

# Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

March 15, 2024

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. - Albert Einstein



**PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN**  
Application Process begins 2/12/24 for the 2024-25 School Year!

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



A promotional banner for the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey. It features a group photo of diverse people, the Maryland State Department of Education logo with the tagline 'EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE', and the text: 'Please Complete the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey', 'Your opinion matters!', 'Available February 12 to May 24, 2024', and a 'Start Now.' button.

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### 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](mailto: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>



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### Applelicious Orders

The applelicious orders will now be delivered on Friday, March 22nd. A pick up time will be announced next week.



# March



						<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
						Term 3 Mid Term	
<b>3</b>	Read Across America Week	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	Family Game Night 5:30-7:00	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	Wear <b>Red</b> or <b>Blue</b>		Wear a <b>Hat</b> or <b>Silly Socks</b>	Wear <b>Wacky</b> <b>Clothes</b>		Wear <b>Green</b>	Wear <b>Pajamas</b>
<b>10</b>		<b>11</b>	MISA Testing <b>12</b>	MISA Testing <b>13</b>	MISA Testing <b>14</b>	MISA Testing <b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Daylight Savings Time Begins			Kids Heart Challenge  BOE Meeting		PTO Meeting 6:30pm  Pi Day		
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	All County Band/Chorus Practice	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
St. Patrick's Day				Blood Drive 12:30pm – 6:00pm	Grades K & 1 <sup>st</sup> to Hickory	Applelicious Orders Delivered	
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	All County Band/Chorus Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
				Staff Development 12:15 dismissal	Schools are <b>NOW OPEN</b>  PTO Egg Hunt	Good Friday – Schools Closed	
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## March Happenings:

March 19th - All County Band/Chorus Practice - GC

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

March 21st - K & 1st to Hickory

March 22nd - Applelicious Fundraiser Delivered

March 26th - All County Band/Chorus Practice - GC

March 27th - 12:15 Dismissal

March 28th - Schools are NOW OPEN

- PTO Egg hunt for students

March 29th - Schools Closed - Good Friday

April 1st - Schools Closed - Easter Monday

April 2nd - Schools are NOW OPEN

## 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

18	19	20	21	22
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Yogurt Parfait Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Peaches Tomato Soup	Sloppy Joe Taco Salad Pizza Carrot Sticks Pears Italian Ice	Waffles & Sausage Patties Yogurt Parfait Chicken Patty Sandwich Tater Tots Applesauce Cup Juice Cup	Spaghetti w/Bread Stick Taco Salad Pizza Tossed Salad Orange Wedges Corn	Steak & Cheese Sliders Yogurt Parfait Pepperoni Roll 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

## Reminders

### 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.

### Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are a vital part of our school routine. We host a regular work session to help

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.

### medication form

[Download](#)

167.9 KB

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Grades Eligible to Purchase: PRK - 5  
Yearbook ID: 14673424

## Yearbooks are now available to preorder!



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





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