

# Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

**March 14, 2025**

"May the early spring awaken your soul and remind you to celebrate a new beginning with the hope and liveness it brings."

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## 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>.

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## 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.

If your child is a current PK 3 student, you **MUST** enroll them for the PK 4 program.

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

# PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

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

[www.gcps.net/enrollment](http://www.gcps.net/enrollment)



## Blood Drive

Route 40 Parent Involvement Team will host a blood drive on March 19th. The class with the most donations will earn a pizza party and a prize.

If you are able to donate, please sign up at:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>



**Blood Drive!**

## Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day is March 31, 2025. Order forms went home this week. You can also order online at [Life Touch Ordering](#), Picture Day ID: EVTBXM2BT



## GIRLS ON THE RUN

We have postponed the start date to March 18th! We will start training for our 4th annual Girls on the Run 5k on Tuesday, March 18th. All girls in 3rd-5th grade are welcome to participate. You can

register at <https://www.gotrmdmd.org/programs>. Use code Route 40 to get our school's price.



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## Garrett County Arts Fair



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### 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.



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### 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



17	18	19	20	21
Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Peaches Baby Carrots	Rib Patty or Pizza Fresh Vegetable Cup Pears Italian Ice	Pancakes & Sausage Patties or Chicken Patty Sandwich Tater Tots Applesauce Cup Juice Cup	Beef Ravioli w/Breadsticks 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





# MARCH 2025



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

## Upcoming Events

### MARCH HAPPENINGS:

March 18th: Girls on the Run Starts (Grades 3-5) 3:30-4:45pm

March 19th: Blood Drive 12:00pm-6:00pm

March 26th: 12:15 dismissal - Staff Development

March 28th: NHS FFA Visits

**March 31st: Spring Picture Day**

**APRIL HAPPENINGS:**

**April 1st: Dental Lessons - Health Dept**

**April 3rd: PBIS Assembly**

**April 4th: PK 4 to Hickory**

- **Family Game Night 5:30pm-7:00pm**

**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 - 3:00 pm @ Garrett College**



