

Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

February 7, 2025

"Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out."

— Robert Collier



Calendar Changes

The State Board of Education approved GCPS' request to use **Monday, February 17th, Presidents' Day, and Monday, April 21st, Easter Monday, as make-up days. These days will now be used as make-up school days.** 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

Beginning February 10, 2025,* at 8:00 a.m., Garrett County Public Schools (GCPS) will accept applications online for the Pre-Kindergarten Program for 4-year-olds for the 2025-26 school year. To be eligible for this program, a child must be four (4) years old by September 1, 2025. Pre-K 4 is a universal program that all students who meet the age requirement will be eligible for. Registration will be held at each school in April.

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

**In case of a snow day on February 10, 2025, applications will be accepted the following day schools are in session. In the event of a 2-hour delay, applications will be accepted beginning at 10:00 am.*

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

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

Application Process begins 2/10/25 for the 2025-26 School Year!

www.gcps.net/enrollment



Robotics Competition

Our robotics team will compete this Saturday, at Northern High School. The competition run from 9:00am - 4:00pm and is free to public, we hope you will come out and cheer on our students.



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Please return the permission form for your child to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge on March 13th.

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!



LET THE
GAMES
BEGIN!



**DOWNLOAD THE APP OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE.**



HEART.ORG/SCHOOLS

PTO Hosts Family Movie Night

FAMILY
MOVIE
NIGHT



Free Entry | February 7, 2025 | Opens at 7 PM
Despicable Me 4

Concessions available for purchase!
Popcorn, Candy, and Drinks including Bubble Tea!
Bring a blanket/ chair!

Sponsored by Route 40
Elementary PTO

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

10	11	12	13	14
Cheese Bosco Sticks or Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Pears Mixed Vegetables	Chili & Peanut Butter Sandwich or Pizza Celery Sticks Pineapple Rice Krispy Treat	Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll or Chicken Patty Sandwich Peas Peaches Broccoli	Mozzarella Sticks or Corn Dog Tossed Salad Orange Wedges Oven Roasted Vegetables	Walking Tacos or Pizza Carrots Sticks Mixed Fruit Black Beans
Whole Grain Muffin, Cereal, Raisins, Grape Juice, Milk	Breakfast Bites, Cereal, Applesauce Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	Super Bun, Cereal, Banana, Peach Cup, Milk	Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Mandarin Orange Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk	Sweet Potato Swirl, Cereal, Strawberry Cup, Apple Juice, Milk



FEBRUARY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 PTO Meeting 3:00 pm	3 Term 2 Ends	4 12:15pm dismissal	5	6	7 PTO Family Movie Night 7:00pm	8
9	10 PreK & K Registration Opens Report cards emailed	11	12	13 Grades 2&3 to Hickory	14 Class Valentine's Party 12:15pm dismissal	15 SRO Appreciation Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS:

February 7th: PTO Family Movie Night, 7:00pm

February 10th: Report Cards Emailed

- PreK/K Registration Opens

February 13th: Grade 2 & 3 to Hickory

February 14th: 12:15 dismissal, Staff Development

- **Classroom Valentine's Day Party**

MARCH HAPPENINGS:

March 3rd: Grades K and 1 to Hickory

March 6th: PTO Meeting 6:00pm

March 11th-14th: MISA Testing (Grades 3-5)

March 19th: Blood Drive

March 26th: 12:15 dismissal - Staff Development

March 28th: NHS FFA Visits



Michele Bolden

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