

Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

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"February is the border between winter and spring."

— Terri Guillemets



Calendar Changes

Please take note of the GCPS Calendar dates below that have been adjusted due to five inclement weather/school closure days that have occurred so far this year:

- The end of the second grading period is now Monday, February 3, 2025.*
- **The 91st Day/Professional Day, a three-hour early student dismissal, is now scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2025.***

**Additional school closure days before the end of the second grading period and the 91st day will affect these dates.*

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



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

We had so much fun kicking off this year's Kids Heart Challenge! 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

Title I Information



Right to Know Flyer.pdf

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Right to Know Letter.pdf

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100.6 KB

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
Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Peaches Baby Carrots	Breaded Chicken Breast or Pizza Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Peas	Pancakes & Sausage Patties or Chicken Patty Sandwich Tater Tots Applesauce Cup Juice Cup	Beef Ravioli w/Breadstick or Corn Dog Tossed Salad Orange Wedges Corn	Hot Dog or Pizza French Fries Mixed Fruit Baked Beans
Whole Grain Donut, Cereal, Mixed Fruit Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Craisins, Fruit Juice, Milk	Muffin, Cereal, Pear Cup, Orange Pineapple Juice, Milk	Waffle, Cereal, Strawberry Applesauce Cup, Grape Juice, Milk	Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Orange Wedges, Apple Juice, Milk



FEBRUARY 2025



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

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS:

February 2nd: PTO Meeting 3:00pm

February 3rd: End of Term 2

February 4th: 91st Day 12:15 dismissal (floating day)

- **PBIS Assembly 8:45pm**

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

February 10th: Report Cards Emailed

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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