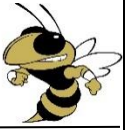




The Sunday Stinger



Midway Elementary School



Week of September 13th

This week was a great start to the 2020-2021 school year. The kids and staff are happy to be back! It took one day to adjust to our new dismissal process, but the lines have been moving smoothly since day two. I appreciate you all working hard to prepare your students for school: they are wearing their mask appropriately and following instructions about safety protocol. This week, students will begin MAP testing and we will have fall pictures on Friday.

All students will participate in MAP testing this week. The MAP test is a nationally normed test. Students will test in both reading and math. The test is designed to challenge students. For example, if students are answering questions correctly the test ask higher-level questions, and it lessens the difficulty if students are not answering correctly. At the end, students receive a score and percentile compared to students their same age. The teacher will receive data that shows student strengths and weaknesses. Teachers use this data to guide their instruction. Students will test again in December and April to show their progress for the year.

Fall pictures are this Friday (September 18). Each class has a scheduled time when their pictures will be taken. These are the photos that will be used in our yearbook. Like many other things, our picture procedures have changed as well. The photography company, Strawbridge, will email you a proof of your student's photo. They estimate the proofs will be ready in 4 weeks. You will be given options to purchase the photos online. We have changed our make-up picture day to November 17th. This will be the day that students can have their photo retaken. November 17th will also be the day that virtual students may come have their picture taken for the yearbook. Strawbridge studios has assured me that they plan to sanitize their work areas, wear face coverings, and follow school protocols in order to take our students' photos safely. The background is as shown to the right.



Be sure to check out the new additions to our [PTO's online store](#). Stationery would be a great gift for our teachers or something nice to add to 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 a 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. They have coordinating, reversible, personalized and monogrammed wrapping paper options. This is a very simple fundraiser that will benefit students, parents, and our school. All items ordered will be shipped directly to the buyers and will not pass through the school. The more people who order, the more free items you receive and the more money our school receives. Please let your friends and family know that your child is selling these items to support our school! This fundraiser will end on September 30! [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:

CharlestonWrapStore.com

Organization Code: **19696**



Our school is starting a PTO membership drive. The class in each grade level that has the highest percentage of families to join the PTO will receive an Icee Party (later in the school year) and their teacher will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card. Your student will come home with a paper form to join the PTO [that looks like this](#). You can also join by [clicking this link](#).

After the first week, here is some information and reminders from the transportation department, culinary services or me:

- Buses will not allow friends to ride home with bus riders this year. Students have an assigned seat on the bus and all requests will need to be approved through the transportation department.
- **All students will receive FREE** breakfast and lunch at school until December 31st.
- Culinary services is currently working on a way that will allow parents to order “celebration” cupcakes and/or an ice cream through their department so students may celebrate special occasions at school. More information coming soon!
- Please do your best to limit bringing forgotten items to the front office. We are not calling students to come to the office this year, so teachers are coming to the office to pick up the items during their planning periods throughout the day. The items may not get to the students in a timely manner.
- Chromebooks will begin coming home next week if they have not already come home. Our superintendent expects all students to have their Chromebook at home each night in the event that school were to close. Please help us by teaching your student(s) to take care of their Chromebooks by carrying them in their book bags each day.
- We still have a good number of parents who have not paid their school fees this year. All students must pay fees, regardless if you are face to face or virtual. Here are the links:
 - [Full Lunch Link](#)
 - [Reduced Lunch Link](#)
 - [Free Lunch Link](#)
- The Good News Club will not join us in person this year, but they are still spreading their message virtually. If you are interested in having your student(s) join the virtual Good News Club, check out their [information and registration link here](#).

I appreciate everything you do to make our school the best! Check out our [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and Instagram pages to see all of the great things happening at Midway. You can contact me anytime via email (BrandonMeares@anderson5.net) or phone (716-3800). We will continue to do things the best way...The Midway.

Brandon Meares

Looking Ahead

September 18th-Fall picture day (Online proofs and ordering)

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

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Students of the Week

Patience: The ability to wait calmly without complaining.

Teacher	Student of the Week	Teacher	Student of the Week
Mrs. Campbell	Kai Bolton	Mrs. Lewis	Aarush Patel
Mrs. Vickery	Georgia Davis	Ms. Mayfield	Cohen Blocher
Mrs. Dove	Josiah Robinson	Mrs. Kelley	Harrison Draisen
Mrs. Jones	Charlotte McShane	Mrs. Herbert	Kylie Young
Mrs. Witcher	Carter Montalvo	Mrs. Uhall	Theresa Pascual Hernandez
Mrs. Hall	Skyler Long	Mr. Holzshu	James Van De Water
Mrs. Shirley	Addyson Brown	Mrs. Strom	Alexis Moore
Mrs. Mims	Anna Claire Wells	Mrs. Askew	Emily King
Mrs. Jackson	Blakely Perry	Mrs. Neal	Kelin Wilson
Ms. Martin	Stella Brolin	Ms. McClelland	Andy Storey
Mrs. Hornick	Jonah Grimes	Mrs. Watkins	JJ Hilliard
Mrs. Best	Emerson Hetzel	Mrs. Andrade	Lydia Butler
Mrs. Gilreath	Josiah Cullens	Mrs. Johnston	Zendaya Cullins
Mrs. Davis	Paisley Newton	Mrs. Roper	Axton Shaw
Mrs. Twitty	Sebastian Macias-Martinez		
Mrs. Arroyo	Aubrie Dutton		
Mrs. Brookman	Fischer Van De Water		