

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, in 1959, founding fathers Dr. Ralph C. Aye and Dr. Collin Baker envisioned a school with a strong liberal arts curriculum grounded in moral instruction whereby students could learn from impassioned and inspiring teachers; and

WHEREAS, a committee was formed to bring a private secondary school to the Tampa Bay area, and they named the new school "The Episcopal Academy of Tampa," and set the curriculum to be primarily college preparatory, with an emphasis on Liberal Arts and a balance of religious instruction and athletics; and

WHEREAS, the name of the school was changed to Berkeley Preparatory School in honor of scholar and philanthropist Bishop George Berkeley, and opened its doors for the first day of school on September 9, 1961 at St. Andrews Parish House on Plant Avenue, relocating in 1962 to the former Davis Island Hotel on Biscayne Boulevard until 1979, when the new site on Kelly Road became home; and

WHEREAS, Edgar T. McCleary, the school's first headmaster, was known for inspiring students and teachers alike, and he and the founding trustees set the goals and ruling principles, and established the Berkeley method of nurturing students' intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and physical development, and through their dedication and commitment, along with parents, teachers, community leaders, and the Berkeley Parents' Club, the school has been one of the most prestigious educational centers in the Tampa Bay area, and has proud alumni of over 3,300 men and women; and

WHEREAS, along with a balanced curriculum of academics, arts, clubs, activities, and competitive sports, 100% of Berkeley students participate in various community initiatives throughout the year, giving them the opportunity to learn how to be a good citizens, unleashing leadership qualities, and stirring the student's passion to contribute to their world; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of their 50th Anniversary, Berkeley's vision statement, *"Berkeley puts people in the world who make a difference"* will be demonstrated on September 9, 2011 as over 1,000 students and alumni hold a "Day of Service" and carry on the tradition of community service by spending the day volunteering with various organizations and projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2011 as

"BERKELEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, in honor of their 50th year in Tampa and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating them on this milestone, and thanking them for their continued commitment to education and the Tampa Bay community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9th day of September, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor