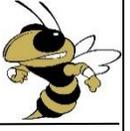
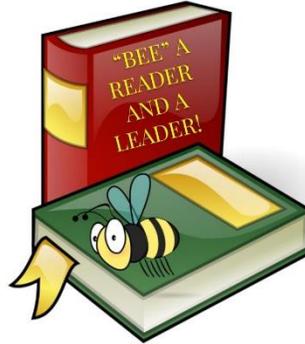




The Sunday Stinger



Midway Elementary School



Week of August 22nd

The first week of school is in the books. Even though we did have a tornado warning on the first day of school, it was a great first week. Our kindergarten staggered start ended on Friday, so all students will attend school full time beginning this week. We have a few things happening at Midway this week, so be sure to read thoroughly to make sure you do not miss anything.

Hopefully everyone has a better understanding of arrival and dismissal procedures after last week. In the morning, please be sure you pull all the way down to the first pole or to the car in front of you. When cars stop with space in front of them, it confuses our Safety Patrol students and backs up the line. We appreciate your assistance.

Our Charleston Wrap fundraiser officially started on Friday. 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.



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Orientation is this week. It is a great time to find out more about your child's classroom for the year. Teachers will be reviewing their schedule, expectations, and daily procedures with parents. You are not required to attend orientation, but it may helpful information and a chance for any questions to be answered. Kindergarten, first, and second grade orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 24th at 5:30 PM and third, fourth, and fifth grade orientation will be held on Thursday, August 26th at 5:30 PM. Students may attend orientation; however, this is a time for parents to obtain information and it is best if parents are able to attend alone. The auditorium doors (at the main car loop) will open at 5:15, and you may walk straight to your child's classroom. **All guests to our building are required to wear face coverings.** Please help us to continue to allow you into our building by following our procedures.

Thursday night will be our first spirit night. Wendy's on highway 81 will be giving our school a percentage of sales on Thursday, August 26th from 5:00-8:00. This will be a drive-thru event only, so it will be convenient to grab dinner after orientation. If our school reaches \$600 in sales, we will receive 20% of all Midway sales. Be sure to tell them that you are with Midway Elementary School.

This Friday will be our first Icee Day of the school year. If you pre-ordered Icees with our PTO, a list will be given to our teachers so they know who receives the treat. If you did not pre-order with our PTO, you may send \$1 in with your child if you would like for them to receive an Icee. We appreciate your support of our PTO.

Lastly, some of our students will begin MAP testing this week. Your child's teacher will give you a specific timeline of when the class will take the tests. The MAP test is a nationally-normed test. Students will take a reading and a math test. The test is designed to challenge students. For example, if students are answering questions correctly, it will give the students higher-level questions, and it will lessen the difficulty if students are answering incorrectly. At the end, students will receive a score and percentile comparing them to their same aged peers. The teacher will receive data that shows the student's strengths and weaknesses, and teachers use this data to guide their instruction. Students will test again in December and March to show their progress through the year. Your teacher will send home their information once it is finalized in our database.

Thank you for a great first week of school! I appreciate all you do to help make our school the best. 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

August 24th: K/1st/2nd Orientation @ 5:30 PM

August 26th: 3rd/4th/5th Orientation @ 5:30 PM

August 26th: [Wendy's Spirit Night 5:00-8:00](#)

August 26th: PTO Board Meeting @ 8:15 AM

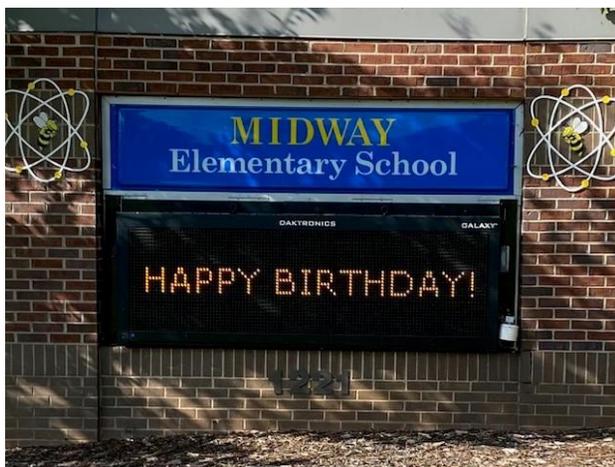
August 27th: Icee Day

September 3rd: Charleston Wrap Fundraiser ends

September 6th: Labor Day, No school

Happy Birthday

Jason Hallman-August 23rd



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