

Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

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"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at." – Stephen Hawking



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.

Thursday, June 12, 2025, will now be a make-up day to accommodate the missed instructional time due to inclement weather.

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

Book Fair

We will have our Spring Book Fair on April 9th and April 11th during the Media. Flyers will be sent home next week.



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.

If your child is a current PK 3 student, you **MUST** enroll them for the PK 4 program.

<https://www.gcps.net/enrollment>

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

Application period
is now open for the
2025-26 School Year!

www.gcps.net/enrollment



Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day is March 31, 2025. Order forms went home this week. You can also order online at [Life Touch Ordering](#), Picture Day ID: EVTBXM2BT



Garrett County Arts Fair



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

Pepperoni Panni or Chicken Nuggets Carrot Sticks, Peaches French Fries 31	Breaded Chicken Breast or Pizza Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Broccoli 1	Nachos Grande or Chicken Patty Sandwich Tossed Salad Strawberry Applesauce Cup Corn 2	Sweet & Sour Chicken or Corn Dog Mandarin Stir Fry Vegetables Pears Ice Cream Cup 3	Hamburger or Pizza Oven Roasted Potatoes Mixed Fruit Baked Beans 4
Whole Grain Donut, Cereal, Mixed Fruit Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Craisins, Fruit Juice, Milk	Muffin, Cereal, Pear Cup, Orange Pineapple Juice, Milk	Waffle, Cereal, Strawberry Applesauce Cup, Grape Juice, Milk	Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Orange Wedges, Apple Juice, Milk



APRIL 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Pre-K 4 to Hickory Family Game Night 5:30-7:00	5
6	7	8 End of Term 3	9 Book Fair	10 12:15 Dismissal Staff Development	11 Book Fair	12
13	14 Pre-K & K Registration	15 Report Cards emailed	16	17 PTO Egg Hunt	18 Schools Closed - Good Friday	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Arts Fair 9:00 - 3:00 @Garrett College
27	28	29	30			

Upcoming Events

MARCH HAPPENINGS:

March 31st: Spring Picture Day

APRIL HAPPENINGS:

April 1st: Dental Lessons - Health Dept

April 3rd: PBIS Assembly

April 4th: PK 4 to Hickory

- **Family Game Night 5:30pm-7:00pm**

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 - 3:00 pm @ Garrett College



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