



The Gallman Gator Gazette

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Promoting Students. Building Community. Instilling Pride.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 4

International Walk to School Day
(We will walk AT school on this day)

Thursday, October 5

Dental Van at GES

Week of October 9

National Fire Safety Week
National School Lunch Week

Tuesday, October 10

PTA Fundraiser Due
Club Day

Tuesday, October 17

Muffins for Moms 7:15-7:45 am
PTA Meeting at 6:00 pm

Friday, October 20

Fun Friday for Students
End of 1st Nine Weeks

Week of October 23

Our School Has S.W.A.G.
Red Ribbon Week

Monday, October 23

Team Day

Tuesday, October 24

Tacky Day

Wednesday, October 25

Pajama Day

Thursday, October 26

Neon & Sunglasses Day
Parent Conferences (3-7pm)

Friday, October 27

Parent Conferences
No School for Students

Monday, October 30

1st Grade to Pumpkin Patch

A Note from our Principal, Mrs. Hunter

As we enter into the fall season, we notice changes—leaves turning colors, mornings being a little cooler, and the days shortening; making me think of our school. Our students are growing physically and academically. Many seem a little more confident than they were two months ago. The enthusiasm for learning is oozing from our students, teachers, support staff, and administration. We continue to encourage them to make good choices. It is our goal that they realize that those decisions will determine their destiny. As we promote our students to be leaders of Gallman, Newberry, South Carolina, and our country, we ask that our parents and community continue to work with us to instill a sense of pride of not only GES, but in themselves—so they can be proud and realize they are destined for greatness.

Red Ribbon Week

Gallman Elementary has

Students

Who

Achieve

Goals

We will celebrate our school having **Students Who Achieve Goals** to be drug free during Red Ribbon Week. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to dress according to the theme for each day during the week of October 23-26.

Monday, October 23

Team Up Against Drugs and Bullying!

Wear your favorite team attire

Tuesday, October 24

Drugs and Bullying are Tacky!

Dress tacky

Wednesday, October 25

Follow Your Dreams!

Don't be a Bully or Do Drugs!

Wear your Pajamas

Thursday, October 26

We Are Too Bright for Drugs and Bullying!

Wear Neon Colors and Sunglasses

"Atención familias Hispanas: Si usted necesita traducción de este informativo, por favor comuníquese con el Sr. Nunez al teléfono 803-271-2256."

PTA Fundraiser

Our PTA Fundraiser kicked off on Tuesday, September 26. Our PTA works very hard to support our students and teachers, so we are asking you to help them by participating in the fundraiser. The envelope and money are due on Tuesday, October 10.

Muffins for Moms

We will have Muffins for Moms on Tuesday, October 17. Moms are invited to come have breakfast between 7:15 and 7:45 am. Moms and students should report directly to the cafeteria.

Behavior Number System

Our behavior number system that is used in classrooms focuses on students making good decisions and being responsible for their actions. If your child receives a 4 or higher for the day, then this is considered a good day! The connection from school to home is important, so we are asking for you to praise your child if they get a 4 or higher for the day. Students rarely get a 7 because that means they have done something extraordinary that day. Thank you for working with us as we continue to acknowledge and encourage positive behavior. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Gator Pride Points

Our Gallman Gators have been working hard to earn Gator Pride Points! Gator Pride Points are used to encourage students to display appropriate behaviors throughout the day. Students have the opportunity to redeem their Gator Pride Points at our Gator Gift Shop, or they can save their points for bigger rewards, such as 'renting' the principal's chair for the day. Make sure you ask your child if they have received any Gator Pride Points recently!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held during the evening of Thursday, October 26 and during the morning of Friday, October 27. A letter for scheduling a conference will come home on Wednesday, October 18. Note that students will not be on school on Friday, October 27 because of conferences.

Changes in Address/Phone

Please contact the office immediately if there are changes in your home address (must submit proof of residency), any phone numbers, or emergency contacts.

Snacks and Treats at School

Many students suffer with various food allergies. To protect all of our students, we ask that you avoid sending snacks that contain nuts or peanut butter. All foods must come prepackaged in order to be shared with other students. This would include birthday celebrations and class parties. We appreciate your support with this.

Lunch Times

Grade level lunch times are below. We welcome you to come eat with your child. The adult lunch price is \$3.70. If you are eating with your child, please bring cash (nothing over a \$20 bill).

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| Pre-K | 10:30 | 4th Grade | 12:15 |
| Kindergarten | 11:15 | 5th Grade | 11:40 |
| 1st Grade | 10:45 | Primary Montessori | 11:15 |
| 2nd Grade | 10:55 | Lower Montessori | 11:20 |
| 3rd Grade | 11:45 | Upper Montessori | 12:10 |

Please note: there is a different lunch schedule on Early Release Day, Club Day, and Fun Friday

After School Care

If you are looking for after school care for your child (ren), we encourage you to consider the Be Great Academy Afterschool Program. Flyers will be coming home with your child soon. Students enjoy having a snack, doing homework, planned activities, board games and computer time. Please contact Ms. Jane Pitts (jpitts@newberry.k12.sc.us) if you have questions!

Transportation

Please communicate in writing to your child's teacher if their mode of transportation will change for any reason.

Visitors

For the protection of our staff and students, all visitors and volunteers must check-in and check-out at the office. While in the building all visitors and volunteers must wear a visitor's sticker from the office. Visitors and volunteers in the building or on the playground will be asked to go to the office for a sticker if one is not visible. Everyone must have a valid state issued ID to sign-in and sign out students.