## The Long Haul for the Long Game

Our school is different. We teach with an intentional deeper and stronger purpose, requiring our scholars to work a little harder, to learn about making difficult decisions, to hear words like "persevere" from our exceptional educators. Case in point, let me add just a little background: The countdown period through these last weeks of school for our Acorns requires something more. While they are navigating throughout our island learning and following their curriculum with their teachers every day, vacationers are all around them biking, jogging, playing in the pool, and having fun. Remember, this island is our scholars' classroom. Our students

their summers now, and their minds immediately jump into a quandary called "When is it going to be my turn?"

They are wondering why they are not enjoying their summer vacation out and about with family and friends just casually and just because.



As mature grown-ups we can understand it takes a different muscle to go to school in a place others call Paradise, where more than 600,000 individuals choose to vacation from all over the world every year. So, during the countdown period through these last weeks of school our educators, in full support of our school families, are providing our scholars with other types of skill sets to allow them to dig deeper and go the extra mile. These very real (and very important) skill sets will take these children further in life. Don't get me wrong: We are not the only school out there that has a curriculum that continues into June. There are others that go through the middle of the month. But, our way is to align curriculum with mindfulness and a little wisdom, because we are committed to doing things that will make the next generation stronger.

My request, dear community, is this: While you are out and about, if you see our Acorns doing what they do best-learning and growing STRONG the BHI way, give them a high five and show them you are BHI Proud! They are growing new muscles and persevering in their own individual ways. We believe these are the life skills that will take them through what we know matters in their futures.

It takes this Village.



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