

Route 40 Elementary School

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"We rise by lifting others." - *Robert Ingersoll*



Calendar Changes

The State Board of Education approved GCPS' request to use **Monday, April 21st, Easter Monday, as a make-up day. This day will now be used as make-up school day.** 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



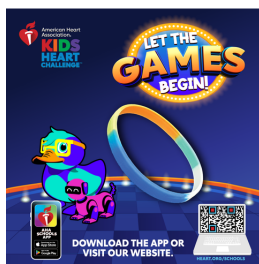
KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Please return the permission form as soon as possible for your child to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge on March 13th. Donations can be made online or you can send cash/check (made to The American Heart Association) in with your child.



Win this Hippo

Students raising \$100 or more will be entered in a drawing to win this Warmies Hippo.



Register Now

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!



Earn Prizes

Students will earn a prize with each donation level.

GIRLS ON THE RUN

We will start training for our 4th annual Girls on the Run 5k on Monday, March 10th. All girls in 3rd-5th grade are welcome to participate. More information will be sent out soon.



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

24 Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Peaches Baby Carrots Whole Grain Muffin, Cereal, Raisins, Grape Juice, Milk	25 Rib Patty or Pizza Fresh Veggie Cup Pears Italian Ice Breakfast Bites, Cereal, Applesauce Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	26 Pancakes & Sausage Patties or Chicken Patty Sandwich Tater Tots Applesauce Cup Juice Cup Super Bun, Cereal, Banana, Peach Cup, Milk	27 Beef Ravioli w/Breadstick or Corn Dog Tossed Salad Orange Wedges Corn Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Mandarin Orange Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk	28 Hot Dog or Pizza French Fries Mixed Fruit Baked Bean Yogurt, Cereal, Strawberry Cup, 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

MARCH HAPPENINGS:

March 3rd: Grades K and 1 to Hickory

- PBIS Assembly

March 6th: PTO Meeting 6:00 pm

March 3rd-7th - Read Across America Week

March 11th-14th: MISA Testing (Grades 3-5)
March 20th: Family Game Night 5:30-7:00 pm
March 26th: 12:15 dismissal - Staff Development
March 28th: NHS FFA Visits

APRIL HAPPENINGS:

April 1st: Dental Lessons - Health Dept
April 3rd: PBIS Assembly
April 4th: PK 4 to Hickory
April 9th: Spring Book Fair - During Media
April 10th: 12:15 Dismissal - Staff Development
April 11th: Spring Book Fair - During Media
April 17th: Egg Hunt for Students
April 18th: Schools Closed - Good Friday
April 21st: Make-up Day - Schools will Operate Normally
April 26th: Fine Arts Fair - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm @ Garrett College





Michele Bolden

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