

Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

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"A little progress each day adds up to big results." – Satya Nani



Registration for PreK and Kindergarten is now open. Please use this link or share it with someone that may need to register their child. <https://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 "Start Now." button. The Maryland State Department of Education logo with the tagline "EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE" is also present.

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Your opinion matters!

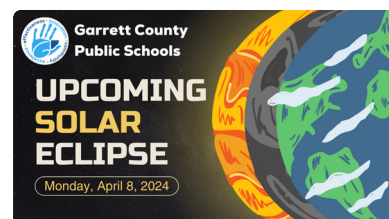
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Upcoming Solar Eclipse

Garrett County Public Schools (GCPS) is providing advance notice about the solar eclipse occurring on April 8, 2024, two weeks from today. The peak time of the eclipse will occur during student dismissal. We encourage parents and guardians to discuss safety precautions with their children during this event.



While solar eclipses can be a fun and exciting event for the whole family to enjoy, it is important to remember that looking directly at the sun during an eclipse can cause permanent eye damage. To ensure that your child is safe during the eclipse, we recommend that parents discuss the following safety precautions with their children:

- Do not look directly at the sun during the eclipse, even if you are wearing sunglasses or using a camera or telescope.
- Use special eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers that meet international safety standards to view the eclipse.
- If you cannot access special glasses, you can create a pinhole projector or use a colander to project the eclipse image onto a piece of paper.
- Avoid reflective surfaces, such as water or shiny metal, which can reflect the sun's rays and cause eye damage.

We want our students to have a safe and enjoyable experience during the upcoming solar eclipse. We encourage parents to talk with their children about the importance of safety during this event and ensure they are prepared with the necessary safety equipment. Have a wonderful, safe eclipse-viewing experience!

Additional information about the eclipse may be found at <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/>.



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	1 Easter Monday Schools Closed	2 Schools are NOW OPEN	3	4 Dental Lesson PTO Meeting 6:30 End of term 3	5	6 Students Art Fair – Garrett College
7 CogAT Testing 2 nd grade	8 CogAT Testing 2 nd grade	9 BOE Meeting	10 Staff Development – 12:15 Dismissal	11	12	13
14	15 PK/K Registration	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 EARTH DAY	23 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day Spring	24 Spring Pictures Book Fair	25 April 22-26	26 5 th Grade to Garrett College	27
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MARCH HAPPENINGS:

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 8th - CogAT Testing - 2nd Grade

April 9th - CogAT Testing - 2nd Grade

- 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



Weekly Breakfast & Lunch Menu

1	2	3	4	5
SCHOOLS CLOSED EASTER MONDAY	Corn Dog Mixed Greens w/Chicken Salad Pizza Mixed Vegetables Peaches French Fries Cereal Bar, Cereal, Pear Cup, Juice, Milk	Hamburger Yogurt Parfait Chicken Petty Sandwich Tater Tots Mixed Fruit Baked Beans 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	Nachos Grande Yogurt Parfait Pepperoni Roll Tossed Salad Strawberry Applesauce Cup Corn Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Orange Wedges, Apple Juice, Milk



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.

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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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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/>



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