

# Route 40 Elementary School

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**April 5, 2024**

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."—Eleanor Roosevelt



## Garrett County Public Schools

### 2024 Honors Arts Fair



Saturday, April 6, 2024

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Performing Arts Center-Garrett College



#### Performance Schedule

9:00 Elementary Honor Chorus  
9:30 Elementary Honor Band  
10:30 Middle School Honor Band  
11:00 Middle School Honor Chorus  
11:30 Northern Middle School Theatre  
11:45 Southern Middle School Theatre  
12:00 Garrett County Arts Council Senior Awards  
12:30 Northern High School Theatre  
12:45 Southern High School Theatre  
1:00 High School Honor Chorus  
1:30 High School Honor Band

Art will be taken down at 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available for purchase to benefit SHS Band Boosters

\*\*\*Every students' art is not represented in the Arts Fair\*\*\*



Registration for PreK and Kindergarten is now open. Please use this link or share it with someone that may need to register their child. <https://www.gcps.net/enrollment>

A banner for Pre-K and Kindergarten enrollment. It features a green background with white text and illustrations of children. The text reads: "PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN Application Process begins 2/12/24 for the 2024-25 School Year! www.gcps.net/enrollment". There are two circular images: one showing a group of children running in a hallway, and another showing a group of children sitting together. A large "10" logo is also visible.





A banner featuring a group of diverse students and adults. To the right of the image, the text reads: "Please Complete the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey", "Your opinion matters!", "Available February 12 to May 24, 2024", and a blue button that says "Start Now.". At the bottom left of the banner is the Maryland State Department of Education logo with the tagline "EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE".

### Early Dismissal April 8, 2024

On Monday, April 8, 2024, Garrett County Public Schools (GCPS) students will be dismissed three (3) hours early. This schedule change is due to the solar eclipse and the students' normal dismissal time. Parents/Guardians are asked to make arrangements for this change to ensure the safety of all students during the eclipse.

A blue rectangular box with white text. It says "GCPS TO DISMISS STUDENTS EARLY ON APRIL 8, 2024". Below this, it explains that students will be dismissed three hours early due to the solar eclipse and asks parents to make arrangements. It includes the GCPS logo and website "www.gcps.net". To the right is a small calendar icon showing April 8th as a dismissal day.

After-school activities may continue as usual—please consult the leader of your activity for additional guidance. Schools may also provide more information to families this week regarding this change. School personnel should follow the inclement weather guidance for staff release and ensure bus runs are completed.

### Upcoming Solar Eclipse

Garrett County Public Schools (GCPS) is providing advance notice about the solar eclipse occurring on April 8, 2024, two weeks from today. The peak time of the eclipse will occur during student dismissal. We encourage parents and guardians to discuss safety precautions with their children during this event.

A graphic with a dark background. On the left is the GCPS logo. In the center, it says "UPCOMING SOLAR ECLIPSE" in large, bold, yellow and white letters, with "Monday, April 8, 2024" below it. On the right is a stylized illustration of the Earth with a solar eclipse path shown as a white line across its surface.

While solar eclipses can be a fun and exciting event for the whole family to enjoy, it is important to remember that looking directly at the sun during an eclipse can cause permanent eye damage. To ensure that your child is safe during the eclipse, we recommend that parents discuss the following safety precautions with their children:

- Do not look directly at the sun during the eclipse, even if you are wearing sunglasses or using a camera or telescope.
- Use special eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers that meet international safety standards to view the eclipse.



- If you cannot access special glasses, you can create a pinhole projector or use a colander to project the eclipse image onto a piece of paper.
- Avoid reflective surfaces, such as water or shiny metal, which can reflect the sun's rays and cause eye damage.



We want our students to have a safe and enjoyable experience during the upcoming solar eclipse. We encourage parents to talk with their children about the importance of safety during this event and ensure they are prepared with the necessary safety equipment. Have a wonderful, safe eclipse-viewing experience!

Additional information about the eclipse may be found at <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/>.

## Spring Picture Day

Spring pictures are scheduled for Wednesday April 24th. This will also be the class picture day. Order forms were sent home this week. You can also order online using the [Lifetouch Link](#).



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	Easter Monday Schools Closed	Schools are NOW OPEN		End of term 3		Students Art Fair – Garrett College
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	CogAT Testing 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade  12:15 Dismissal	CogAT Testing 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade  BOE Meeting	Staff Development – 12:15 Dismissal	Report cards sent Dental Lessons PTO 6:30pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	PK/K Registration					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		School Bus Driver Appreciation Day  Spring	Spring Pictures  Book Fair	April 22-26	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Garrett College	
28	29	30				

## APRIL HAPPENINGS:

April 1st - Schools Closed - Easter Monday

April 2nd - Schools are NOW OPEN

April 4th - End of 3rd Term

- All County Band/Chorus Practice @ GC
- PTO Meeting - 6:30pm

April 6th - Students Art Fair - Garrett College 9:00am - 2:00pm

April 8th - 12:15 Dismissal - Solar Eclipse

- CogAT Testing - 2nd Grade

April 9th -CogAT Testing - 2nd Grade

- BOE Meeting

April 10th - 12:15 Dismissal - Staff Development

April 11th - Report Cards to Parents

- Dental Lessons by Health Department
- PTO Meeting 6:30pm

April 15th - PK & K Registration

April 22nd-26th - Spring Book Fair

April 24th - Spring Pictures/Class Pictures

April 26th - 5th Grade - Career Day @ Garrett College



## Weekly Breakfast & Lunch Menu 🍕

8	9	10	11	12
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Yogurt Parfait Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Peaches Tomato Soup	Sloppy Joe Taco Salad Pizza Fresh Vegetable Cup Pears Italian Ice	Waffles & Sausage Patties Yogurt Parfait Chicken Patty Sandwich Tater Tots Applesauce Cup Juice Cup	Spaghetti w/Breadstick Taco Salad Pizza Tossed Salad Orange Wedges Corn	Chicken Sliders Yogurt Parfait Pepperoni Roll French Fries Mixed Fruit Baked Beans
Whole Grain Muffin, Cereal, Raisins, Grape Juice, Milk	Breakfast Bites, Cereal, Applesauce Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	Super Bun, Cereal, Banana, Peach Cup, Milk	Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Mandarin Orange Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk	Yogurt, Cereal, Strawberry Cup, 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.

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 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 the form below completed by the ordering physician. This includes prescription and over the counter medications. Please call the school and talk to the nurse for more information.

#### **medication form**

[Download](#)

167.9 KB

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/>



**Michele Bolden**

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