



The Gallman Gator Gazette

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Promoting Students. Building Community. Instilling Pride.

A Note from our Principal, Mrs. Hunter

The beginning of the school year is so exciting! Students with their new clothes, new shoes, new school supplies, and a heightened sense of expectation. All of us expect a great year—great behavior, great teaching, great learning, great grades, and a great school environment. To meet expectations, we have to teach expectations. When students know what to expect, they will rise to the occasion. I am asking that you go over what you expect daily—*listen to all adults in our school, try to stay focused, be kind to others who are your friends and who may not be your friends, and work hard even when you may not feel like it.* If those expectations are shared with students daily, this is not only going to be a great year, but a GATORIFFIC year!

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Gallman Elementary the week of September 10. This is a great opportunity for students to purchase books at a low cost! Students will be able to shop at the book fair during their library time. The book fair will be open from 3:00 pm—6:00 pm on the evening of Tuesday, September 11 if parents would like to shop with their children. Look for more information to come home about the book fair next Wednesday (September 5).

Independence Day

Beginning on Tuesday, September 4, 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, September 3

No School—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4

Independence Day for Car Riders

Thursday, September 6

Games with Grands (PreK-2 Grades)

Friday, September 7

Games with Grands (3-5 Grades & Montessori)

Monday, September 10

Scholastic Book Fair (through September 14)

Tuesday, September 11

3:00-6:00 pm—Family Shopping time at the Book Fair

Thursday, September 13

Author visit for grades 3—5

Tuesday, September 18

Hispanic Information Night; 6:00 pm (dinner served)

Thursday, September 20

Charleston Wrap school-wide fundraiser begins

Friday, September 21

Interim Reports Issued

Monday, September 24

School Improvement Council PTO Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 26

Early Release Day (students dismiss at 12:15—different lunch schedule)

Friday, September 28

Vision & Hearing Screening for all students

Fun Friday (different lunch schedule)

4th Grade Field Study to Newberry Opera House



Please make sure that any money that is sent to school is in an envelope and clearly labeled what it is for with the student's name on it.

GAMES
with **GRANDS**

Thursday, September 6: PreK-2nd Grades

Friday, September 7: 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 sheet that was sent home to your child's teacher (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!

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.

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.

Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

Our annual PTO Fundraiser will begin on Thursday, September 20 with a kick off during school! This year we will be selling Charleston Wrap which has high quality wrapping paper and kitchen/home appliances. This is an important fundraiser as our PTO begins raising money for a much needed sound system in our multipurpose room and cafeteria. If our students sell \$25,000 worth of products, then Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Dukes will have another campout at the school...they will sleep in a tent all night on the school grounds! Get ready to sell away!

Early Release Day

We will have an Early Release Day on Wednesday, September 26. On this day, students will dismiss from school at 12:15. Please make sure that you send a note to your child's teacher if transportation is different on this day.

School Pictures

There is still time to purchase school pictures that were taken on Tuesday, August 28. 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 at this point. There will be a makeup picture day and that date will be forthcoming.

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/Riser	10:25
Kindergarten	10:40
1st Grade/Shealy	11:35
2nd Grade	12:10
3rd Grade/Coleman	11:15
4th Grade	12:15
5th Grade	11:45
Primary Montessori	10:25
Lower Montessori	11:00
Upper Montessori	11:45



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

Transportation

Please communicate in writing to your child's teacher if their mode of transportation will change in the afternoon 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. This is required to sign-in and sign out students and to be a volunteer.

From Nurse Fran

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/

STAY CONNECTED...



SEPTEMBER 2018 Elementary Breakfast Menus

MONDAY

3 Labor Day Holiday
No School

TUESDAY

4 Strawberry Pop-Tart
Craisins
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

WEDNESDAY

5 Cresent Roll w/ Grape Jelly
Sliced Apple Wedges
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

THURSDAY

6 Pancake on Stick
Banana
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

FRIDAY

7 Honey Bun
Sliced Apple Wedges
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

10 Choice of Cereal Bars
Trix, Cocoa Puff, or
Cinnamon Toast Crunch
Craisins
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

11 French Toast Sticks
Raisels
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

12 Sausage Twins
Sliced Apple Wedges
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

13 Apple Frudel
Banana
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

14 Blueberry Sliced Bread
Sliced Pears
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

17 Strawberry Pop-Tart
Craisins
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

18 Chicken Biscuit
Raisins
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

19 Crescent Roll w/ Chocolate Filling
Raisels
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

20 Sausage Twins
Fresh Sliced Pears
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

21 Cinnamon Roll
Fresh Apple Wedges
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

24 Choice of Cereal Bars
Trix, Cocoa Puff, or
Cinnamon Toast Crunch
Craisins
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

25 Strawberry Splash
Mini Pancakes
Raisels
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

26 Chicken Biscuit
Raisins
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

27 French Toast Sticks
Banana
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

28 Sausage Twins
Fresh Sliced Pears
100% Fruit Juice
Milk Choice

Start Your Day Out Right with a Healthy Breakfast!

FACTS:

Did you know that a healthy school breakfast helps set you up for success in school?

Students who eat breakfast have better attention and memory. Students who participate in school breakfast show improved attendance, behavior, standardized test scores as well as decreased tardiness.

Market conditions, delivery and/or availability of food may require a change in menus.

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SEPTEMBER 2018

Elementary Lunch Menus

MONDAY

3 Labor Day Holiday
No School

10 Deluxe Chicken Sandwich
Go Big Yogurt Meal
Crispy Baked Fries
Lettuce & Tomato
Frozen Fruit Slushie
Fresh Citrus Wedges

17 Cheeseburger
Grilled Cheese
Yogurt Meal

24 Bird Dog Sandwich
Yogurt Meal
Best Baked Beans
Mini Carrots w/ Dip
Emoji Smile Potatoes
Fresh Fruit Wedges
Fruity Fruit Juice

TUESDAY

4 Cheeseburger
Yogurt Meal
Lettuce & Tomato Slice
Baked beans
Emoji Smile Potatoes
Fresh Fruit Wedges
Cool Tropics Fruit

11 Potato Bowl w/ Diced Ham & Cheese
Turkey & Cheese
Croissant
Crisp Chef Salad
Cinnamon Roll
Corn / Romaine Salad
Melon Cup / Peaches

18 Kickin Chicken Rings
Crisp Chef Salad
Divine Dinner Roll
Creamed Potatoes
Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce
Diced Pear Cup
Perfect Peaches

25 Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy
Ham & Cheese on Bun
Crisp Chef Salad
Dinner Roll
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fresh Pineapple Slices
Mixed Up Fruit Cup

WEDNESDAY

5 Corn Dog
Toasted Grilled Cheese
Crisp Chef Salad
Tater Tots
Mini Carrots w/ Dip
Sliced Peaches
Fresh Watermelon

12 Popcorn Chicken
Ham & Cheese Slider
Crisp Chef Salad
Asian Rice
Veggie Egg Roll
Green Beans
Strawberry Cup
Orange Smiles

19 Breakfast for Lunch
Scrambled Eggs, Grapes
Sausage & Biscuit
Crisp Chef Salad
Tasty Tater Rounds
Mini Carrots w/ Dip
Fruity Fruit Juice
Orange Smiles

26 Early Release
Cheese or Pepperoni
French Bread Pizza
Ham & Cheese Slider
Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce
Romaine Garden Salad
Fruity Fruit Juice
Perfect Peach Cup

THURSDAY

6 Nacho Scoops
Loaded Baked Potato w/ Breadstick
Crisp Chef Salad
Buttered Corn
Lettuce, Tomato & Salsa
Mixed Fruit/ Sliced Pears

13 Mozzarella Cheese Sticks
w/ Marinara Sauce
Cheesy Grilled Cheese
Crisp Chef Salad
Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce
Mighty Carrots w/ Dip
Plump Green Grapes
Sweet Strawberry Cup

20 Baked Spaghetti
Ham & Cheese on Bun
Crisp Chef Salad
Cinnamon Roll
Romaine Garden Salad
Buttered Corn
Fresh Pineapple Slices
Mixed Up Fruit Cup

27 Nacho Scoops
Loaded Baked Potato w/ Breadstick
Crisp Chef Salad
Buttered Corn
Terrific Black Beans
Lettuce, Tomato & Salsa
Mixed Fruit/ Sliced Pears

FRIDAY

7 Cheese or Pepperoni
Pizza Slice
Yogurt Meal
Romaine Garden Salad
Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce
Mixed Up Fruit Cup
Fruity Juice

14 Hot Dog w/ Chili
Mini Meatball Sub
Yogurt Meal
Baked Beans
Crispy Baked Fries
Mixed Up Fruit Cup
Cinnamon Apple Cobbler

21 Pulled Pork on Bun
Grilled Cheese
Go Big Yogurt Meal
Creamy Coleslaw
Sweet Potato Puffs
Mixed Up Fruit Cup
Awesome Applesauce

28 Deli Combo Sandwich
Go Big Yogurt Meal
Baked Dorito's
Lettuce & Tomato
Fresh Veggies w/ Dip
Red Strawberry Cup
Awesome Applesauce
Birthday Krispy

We are excited that our Elementary schools will be serving lunch at NO cost to our students.

Join us for a 5 Star Lunch in our Schools

A 5 Star Meal includes one choice from each Food Group. A nutritious, balanced diet for students should include whole grains, fruits, vegetables, lean meat, beans, nuts and low-fat dairy products.

Eating smart and moving more is the cornerstone of a healthy lifestyle and provides a solid foundation for children and youth to succeed in school and in life.

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