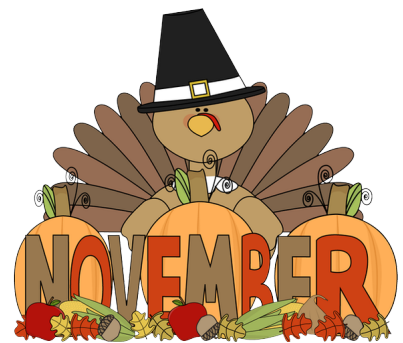# Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

November 27, 2024

"There is a calmness to a life lived in gratitude, a quiet joy." — Ralph H. Blum

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Coins For Caring

Our Coins for Caring Drive kicked off Monday, November 4th and will run through Friday, December 6, 2024. We are asking that you send in your extra change to help needy families in our community. The money raised will be used to support as many families as possible at Christmas. This has been a very successful drive and

we are hoping for the same success this year! So gather up your extra change and send it in with your child. The class collecting the most change will win a Pajama/Donut Day! One student from the leading class (5th), that has shown Caring and Giving (monthly charatcer traits) was chosen to "pie" Mrs. Hawkins this morning during our PBIS assembly.
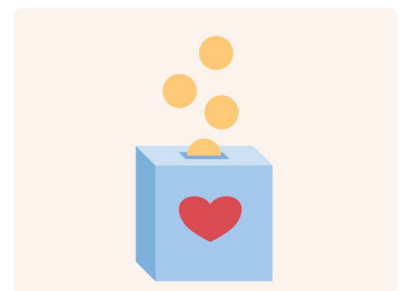
This week's top three classes are:

1st place - 5th Grade

2nd place - 4th Grade

3rd place - Kindergarten

Thank you for sending in your change, we have one more week of collecting left.

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.

🥛🥧Weekly Breakfast & Lunch Menu 🍔🍟

2	3	4	5	6
SCHOOLS CLOSED THANKSGIVING BREAK	Cheese Bosco Sticks or Pizza Sweet Potato Fries Pears Mixed Vegetables	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 Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit Black Beans
	Whole Grain Donut, Cereal, Mixed Fruit Cup, Orange 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

A note from Ms. Linares

Our Winter Performance is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th. There will be two showings, 9:30am and 1:45pm. All Route 40 students will participate in each performance. We ask that families of PreK - 2nd grade attend the morning performance and families of 3rd - 5th grade attend the afternoon performance, if possible. Students in 1st-5th grade are able to practice from home by visiting the Music Website. There you will find links to the song each grade level will sing and a Google Slides Presentation with the lyrics. Ms. Linares will send home more information regarding the Performance as the date gets closer, but students can begin practicing now!

Route 40 Elementary Winter Performance
Wednesday, December 11th
9:30 a.m. or 1:45 p.m.

There's no business like snow business! So let's get on with the snow! And the puns just keep on coming! We hope that you enjoy this musical that celebrates snow and the way it affects the lives of people. Or should we say, this is a show about people whose lives are snow-related, affected by the snow, like it or not!

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Thanksgiving Break Schools Closed	3	4 Santa's Workshop	5 Title I Meeting 5:00PM PTO Meeting 6:00PM	6 Santa's Workshop	7
8	9	10 12:15 Dismissal Staff Development	11 Winter Performance 9:30am & 1:45pm	12	13 Term 2 Mid-term	14
15	16 Make-up Picture Day	17	18 Grades PK-2 to Hickory	19 Grades 3-5 to Hickory	20 12:15 Dismissal Santa Visits	21
22	23 Winter	24 Break ~	25 Schools	26 Closed Dec.23-Jan.1	27	28
29	30	31				

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS:

November 27th - 12:15pm Dismissal

November 28th - 29th - Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS:

December 2nd - Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Break

December 4th & 6th - Santa's Workshop

December 5th - PTO Meeting 6:00pm

December 10th - 12:15 Dimissal - Staff Development

December 11th - Winter Performace - 9:30am & 1:45pm

December 13th - Mid Term 2nd Qtr

December 16th - Make-up Picture Day (Note this date has changed)

December 18th - Grades Pre-K - 2nd - HEEC

December 19th - Grades 3-5 - HEEC

December 20th - 12:15 Dismissal

December 23rd-31st - Schools Closed - Winter Break

JANUARY HAPPENINGS:

January 1st - Schools Closed - Winter Break

January 3rd - PBIS Assembly

January 8th - Grades 4 & 5 to Hickory

January 17th - 12:15 Dismissal - Staff Development

January 20th - *Schools Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 27th - End of Term 2

January 28th - 12:15 Dismissal - 91st day, floating day

January 30th - End of Term 2

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences 11:00am-6:30pm**