

# Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

**March 7, 2025**

March is magic—time to bloom and grow!



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## 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.

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

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## 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.

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

# PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

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

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



## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Please return the permission form as soon as possible for your child to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge on March 13th. Donations can be made online or you can send cash/check (made to The American Heart Association) in with your child. All students must have a signed permission in order to participate. Donations are not required for students to participate in the event.



### Win this Hippo

Students raising \$100 or more will be entered in a drawing to win this Warmies Hippo.



### Register Now

Alongside this year's heart heroes, we're learning about healthy hearts and life lessons like getting active, asking for help, resting well and being kind. BONUS: your student will get a free wristband for joining at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/Route40Elementary> or using the AHA Schools app!



### Earn Prizes

Students will earn a prize with each donation level.

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## Blood Drive

Route 40 Parent Involvement Team will host a blood drive on March 19th. If you are able to donate, please sign up at:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>



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## GIRLS ON THE RUN

We will start training for our 4th annual Girls on the Run 5k on Tuesday, March 11th. All girls in 3rd-5th grade are welcome to participate. You can register at

<https://www.gotrmidmd.org/programs>.



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## Garrett County Arts Fair



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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.



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## 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.

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## 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.



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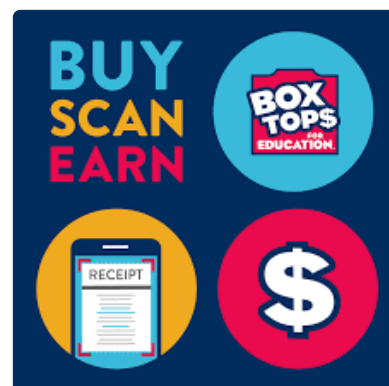
## Recess

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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## 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



10 Pepperoni Panni or Chicken Nuggets Carrot Sticks Peaches French Fries  Whole Grain Muffin, Cereal, Raisins, Grape Juice, Milk	11 Breaded Chicken Breast or Pizza Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Broccoli  Breakfast Bites, Cereal, Applesauce Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	12 Nachos Grande or Chicken Patty Sandwich Tossed Salad Strawberry Applesauce Cup Corn  Super Bun, Cereal, Banana, Peach Cup, Milk	13 Vegetable Dumplings & Mini Chicken Eggroll w/Fried Rice or Corn Dog Mandarin Stir Fry Vegetables Pears Ice Cream Cup  Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Mandarin Orange Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk	14 Hamburger or Pizza Oven Roasted Potatoes Mixed Fruit Baked Beans  Yogurt, Cereal, Strawberry Cup, Apple Juice, Milk
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## MARCH 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Wear Stripes with your favorite hat/hair accessory  Grades K & 1 to Hickory	4 Wear Green	5 Wear Wacky/Mismatched Clothes	6 Wear Your Favorite Color  PTO Meeting 6:00 pm	7 Wear PJs	8
9  Daylight Savings Begins	10  PBIS Assembly 8:45 am	11  MISA Testing- 5 <sup>th</sup>	12  MISA Testing - 5 <sup>th</sup>	13  MISA Testing - 5 <sup>th</sup>	14  MISA Testing - 5 <sup>th</sup>	15
16	17	18	19  Blood Drive 12:00-6:00 pm	20	21	22
23  30	24  31 Spring Pictures	25	26  12:15 Dismissal Staff Development	27	28  FFA Visit	29  

# Upcoming Events

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## MARCH HAPPENINGS:

March 9th: Daylight Savings Begins

March 10th: PBIS Assembly 8:45 am

March 11th-14th: MISA Testing (Grade 5)

- Girls on the Run Starts (Grades 3-5) 3:30-4:45pm

March 19th: Blood Drive 12:00pm-6:00pm

March 26th: 12:15 dismissal - Staff Development

March 28th: NHS FFA Visits

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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