

# Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

**March 1, 2024**

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. - Dr. Seuss



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**We will celebrate Read Across America next week with a Dr. Seuss Spirit Week!**

# Dr. Seuss Spirit Week

## Monday, March 4th

Wear red or blue

*(One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish)*



## Tuesday, March 5th

Wear your favorite hat and silly socks

*(The Cat in the Hat and Fox in Socks)*

## Wednesday, March 6th

Wear wacky clothes that don't match

*(Wacky Wednesday)*

## Thursday, March 7th

Wear green

*(Green Eggs and Ham)*



## Friday, March 8th

Wear pajamas

*(The Sleep Book)*

## PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

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

[www.gcps.net/enrollment](http://www.gcps.net/enrollment)



An advertisement for the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey. It features a group photo of diverse students and adults. The text reads: "Please Complete the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey", "Your opinion matters!", "Available February 12 to May 24, 2024", and a blue button that says "Start Now." The Maryland State Department of Education logo is also present.

Please Complete  
the Maryland  
Special Education  
Parent Involvement  
Survey

*Your opinion matters!*

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MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**EDUCATION**  
EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE

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### Kids Heart Challenge

Students will participate in the Kids Heart Challenge on the afternoon of March 12th. Each student **MUST** have a signed permission form to be able to participate in the event. Forms were sent home last week, if you need a new one please let Mrs. Bolden know. Let's get Heart Healthy together ♥



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### Blood Drive

Route 40 Elementary School Parent Involvement Team will host the American Red Cross Blood Drive on March 20th, 12-6pm. Please sign up by going online and following the directions on the website. If you need assistance please call the school or email Mrs. Lapp at [Penny.Lapp@garrettcountyschools.org](mailto:Penny.Lapp@garrettcountyschools.org). The class that has the most blood donations will earn a pizza party.




<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Route40>





# March



					<b>1</b> Term 3 Mid Term	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Read Across America Week  Wear <b>Red</b> or <b>Blue</b>	<b>5</b>  Wear a <b>Hat</b> or <b>Silly Socks</b>	<b>6</b> Family Game Night 5:30-7:00  Wear <b>Wacky</b> <b>Clothes</b>	<b>7</b>  Wear <b>Green</b>	<b>8</b>  Wear <b>Pajamas</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>  Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> MISA Testing  Kids Heart Challenge  BOE Meeting	<b>13</b> MISA Testing	<b>14</b> MISA Testing  Pi Day	<b>15</b> MISA Testing	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>  St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b>  Blood Drive 12:30pm – 6:00pm	<b>21</b>  Grades K & 1 <sup>st</sup> to Hickory	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Staff Development 12:15 dismissal  Appelicious Orders Delivered	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Good Friday – Schools Closed	<b>30</b> 
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## March Happening:

March 1st - Qtr 3 Mid Term

March 6th - Family Game Night, 5:30-7:00

March 10th - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 12th-15th - MISA Testing

March 19th - All County Band Practice - GC

March 20th - Blood Drive, 12:00-6:00pm

March 21st - K & 1st to Hickory

March 26th - All County Band Practice - GC

March 27th - 12:15 Dismissal

- Appelicious Fundraiser Delivered

March 28th - Schools are NOW OPEN

March 29th - Schools Closed - Good Friday

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 🍕

4	5	6	7	8
Fish Sandwich Yogurt Parfait Chicken Nuggets French Fries Pears Mixed Vegetables  Whole Grain Donut, Cereal, Mixed Fruit Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	Breaded Chicken w/Corn Muffin Chef Salad Pizza Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Green Beans  Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Craisins, Fruit Juice, Milk	Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll Yogurt Parfait Chicken Patty Sandwich Peas      Peaches Broccoli  Muffin, Cereal, Pear Cup, Orange Pineapple Juice, Milk	Cheese Ravioli w/Breadstick Chef Salad Pizza Tossed Salad Orange Wedges Oven Roasted Vegetables  Waffle, Cereal, Strawberry Applesauce Cup, Grape Juice, Milk	Walking Tacos Yogurt Parfait Pepperoni Roll Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit Black 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.

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.

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# **Lifetouch.**

**Route 40 Elementary School**  
**Grades Eligible to Purchase:** PRK - 5  
**Yearbook ID:** 14673424

## **Yearbooks are now available to preorder!**



**ORDER NOW**

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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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