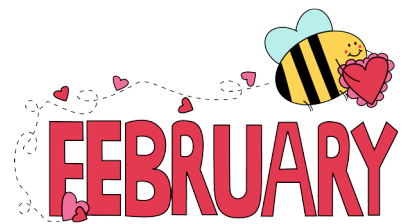


Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

February 16, 2024

"If you focus on what you left behind, you will never see what lies ahead." – Gusteau, Ratatouille



PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

**Application Process
begins 2/12/24 for the
2024-25 School Year!**

www.gcps.net/enrollment







**Please Complete
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Special Education
Parent Involvement
Survey**




Your opinion matters!

**Available February 12
to May 24, 2024**

Start Now.



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					PTO Meeting 6:30		
4	5	6	7	Grades 2 & 3 to Hickory	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	Classroom Valentine's Day Party	15	16	17
		Kids Heart Challenge Kick off		FFA Visits		Staff Development 12:15 Dismissal	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	President's Day Schools Closed*						
25	26	27	28	29	*May be used as a make-up day		

- February Happenings:**
- February 7th - Grades 2 & 3 to Hickory
 - February 22 - Kids Heart Challenge Kick Off
 - February 14th - Classroom Valentine's Day Party
 - February 15th - FFA Visits
 - February 16th - 12:15 Dismissal - Staff Development
 - February 19th - Schools Closed - President's Day*

*Dates may be adjusted due to inclement weather days

Calendar Changes

Please take note of the following GCPS Calendar dates that have been adjusted due to three inclement weather/school closure days that have occurred so far this year. The GCBOE approved these dates during the February 13, 2024, monthly meeting:

- Thursday, March 28, 2024, and Tuesday, April 2, 2024, will be used as make-up days, reducing Spring Break to Friday, March 29 through Monday, April 1, 2024.
- June 10, 2024, will be used as a make-up day.
- End of Grading Period 3 – April 4, 2024. End of Grading Period 4 – June 10, 2024.
- Report Cards Period 3 – April 11, 2024. Report Cards Period 4 – June 17, 2024.
- The students' last day of school has been moved to June 10, 2024.

Any additional school closure days before the above-referenced dates will delay these periods further



Weekly Breakfast & Lunch Menu



19	20	21	22	23
SCHOOLS CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY	Corn Dog Mixed Greens w/Chicken Salad Pizza Mixed Vegetables Peaches French Fries Whole Grain Donut, Cereal, Mixed Fruit Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	Nacho Grande Yogurt Parfait Chicken Patty Sandwich Tossed Salad Strawberry Applesauce Cup Corn Muffin, Cereal, Pear Cup, Orange Pineapple Juice, Milk	BBQ Sandwich Mixed Greens w/Chicken Salad Pizza Carrot Sticks Pears Ice Cream Cup Waffle, Cereal, Strawberry Applesauce Cup, Grape Juice, Milk	Hamburger Yogurt Parfait Pepperoni Roll Oven Roasted Potatoes Mixed Fruit Baked Beans Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Orange Wedges, Apple Juice, Milk



Reminders

Family Game Night

Route 40 Family Game Night has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 6 from 5:30-7:00pm. Pizza, Chips, Drinks and Dessert will be provided. Please bring your families favorite board/card game.

We look forward to a fun evening!



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.

Absences

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.

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.

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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