

# Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

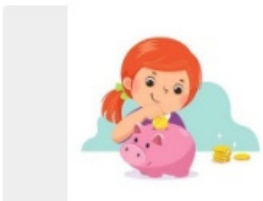


November 22, 2023

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop

## Thanksgiving Break

Just a reminder that schools will dismiss at **12:15 on Wednesday, November 22** and remained closed through Monday, November 27. Schools will reopen Tuesday, November 28.



### Coins for Caring

We kicked off our coin for caring drive on November 6, it will run through December 1. All money collected will go to help families in our community during the holidays. The students can bring money at anytime and place in their class bin. The class that collects the most will win a pajama party. Thank you for your generosity in donations. As of today, Mrs. Lapp's homeroom is in the lead.



### Let's Read

**Please sign the Reading Log so your children's teachers know that you are actively involved with the home reading. The expectation is for students to read for 30 minutes at school each day and 30 minutes at home each night.** Each step is 15 minutes so 2 steps would equal 30 minutes. **We officially started counting the steps in September.** We will be incentivizing the reading program and students will earn a charm and a certificate for every 100 books read. Smart is not something you are. Smart is something you become. Reading makes us all

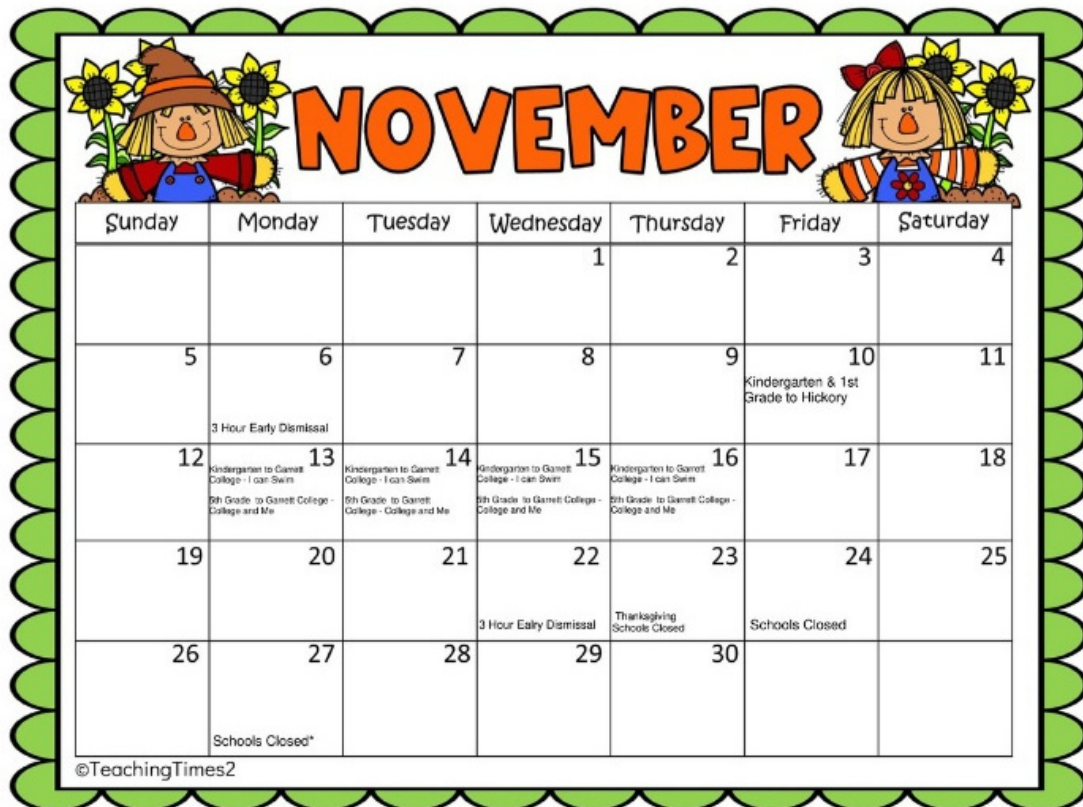


### Route 40 Spirit Wear

You can shop at the following link for a school spirit wear. Orders will be delivered to the school.

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

become. Reading makes us an  
smarter. We are so excited to  
take on this reading challenge  
with you! Thank you for your  
support!



#### November Happenings:

22nd - 12:15 Dismissal

23rd-27th - School Closed, Thanksgiving Break

28th - Schools Reopen

#### December Happenings:

4th-8th - Book Fair

5th - 12:15 Dismissal

6th - Make up Picture Day

8th - Kindergarten Polar Express

13th-15th - Santa's Workshop

15th - Christmas Program

20th - K, 1st, 5th to Hickory

21st - 2nd, 3rd, 4th to Hickory

22nd - 12:15 Dismissal

25th- Jan 1st - Winter Break, Schools Closed

### Weekly Breakfast & Lunch Menu

<p>27</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Break (Schools Closed)</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pizza Broccoli Peaches Tomato Soup</p> <p>Breakfast Bites. Cereal.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Waffles &amp; Sausage Patties Chicken Patty Sandwich Tater Tots Applesauce Cup Juice Cup</p> <p>Super Bun. Cereal.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Spaghetti Pizza Tossed Salad Orange Wedges Corn</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza. Cereal.</p>
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Applesauce Cup, Orange  
Juice, Milk

Bananas, Peach Cup, Milk

Mandarin Orange Cup, Fruit  
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.

### 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.

### School Messenger

As we head into the winter months, please take a moment to double check your contact information in school messenger to ensure that you will receive a phone call or text for delays and school closures. Instructions can be found on the Garrett County Schools Website. Please let Mrs. Bolden if you need assistance.

### Jingle Bell Jukebox

Our Christmas program is scheduled for Friday, December 15th. There will be two performances, 10:00 - 11:00 and 1:30 - 2:30. Please keep in mind that the second performance tends to be more popular, if you are able to come to first performance please do so. Student are encouraged to practice at home as well by using this [link](#).



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