

Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

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Your uniqueness is what makes you shine" - Anon



A graphic for Pre-K and Kindergarten enrollment. It has a dark green background with white chalk-like drawings of school supplies like a pencil, ruler, and compass. On the left, a dark green circle contains the text "PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN" in white, followed by "Application Process begins 2/12/24 for the 2024-25 School Year!" and the website "www.gcps.net/enrollment". In the center, a circular photo shows a group of diverse young children walking in a school hallway. On the right, there is a circular logo with the number "40" and the word "ELEMENTARY" below it, featuring a brown bear's head.





Please Complete
the Maryland
Special Education
Parent Involvement
Survey

Your opinion matters!

Available February 12
to May 24, 2024

Start Now.

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF
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EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE

Kids Heart Challenge

You can register your child at anytime online. They can earn prizes when each donation level is met. All students **MUST** have a signed permission form returned to school in order to be able to participate in the event, these forms were sent home this week.



Blood Drive

Route 40 Elementary School Parent Involvement Team will host the American Red Cross Blood Drive on March 20th, 12-6pm. Please sign up by going online and following the directions on the website. If you need assistance please call the school or email Mrs. Lapp at Penny.Lapp@garrettcountyschools.org. The class that has the most blood donations will earn a pizza party.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Route40>



february

					1 PTO Meeting 6:30	2 3 
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Grades 2 & 3 to Hickory			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Kids Heart Challenge Kick off	Classroom Valentine's Day Party		FFA Visits	Staff Development 12:15 Dismissal	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 
	President's Day Schools Closed*					
25	26	27	28	29	*May be used as a make-up day	

February Happenings:

February 26th - Applelicious Orders and Money Due

March Happening:

March 1st - Qtr 3 Mid Term

March 6th - Family Game Night, 5:30-7:00

March 10th - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 19th - All County Band Practice - GC

March 20th - Blood Drive, 12:00-6:00pm

March 21st - K & 1st to Hickory

March 26th - All County Band Practice - GC

March 27th - 12:15 Dismissal

- Applelicious Fundraiser Delivered

March 28th - Schools are NOW OPEN

March 29th - Schools Closed - Good Friday

*Dates may be adjusted due to inclement weather days.

Calendar Changes

Please take note of the following GCPS Calendar dates that have been adjusted due to three inclement weather/school closure days that have occurred so far this year. The GCBOE approved these dates during the February 13, 2024, monthly meeting:

- Thursday, March 28, 2024, and Tuesday, April 2, 2024, will be used as make-up days, reducing Spring Break to Friday, March 29 through Monday, April 1, 2024.
- June 10, 2024, will be used as a make-up day.
- End of Grading Period 3 – April 4, 2024. End of Grading Period 4 – June 10, 2024.
- Report Cards Period 3 – April 11, 2024. Report Cards Period 4 – June 17, 2024.
- The students' last day of school has been moved to June 10, 2024.

Any additional school closure days before the above-referenced dates will delay these periods further

Weekly Breakfast & Lunch Menu

26 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Yogurt Parfait, Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli, Peaches, Tomato Soup Whole Grain Muffin, Cereal, Raisins, Grape Juice, Milk	27 Chili w/Peanut Butter Sandwich, Taco Salad, Pizza Carrot Sticks Pears Italian Ice Breakfast Bites, Cereal, Applesauce Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	28 Waffles & Sausage Patties Yogurt Parfait Chicken Patty Sandwich Tater Tots Applesauce Cup Juice Cup Super Bun, Cereal, Banana, Peach Cup, Milk	29 Spaghetti w/Breadstick Taco Salad, Pizza, Tossed Salad, Orange Wedges Corn Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Mandarin Orange Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk	30 Steak & Cheese Sliders, Yogurt Parfait, Pepperoni Roll, French Fries, Bakes Beans, Mixed Fruit Yogurt, Cereal, Frozen Fruit Cup, Apple Juice
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Reminders

Applelicious Fundraiser

Applelicious Orders are due back Monday, February 26. The orders will be delivered to the school on March 22nd.



Family Game Night

Route 40 Family Game Night has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 6 from 5:30-7:00pm. Pizza, Chips, Drinks and Dessert will be provided. Please bring your families favorite board/card game.

Please RSVP no later than Friday, February 23rd.

We look forward to a fun evening!



Changes in Transportation

Please remember that if there are ANY changes to your students transportation, you must send a note in with your child or call the school at 301-689-6132, please make sure that you speak to someone, do not leave a message. If the phones are down, the messages don't always come through until later. **We ask that you please DO NOT email Mrs. Bolden or your child's teacher with the change, we may not see the email in time.** If you have questions please contact Mrs. Bolden.

Absences

If your child is absent for any reason, GCPS requires a note be sent within 3 days of returning to school. This way the absence can be coded appropriately. After the 3rd day the absence is unexcused. Please send a note in with your child to be turned in to their teacher or you can email Mrs. Bolden about the absence.

Advance Absence Approval

If your child will be absent for personal reasons(vacations) and you know in advance, there is a form that needs to be filled out and signed by the classroom teacher and Mrs. Hawkins. You can email Mrs. Bolden or send a note and request the form be sent home with your child a week prior to the absence. Any questions please feel free to contact the office.

Recess

As a reminder we still try to take the students out for some fresh air during the winter months. If the temperatures are above 32 degrees we will attempt to out. Please have your students wear a jacket and maybe gloves and hats.

Lifetouch.

Route 40 Elementary School
Grades Eligible to Purchase: PRK - 5
Yearbook ID: 14673424

Yearbooks are now available to preorder!



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You can shop at the following link for a school spirit wear. Orders will be delivered to the school.

<https://rt-40-23.spiritsale.com/>



Michele Bolden

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