

Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

March 8, 2024

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." – Dr. Seuss.



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Application Process begins 2/12/24 for the 2024-25 School Year!

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ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL





**Please Complete
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Parent Involvement
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Your opinion matters!

Available February 12
to May 24, 2024

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Kids Heart Challenge

Students will participate in the Kids Heart Challenge on the afternoon of March 12th. Each student **MUST** have a signed permission form to be able to participate in the event. Forms were sent home last week, if you need a new one please let Mrs. Bolden know. Let's get Heart Healthy together ♥



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. The class that has the most blood donations will earn a pizza party.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Route40>



March



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					Term 3 Mid Term	
3	Read Across America Week	4	5	Family Game Night 5:30-7:00	6	7
	Wear Red or Blue	Wear a Hat or Silly Socks	Wear Wacky Clothes	Wear Green	Wear Pajamas	8
9						10
10	Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	MISA Testing	12	MISA Testing	13
		Kids Heart Challenge	BOE Meeting	MISA Testing	PTO Meeting 6:30pm	14
					Pi Day	15
16						17
17	St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22
		Hello Spring!	Blood Drive 12:30pm – 6:00pm	Grades K & 1 st to Hickory		23
24		25	26	27	28	29
			Staff Development 12:15 dismissal			30
31			Applelicious Orders Delivered		Good Friday – Schools Closed	

March Happening:

March 1st - Qtr 3 Mid Term

March 6th - Family Game Night, 5:30-7:00

March 10th - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 12th - Kids Heart Challenge

March 12th-15th - 5th Grade - MISA Testing

March 14th - PTO Meeting 6:30, school library

March 19th - All County Band Practice - GC

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

March 21st - K & 1st to Hickory

March 26th - All County Band Practice - GC

March 27th - 12:15 Dismissal

- Applelicious Fundraiser Delivered

March 28th - Schools are NOW OPEN

March 29th - Schools Closed - Good Friday

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 GCSOE 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

<p>11</p> <p>Corn Dog Yogurt Parfait Chicken Nuggets Mixed Vegetables Peaches French Fries</p> <p>Whole Grain Muffin, Cereal, Raisins, Grape Juice, Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Fortune Cookie Mixed Greens w/Chicken Salad Pizza Broccoli Pineapple Mandarin Stir Fry Vegetables</p> <p>Breakfast Bites, Cereal, Applesauce Cup, Orange Juice, Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Nachos Grande Yogurt Parfait Chicken Patty Sandwich Tossed Salad Strawberry Applesauce Cup Corn</p> <p>Super Bun, Cereal, Banana, Peach Cup, Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>BBQ Sandwich Mixed Greens w/Chicken Salad Pizza Carrot Sticks Pears Ice Cream Cup</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Mandarin Orange Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Hamburger Yogurt Parfait Pepperoni Roll Oven Roasted Potatoes Mixed Fruit Baked Beans</p> <p>Yogurt, Cereal, Strawberry Cup, Apple Juice, Milk</p>
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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.

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.

Parent Volunteers

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.

Medication Form

If your child needs to take medicine at school, we need to have this form completed by the ordering physician. This includes prescription and over the counter medications. See the Nurse for more information.

medication form

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