

Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

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"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." –
John Wooden



Calendar Changes

The State Board of Education approved GCPS' request to use **Monday, April 21st, Easter Monday, as a make-up day. This day will now be used as make-up school day.** Further calendar updates will be forthcoming.

Full details on the calendar may be found on our website at <https://www.gcps.net/Page/2658>.

PreK/K Registration Now Open

GCPS is now accepting applications for comprehensive kindergarten registration and Pre-Kindergarten Program for 3- and 4-year-olds for the 2025-26 school year. Kindergarten registration is for all children entering kindergarten for the first time in September 2025, while Pre-K is a program for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Registration will be held at each school in April.

Applicants will receive additional information regarding their application status and registration appointments.

<https://www.gcps.net/enrollment>

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

Application period
is now open for the
2025-26 School Year!

www.gcps.net/enrollment



Read Across America Week

We will celebrate Read Across America Week next week with a Dress Up Spirit Week. We look forward to a fun week.



Read Across America Week Dr. Seuss Spirit Week March 3rd - 7th

Monday: Wear Stripes with your favorite your hat or hair accessory
(Cat and the Hat)

Tuesday: Wear Green
(Green Eggs and Ham)

Wednesday: Wear Wacky/Mis Matched Clothes
(Wacky Wednesday)

Thursday: Wear Your Favorite Color
(My Many Colored Day)

Friday: Flashlight Friday - We Will Provide a Fun Flashlight for students to read with during media. Students may wear Pajamas this day.
(I Can Read With My Eyes Shut)

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Please return the permission form as soon as possible for your child to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge on March 13th. Donations can be made online or you can send cash/check (made to The American Heart Association) in with your child.



Win this Hippo

Students raising \$100 or more will be entered in a drawing to win this Warmies Hippo.



Register Now

Alongside this year's heart heroes, we're learning about healthy hearts and life lessons like getting active, asking for help, resting well and being kind. BONUS: your student will get a free wristband for joining at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/Route40Elementary> or using the AHA Schools app!



Earn Prizes

Students will earn a prize with each donation level.

GIRLS ON THE RUN

We will start training for our 4th annual Girls on the Run 5k on Tuesday, March 11th. All girls in 3rd-5th grade are welcome to participate. Information was sent home this week. You can register your girl at: <https://www.gotrmidmd.org/programs>, use code ROUTE40 at check out!



Blood Drive

Route 40 Parent Involvement Team will host a blood drive on March 19th. If you are able to donate, please sign up at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>



Changes to 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

The GCPS handbook states that if your child is absent for any reason, a note explaining the absence should be sent in within three (3) days of the absence. Their attendance will be coded accordingly.

Parent Volunteers Needed

Parent volunteers are a vital part of our school routine. We host a regular work session to help prepare supplies on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 – 3:00. If Thursdays don't align to your schedule, please feel free to call and set up another time to join us. We value the assistance volunteers can provide to our educational program.



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.

Box Tops

Please consider using the Box Tops app to scan in your receipts and help earn our school extra funds.



Weekly Breakfast & Lunch Menu

3	4	5	6	7
<p>Cheese Bosco Sticks or Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Pears Mixed Vegetables</p> <p>Whole Grain Donut, Cereal, Mixed Fruit Cup, Orange Juice, Milk</p>	<p>Chicken Biscuits or Pizza Tater Tots Pineapple Rice Krispy Treat</p> <p>Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Craisins, Fruit Juice, Milk</p>	<p>Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll or Chicken Patty Sandwich Peas Peaches Broccoli</p> <p>Muffin, Cereal, Pear Cup, Orange Pineapple Juice, Milk</p>	<p>Mozzarella Sticks or Corn Dog Tossed Salad Orange Wedges Oven Roasted Vegetables</p> <p>Waffle, Cereal, Strawberry Applesauce Cup, Grape Juice, Milk</p>	<p>Walking Taco or Pizza Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit Black Beans</p> <p>Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Orange Wedges, Apple Juice, Milk</p>

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	<p>3 Wear Stripes with your favorite hat/hair accessory</p> <p style="color: green; font-size: small;">Grades K & 1 to Hickory</p>	4 Wear Green	5 Wear Wacky/Mismatched Clothes	6 Wear Your Favorite Color	7 Wear PJs	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	PBIS Assembly 8:45 am	MISA Testing- 5 th	MISA Testing - 5 th	MISA Testing - 5 th	MISA Testing - 5 th	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Blood Drive 12:00-6:00 pm			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31		12:15 Dismissal Staff Development		FFA Visit	

Upcoming Events

MARCH HAPPENINGS:

- March 3rd: Grades K and 1 to Hickory**
- March 6th: PTO Meeting 6:00 pm**
- March 3rd-7th - Read Across America Week**
- March 10: PBIS Assembly 8:45 am**
- March 11th-14th: MISA Testing (Grades 3-5)**
- March 19th: Blood Drive 12:00pm-6:00pm**
- March 26th: 12:15 dismissal - Staff Development**
- March 28th: NHS FFA Visits**



APRIL HAPPENINGS:

- April 1st: Dental Lessons - Health Dept**
- April 3rd: PBIS Assembly**
- April 4th: PK 4 to Hickory**
- April 9th: Spring Book Fair - During Media**
- April 10th: 12:15 Dismissal - Staff Development**
- April 11th: Spring Book Fair - During Media**
- April 17th: Egg Hunt for Students**
- April 18th: Schools Closed - Good Friday**
- April 21st: Make-up Day - Schools will Operate Normally**
- April 26th: Fine Arts Fair - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm @ Garrett College**



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