

# Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

**December 6, 2024**

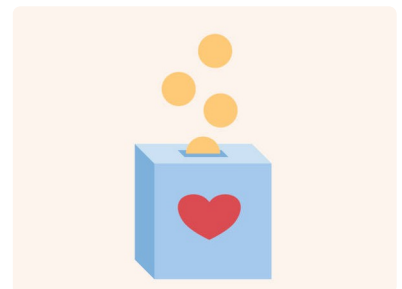
"December is a simple wish that brings spectacular moments." –  
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## Coins For Caring

Coins for Caring ended today. Thank you for your generosity!  
The class collecting the most change will win a Pajama/Doughnut Day! The final count will be done on Monday. We will announce the winner of the Pajama day on the Monday morning announcements.



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## 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.



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**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

9	10	11	12	13
Pepperoni Panni or Chicken Nuggets Carrot Sticks Peaches French Fries	Chicken Biscuits or Pizza Tater Tots Pineapple Rice Krispy Treat	Nachos Grande or Chicken Patty Sandwich Tossed Salad Strawberry Applesauce Cup Corn	Vegetable Dumplings, Mini Chicken Eggroll, and Fried Rice or Corn Dog Mandarin Stir Fry Vegetables Pears Ice Cream Cup	Hamburger or Pizza Oven Roasted Potatoes 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

### 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!

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# DECEMBER 2024



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

## Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER HAPPENINGS:

December 2nd - Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Break

December 4th & 6th - Santa's Workshop

December 10th - 12:15 Dismissal - Staff Development

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



**December 12th - K to Oakland for Polar Express**

**December 16th - Make-up Picture Day**

- **Qtr 2 Mid Term**

**December 19th - Grades 3-5 - HEEC**

- **Title I Meeting/PTO Meeting 5:00pm**

**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 29th - 12:15 Dismissal - 91st day, floating day**

**January 30th - End of Term 2**

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



**Michele Bolden**

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