

## The Gallman Gator Gazette September 2017

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Promoting Students. Building Community. Instilling Pride.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday, September 4 No School—Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 5** Independence Day for Car Riders

**Thursday, September 7** Hispanic Information Night; 6:00 pm (dinner served)

Monday, September 11 Games with Grands (PreK-2 Grades)

**Tuesday, September 12** Games with Grands (3-5 Grades & Montessori) Boy Scouts Interest Meeting; 6:00 pm in Multipurpose Room

Monday, September 18 Interim Reports Issued

Friday, September 22 Fun Friday (different lunch schedule)

Monday, September 25 Make-Up Pictures

Wednesday, September 27 Early Release Day (dismissal at 12:15 -different lunch schedule)



## A Note from our Principal, Mrs. Hunter

The beginning of our school year has been off to a great start! Students are coming into classrooms well-behaved, ready to learn, and with enthusiasm that has been contagious. We really want to thank all of our parents, grandparents, family, and friends for encouraging students to follow our school's expectations. Our slogan is "Promoting Students. Building Community. Instilling Pride." The Gator Pride Points will be a system that will continue to help us improve in those three areas. Please continue to encourage students to think about what they do and say, make good choices, and always assume responsibility for their actions. That's what Gallman Gators do!

# Independence Day

Beginning on Tuesday, September 5, we want to encourage all Gallman Gators to walk themselves to class from the car line. We are constantly working on building independence and leadership in all of our Gators! There are faculty and staff members on duty on every hall to assist students if they need.



## Monday, September 11: PreK-2nd Grades Tuesday, September 12: 3rd-5th Grades & Montessori

If you have children in multiple grade levels, pick the day that works best for you.

Grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren for Games with Grands from 7:15-8:00 am. If you are planning on attending, please return the yellow sheet to your child's teacher (only turn in one form per family). We want to show our appreciation to grandparents for the important role they play in the life of our Gallman Gators!

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

#### 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!

#### **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.

#### **Hispanic Family Information Night**

We invite all of our Hispanic families to a school information night on Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. We will be discussing school procedures and tips on how you can help your children succeed. Please turn in the form to your child's teacher with how many will be attending.

#### 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).

Pre-K	10:30	
Kindergarten	11:15	$\cap$
1st Grade	10:45	
2nd Grade	10:55	$\mathbb{C}$
3rd Grade	11:45	
4th Grade	12:15	AND
5th Grade	11:40	A Marine B
Primary Montessori	11:15	E E
Lower Montessori	11:20	E.E.
Upper Montessori	12:10	ma

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

#### **School Pictures**

There is still time to purchase school pictures that were taken on Tuesday, August 29. If you go to www.strawbridge.net, the pictures are available for purchase through September 3. Unfortunately we can not accept money in the office for pictures—only online purchases can be made. Make-up picture day will be Monday, September 25.

#### **Transportation**

Please communicate <u>in writing</u> 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 checkout 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 is required to sign-in and sign out students and to be a volunteer.

#### From Nurse Janet

Please remember that no prescription, herbal, homeopathic, or over the counter medications with dosage outside of manufacturer's recommendations will be administered at school without a health care provider's and guardian's signature. Plan ahead and obtain the healthcare provider's signature prior to bringing the medication, as the nurse WILL NOT be able to administer the medication without it.

Please check out the informational brochure of when children need to stay home: www.scdhec.gov/health/ childteenhealth/schoolexclusion/

# I am a Gallman Gator, my goals are three: **Respect**, **Success**, **Responsibility!**