws on a Montgomery bus in 1955. Claudette’s mentors, Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King, helped to secure the jailed teen’s release. Eventualities led Rosa Parks to take similar iconic actions in December 1955. Additionally, Claudette was one of four people willing to be a complainant in a year-long historic court battle which ended successfully at the U.S. Supreme Court in December 1956. The event also highlighted Mr. David Wingate who played a key role in rediscovering the cahow years after being shunned as a nerd as a teen. Swedish teenager, Greta Thunberg, was highlighted for her efforts to show that teens can impact the world.

Black History Month Celebration



The Berkeley Institute
SCHOOL
FOUNDED 1991

The Berkeley Institute
School
Presents

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
CELEBRATIONS**

Theme:
CELEBRATING.....BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024....AFRICAN
ART, BERMUDIAN ART: A PLATFORM FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

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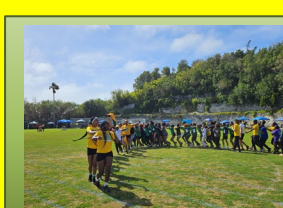
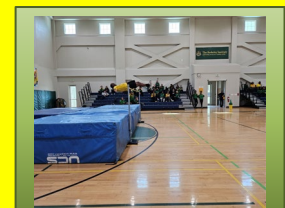
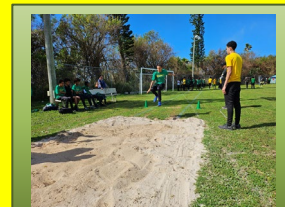
**LOCATION
CAFETERIUM**

PERFORMANCES:
Guest Artists: Bermuda Donquill Dancers
Gavin Smith (CHEWSTICK)
Singing and Dancing
Gombey/Drummers
Drama...and much more!



Around Campus: Sports Day 1 & Day 2

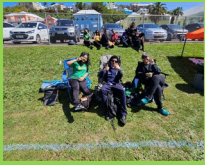
All That Glitters is Gold



Around Campus: Sports Day 2 & Sports Awards



GREEN OR GOLD



The Berkeley Institute

Hours of Operation

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The Week at a Glance

- ❖ Monday, March 11th 2024
 - ITL Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.
- ❖ Wednesday, March 13th 2024
 - Academic Intervention Meetings
- ❖ Thursday, 14th March 2024
 - Principal Honor Student Luncheon
- ❖ Friday, 15th March, 2024
 - Mock Interviews

Mallory Wins Rugby Female Youth Player of the Year Award



Jordan Mallory, S3 student at The Berkeley Institute, who plays rugby for Teachers, won the female young player of the year award. Ms. Mallory is a product of the BRFU's Beyond Rugby initiative that operates in unison with our school. Jordan shared with the Royal Gazette newspaper, "I just appreciate getting to win this award because I've never won it before. There is no rugby at my school and I got involved in the sport through the Beyond Rugby programme. I'm not playing any sports at school as I really enjoy playing rugby. I've played contact rugby for the Bermuda women's sevens team."

Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. Principal Douglas and her mother, Ms. Ming, enjoy watching the runners at Sports.
2. Hailey Trott pretends to be Mrs. Davis during "Freaky Friday" of Spirit Week.
3. Mrs. Stroble, Ms. Simmons, and Principal Douglas take a selfie during Sports.



Respice Finem! Keep the End In View!

Quincy Paynter
Deputy Principal
Editor