

Route 40 Elementary School

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"Kindness is the sunshine in which virtue grows"

-Robert Green Ingersoll



Calendar Changes

The State Board of Education approved GCPS' request to use **Monday, February 17th, Presidents' Day, and Monday, April 21st, Easter Monday, as make-up days. These days will now be used as make-up school days.** Further calendar updates will be forthcoming.

Full details on the calendar may be found on our website at <https://www.gcps.net/Page/2658>.

PreK/K Registration Now Open

GCPS is now accepting applications for comprehensive kindergarten registration and Pre-Kindergarten Program for 3- and 4-year-olds for the 2025-26 school year. Kindergarten registration is for all children entering kindergarten for the first time in September 2025, while Pre-K is a program for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Registration will be held at each school in April.

Applicants will receive additional information regarding their application status and registration appointments.

<https://www.gcps.net/enrollment>

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

Application period
is now open for the
2025-26 School Year!

www.gcps.net/enrollment



Robotics Competition

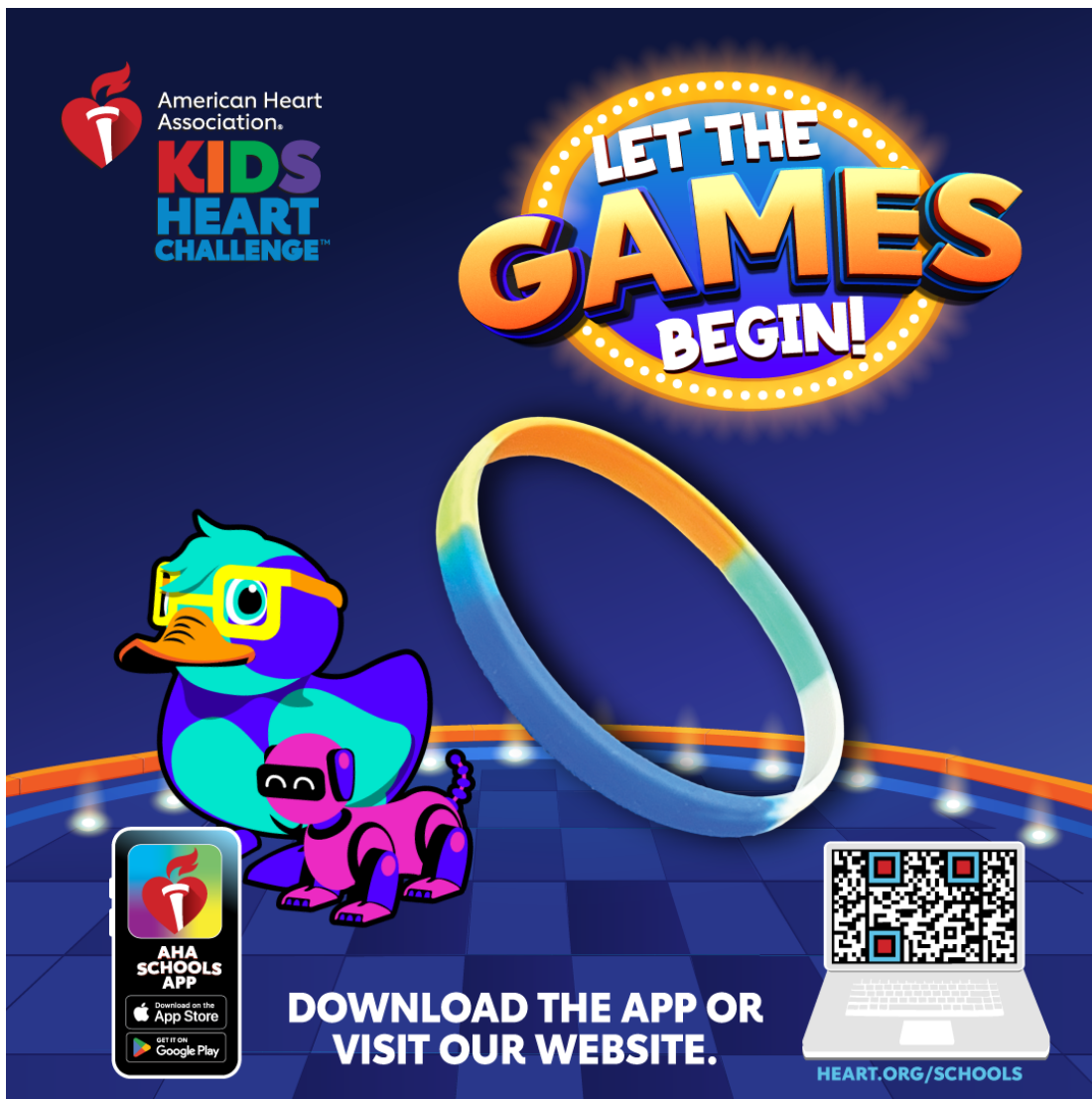
Our robotics team will compete this Saturday, February 15th at Northern High School. The competition run from 8:00am - 4:00pm and is free to public, we hope you will come out and cheer on our students.



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Please return the permission form as soon as possible for your child to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge on March 13th.

Alongside this year's heart heroes, we're learning about healthy hearts and life lessons like getting active, asking for help, resting well and being kind. BONUS: your student will get a free wristband for joining at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/Route40Elementary> or using the AHA Schools app!



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.

Box Tops

Please consider using the Box Tops app to scan in your receipts and help earn our school extra funds.



Weekly Breakfast & Lunch Menu



17 Pepperoni Panni or Chicken Nuggets Carrot Sticks Peaches French Fries Whole Grain Donut, Cereal, Mixed Fruit Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	18 Breaded Chicken Breast or Pizza Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Broccoli Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Craisins, Fruit Juice, Milk	19 Nachos Grande or Chicken Patty Sandwich Tossed Salad Strawberry Applesauce Cup Corn Muffin, Cereal, Pear Cup, Orange Pineapple Juice, Milk	20 Vegetable Dumplings & Mini Chicken Eggroll w/Fried Rice or Corn Dog Mandarin Stir Fry Vegetables Pears Ice Cream Cup Waffle, Cereal, Strawberry Applesauce Cup, Grape Juice, Milk	21 Hamburger or Pizza Oven Roasted Potatoes Mixed Fruit Baked Beans Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Orange Wedges, Apple Juice, Milk
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FEBRUARY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 PTO Meeting 3:00 pm	3 Term 2 Ends	4 12:15pm dismissal	5	6	7 PTO Family Movie Night 7:00pm	8
9	10 PreK & K Registration Opens Report cards emailed	11	12	13 Grades 2&3 to Hickory	14 Class Valentine's Party 12:15pm dismissal	15 SRO Appreciation Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS:

February 14th: 12:15 dismissal, Staff Development

- Classroom Valentine's Day Party

February 17th: Make-up Day - Schools Will Operate Normally

MARCH HAPPENINGS:

March 3rd: Grades K and 1 to Hickory

March 6th: PTO Meeting 6:00pm

March 11th-14th: MISA Testing (Grades 3-5)

March 19th: Blood Drive

March 26th: 12:15 dismissal - Staff Development

March 28th: NHS FFA Visits



Michele Bolden

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