

Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

January 24, 2025

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." — *Anne Bradstreet*



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025.

Schools are closed for students. Conferences are 11:00-6:30. Please look for a pink sheet of paper confirming your time. These were sent home this week. If you do not receive one, please call the school.



Benefit Dinner for Mrs. Shannon Miller

Mrs. Miller retired from Route 40 last year, she had 30 years with GCPS. Mrs. Miller taught PK at RT 40 and touched many young lives. She was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, Cardiac Amyloidosis. Our school Parent Involvement Team (PIT) is holding a Benefit Dinner on January 26th, 12:00pm-4:00pm. We hope that you will come out and show Mrs. Miller all the love and support she deserves.

BENEFIT DINNER FOR SHANNON MILLER

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 26
12PM – 4PM

ROUTE 40
SCHOOL



BAKED
POTATO BAR

DESSERTS

BASKET
RAFFLE

COME OUT AND ENJOY A MEAL AND BASKET RAFFLE TO HELP SUPPORT SHANNON WITH HER MEDICAL NEEDS. SHANNON WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A RARE FORM OF CANCER – CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO HER. MEAL IS DONATION BASED. CHECKS AND CASH DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF OR CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN ADVANCE AT ROUTE 40 SCHOOL. YOU CAN ALSO VENMO MONEY.

DONATE NOW

VENMO: @bigskyblooms

Calendar Changes

Please take note of the GCPS Calendar dates below that have been adjusted due to five inclement weather/school closure days that have occurred so far this year:

- The end of the second grading period is now Monday, February 3, 2025.*
- **The 91st Day/Professional Day, a three-hour early student dismissal, is now scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2025.***

**Additional school closure days before the end of the second grading period and the 91st day will affect these dates.*

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

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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.



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

<div>27</div> <div>Pepperoni Panni or Chicken Nuggets Carrot Sticks Peaches French Fries</div> <div>Whole Grain Muffin, Cereal, Raisins, Grape Juice, Milk</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Rib Patty or Pizza French Fries Pears Italian Ice</div> <div>Breakfast Bites, Cereal, Applesauce Cup, Orange Juice, Milk</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Nachos Grande or Chicken Patty Sandwich Tossed Salad Strawberry Applesauce Cup Corn</div> <div>Super Bun, Cereal, Banana, Peach Cup, Milk</div>	<div>30</div> <div>SCHOOLS CLOSED PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Hamburger or Pizza Oven Roasted Potatoes Mixed Fruit Baked Bean</div> <div>Sweet Potato Swirl, Cereal, Strawberry Cup, Apple Juice, Milk</div>
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JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Winter Break Schools Closed	2 Schools reopen	3 PBIS Assembly 8:45 am	4
5	6	7	8 Grades 4 & 5 to HEEC	9	10	11
12	13	14 BOE Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20 Schools Closed Martin Luther King Jr Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Schools Closed Parent Teacher Conferences 11:00am – 6:30pm	31	

Upcoming Events

JANUARY HAPPENINGS:

January 30th - Schools Closed for Students

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

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS:

February 2nd: PTO Meeting 3:00pm

February 3rd: End of Term 2

February 4th: 91st Day 12:15 dismissal (floating day) * this date has changed!

- PBIS Assembly 8:45pm

February 7th: PTO Family Movie Night, 7:00pm

February 10th: Report Cards Emailed

February 14th: 12:15 dismissal, Staff Development

- Classroom Valentine's Day Party



Michele Bolden

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