



The Sunday Stinger



Midway Elementary School



Week of September 7th

Happy Sunday! The week we have been waiting for has finally arrived. I can speak for the entire staff when I say that we are ready to see our students. Throughout this newsletter, I'll review a few things that are important to remember from last week's newsletter. This week, we begin with a day off to honor Labor Day, then all students return to school on Tuesday, September 8th. It is going to be a great first week back at Midway Elementary School!

When I say we are excited to see our students, I mean it! Boosterthon is scheduled to welcome our students with music at the main car loop, the Sign Gypsy will have a "First Day" sign at the main car loop and the small loop for Kindergarten drop-off, and teachers and staff members will be inside and outside the school greeting students and offering to help them find their classrooms. If you would like to park and take a picture of your student the first day, please park in the side parking lot where our 5th grade students will be dismissed this year. Our staff will park in the parking lot within the main car loop this year. Please remember that parents cannot walk their student into the building this year, but our staff will be happy to help guide the student to their classroom. If you are walking your Kindergarten student to their teacher's back door on the first day of school, older siblings may walk with you. We will have Midway staff members available to assist older siblings in finding their classroom.

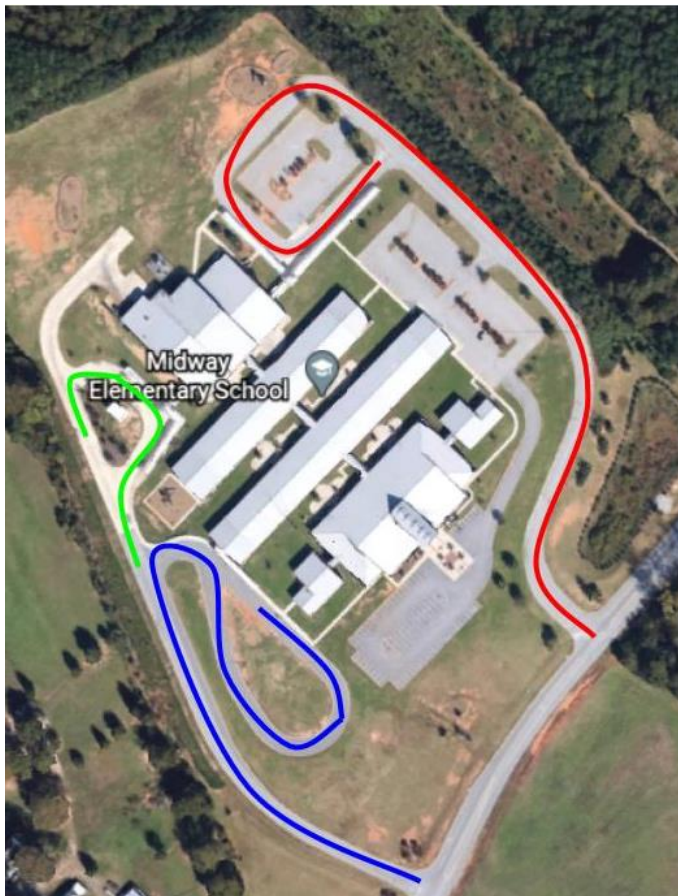
Morning Arrival

Our doors will open at 6:50 every day. The main car loop will open from 6:50-7:58 daily, and the second grade loop will open from 7:30-7:58 daily. Students arriving to school before 7:15 will report to one of three places: Learning lab students and any student eating breakfast will report to the cafeteria; Kindergarten, first and second grade students not eating breakfast will report to the auditorium; and third, fourth, and fifth grade students not eating breakfast will report to the gym. At 7:15, the teachers on duty will pick up students from their designated areas and walk them to their hallway until 7:45. At 7:45, students will begin entering the classroom. The cafeteria will be open until 7:45 for any student who would like to eat breakfast. This will allow students 15 minutes to eat their breakfast and be in the classroom by 8:00. Do

not drop off students in the office unless it is after 7:58. If you need to bring your student to the front office, an adult will need to sign them in at the office.

VERY IMPORTANT ARRIVAL INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 8TH

On the first day of school, the second grade car loop will be open for Kindergarten parents only. Anyone who does not have a Kindergarten student will need to drop students off in the main car loop on the first day of school. Kindergarten parents will be allowed to use the second grade car loop to park along the outside of the loop, not blocking the inside lane. Kindergarten parents may walk their Kindergarten student to the back door of their classroom beginning at 7:15 on the first day of school only. Midway staff will be available to assist with directing parents. Please do not park in the bus loop. Beginning on September 9, the second grade car loop will be open for anyone to drop off students beginning at 7:30. We appreciate your help in making this happen.



Red-Main Car Loop

Open at 6:50

Closes at 7:58

Blue-Second grade car loop

Opens at 7:30

Closes at 7:58

***Will not be unlocked on September 8th due to Kindergarten parent parking.**

Green-Bus loop

Buses and Learning Labs ONLY in the morning!

If you were able to meet your teacher this past Thursday, you may have picked up a yellow car tag. Please write your student's name and teacher in big letters on the car tag. This car tag needs to hang from your rear view mirror when picking up your students. For everyone else, Midway staff members will be walking all four car lines on the first day of school and passing out yellow signs. We will write your student(s) information on the car tag for you.

Afternoon Dismissal

We will begin our dismissal process at 2:20 each day. At 2:20, all bus riders and daycare students will be dismissed. Teachers will review these procedures with students on the first day of school. At 2:20, older siblings will exit their classrooms to join their younger siblings at their car dismissal locations. If a student has a sibling in a Learning Labs classroom, that sibling will join their Learning Labs sibling at the second grade loop. For example, if you have a third grade student and a kindergarten student, the third grade student will be dismissed at 2:20 to sit outside of their kindergarten sibling's classroom. The person who is picking up the car-riding students should know to go to the dismissal location of the youngest student. All teachers will monitor students in their classrooms and hallways. At 2:30, all car riders will be called to their dismissal location:

- Kindergarten students and older siblings will be dismissed from their classroom to the bus loop after buses have left.
- 1st grade students and older siblings will be dismissed from the cafeteria to the bus loop with kindergarten students.
- 2nd grade students and older siblings will be dismissed from their classroom to the second grade loop after day care buses have left.
- Learning Lab students and siblings will be dismissed from classrooms at the end of the 2nd grade hallway to the second grade loop.
- 3rd & 4th grade students and older siblings will dismiss from the auditorium to the main car loop.
- 5th grade students will dismiss from their classrooms to the side parking lot.

Attention parents picking up 3rd & 4th grade students from the main car loop

Last school year, a gentleman purchased a "First in the Car Line" pass at our Fall Festival. Due to school being cut short last year, he will still be able to use his "First in the Car Line" pass until further notice. We appreciate his generosity, and we want to be sure that he can continue using this pass since it helped our school. He will be driving a Black Chevy Trailblazer or White Toyota Highlander.

ARE YOU A VISUAL LEARNER? CHECK OUT THE DISMISSAL VIDEO HERE!



Green- Kindergarten & 1st grade pickup. Please stay behind cones until buses have left.

Blue-2nd grade and Learning Lab pickup. Please stay behind cones until day care buses have left.

Red-3rd and 4th grade pickup.

Yellow-5th grade pickup. Students will exit at the 5th grade side entrance/exit.

Be sure to check out the new additions to our [PTO's online store](#). Stationery would be a great gift for your teachers or something nice to add for your personal or professional communication. Are you interested in becoming a room parent this year? A room parent usually organizes classroom parties, communicates special events to parents, promotes special occasions such as teacher birthdays or Teacher Appreciation Week, and assists the teacher with projects. This year, the duties will be the same except no classroom parties until further notice. If you are interested in becoming the room parent for your student's class, [please complete this form](#).

During the month of September, Midway Elementary is participating in a Charleston Wrap fundraiser. Charleston Wrap is a South Carolina based company notorious for a variety of items, but they are well known for their wrapping paper. This is a very simple fundraiser that benefits students, parents, and our school. All items ordered will be shipped and will not pass through the school. The more people who order through your student's links, the more free

items you receive and the more money our school receives. Feel free to let your family and friends know that your child/children will be selling these items soon! [Check out the registration letter here.](#) This is a great way to stock up for the holidays and support our school at the same time. Check out some examples below:



We always appreciate our corporate business sponsors. We love to recognize our business sponsors through our marquee sign in the front of our school and throughout the year in the Sunday Stinger. You are showing your support of Midway Elementary to over 1,500 parents and countless people who drive by our school. If your business is interested in partnering with our school, [please complete the form here.](#)

The [Spirit Rock](#) is still available to rent this school year. It is located on the main car loop and you may rent it for two days or a week at a time. The rock can be painted to celebrate a birthday, an occasion, or recognize someone's achievement. Since dismissal is different this year, we are also making our marquee sign available so that everyone can see your student's birthday. Your student's name and birthday will appear on the front sign during the entire birthday month. If you are interested, [check out the information here.](#)

Lastly, be sure to check out our newly updated [staff page here.](#) A few of our staff members will be updated soon. Also, be sure to see our teacher's Welcome Videos located on our [Youtube Channel.](#) Please share any great photos of your students with me for our social media pages, especially the first week!

This year will be a great school year! I appreciate all you do to help make our school the best it can be. Check out our [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and Instagram pages to check out all of the great things happening at Midway or email or call me anytime at BrandonMeares@anderson5.net or 716-3800. We will continue to do things the best way...

The Midway.

Brandon Meares

Looking Ahead

September 7th-Labor Day (No School)

September 8th-First day of school; 8:00 AM

September 18th-Fall picture day (Proofs will be emailed to parents this year, then parents may order their photos online)

September 30th-Marco's Pizza Night (More information coming)

Midway Elementary School Academic Calendar



If your Virtual Academy student does not have their Chromebook, please pick them up at the Chromebook Depot located at the back of the District Office.

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