

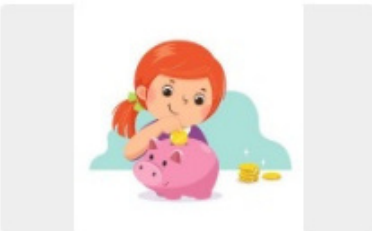
Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal



November 17, 2023

"A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything!"



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. 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.




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/>

Smart is not something you are. Smart is something you become. Reading makes us all smarter. We are so excited to take on this reading challenge with you! Thank you for your support!



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 3 Hour Early Dismissal | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Kindergarten & 1st Grade to Hickory | 11 |
| 12 Kindergarten to Garrett College - I can Swim 5th Grade to Garrett College - College and Me | 13 Kindergarten to Garrett College - I can Swim 5th Grade to Garrett College - College and Me | 14 Kindergarten to Garrett College - I can Swim 5th Grade to Garrett College - College and Me | 15 Kindergarten to Garrett College - I can Swim 5th Grade to Garrett College - College and Me | 16 Kindergarten to Garrett College - I can Swim 5th Grade to Garrett College - College and Me | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 3 Hour Early Dismissal | 23 Thanksgiving Schools Closed | 24 Schools Closed | 25 |
| 26 Schools Closed* | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

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November Happenings:

- 22 - 12:15 Dismissal
- 23-27 - School Closed, Thanksgiving Break
- 28 - Schools Reopen

December Happenings:

- 5 - 12:15 Dismissal
- 6 - Make up Picture Day
- 8 - Kindergarten Polar Express
- 13-15 - Santa's Workshop
- 15 - Christmas Program
- 20 - K, 1st, 5th to Hickory
- 21 - 2nd, 3rd, 4th to Hickory
- 22 - 12:15 Dismissal
- 25- Jan 1 - Winter Break, Schools Closed



| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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| Corn Dog Yogurt Parfait Chicken Nuggets Mixed Vegetables Peaches French Fries Whole Grain Donut, Cereal, Mixed Fruit Cup, Orange Juice, Milk | Turkey w/Gravy over Biscuit Pizza Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn on Cob Green Beans Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Raisins, Fruit Juice, Milk | Hamburger Chicken Patty Sandwich Tator Tots Mixed Fruit Baked Beans Muffin, Cereal, Pear Cup, Orange Pineapple Juice, Milk | Thanksgiving Break (Schools Closed) | Thanksgiving Break (Schools Closed) |



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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