

# Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

**March 22, 2024**

Nothing can dim the light which shines from within. —Maya Angelou





**Please Complete  
the Maryland  
Special Education  
Parent Involvement  
Survey**

*Your opinion matters!*

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

**Start Now.**

The advertisement features a group photo of diverse students and adults. Below the photo is the Maryland State Department of Education logo, which includes the text "MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION" and "EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE".

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### Blood Drive

Thank you to those that were able to donate blood. Mrs. Lapp's 3/4 grade had the most donations with a total of 20 donors, they have earned a pizza party.



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### Applelicious Orders

The applelicious orders will now be delivered on Friday, March 22nd. Pick up will begin at 2:00pm.  
All orders must be picked up by 4:00pm.



# March



					<b>1</b> Term 3 Mid Term	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Read Across America Week  Wear <b>Red</b> or <b>Blue</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	Family Game Night 5:30-7:00  Wear <b>Wacky</b> <b>Clothes</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>10</b>		<b>11</b>	MISA Testing  Kids Heart Challenge  BOE Meeting	<b>12</b>	MISA Testing  PTO Meeting 6:30pm  Pi Day	<b>13</b>
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## MARCH HAPPENINGS:

March 22nd - Applelicious Fundraiser Delivered

March 26th - All County Band/Chorus Practice @ GC

March 27th - 12:15 Dismissal

March 28th - Schools are NOW OPEN

- PTO Egg hunt for students

March 29th - Schools Closed - Good Friday

## APRIL HAPPENINGS:

April 1st - Schools Closed - Easter Monday

April 2nd - Schools are NOW OPEN

April 4th - End of 3rd Term

- All County Band/Chorus Practice @ GC
- Health Dept Dental Lesson
- PTO Meeting - 6:30pm

April 6th - Students Art Fair - Garrett College

April 9th - BOE Meeting

April 10th - 12:15 Dismissal - Staff Development

April 15th - PK & K Registration

April 22nd-26th - Spring Book Fair

April 24th - Spring Pictures/Class Pictures

April 26th - 5th Grade - Career Day @ Garrett College



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## 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

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## Weekly Breakfast & Lunch Menu 🍕

25	26	27	28	29
Fish Sandwich Yogurt Parfait Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Pears Mixed Vegetables  Whole Grain Muffin, Cereal, Raisins, Grape Juice, Milk	Baked Chicken w/Corn Muffin Chef Salad Pizza Mashed Potatoes Pineapple      Green Beans  Breakfast Bites, Cereal, Applesauce Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll Yogurt Parfait Chicken Patty Sandwich Peas Peaches French Fries  Super Bun, Cereal, Banana, Peach Cup, Milk	Walking Tacos Chef Salad Pizza Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit Rice Krispy Treat  Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Mandarin Orange Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk	SCHOOLS CLOSED  GOOD FRIDAY



## Reminders

### 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.

### **Parent Volunteers**

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.

### **Medication Form**

If your child needs to take medicine at school, we need to have the form below completed by the ordering physician. This includes prescription and over the counter medications. Please call the school and talk to the nurse for more information.

#### **medication form**

[Download](#)

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

## Yearbooks are now available to preorder!



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<https://rt-40-23.spiritsale.com/>



**Michele Bolden**

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