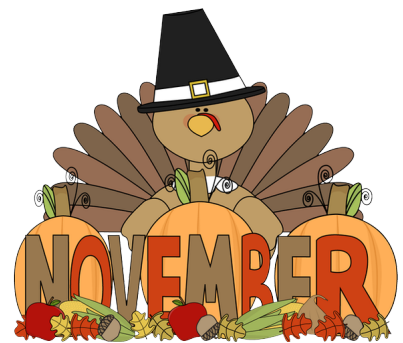


# Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

**November 15, 2024**

"In November, let your dreams take flight and your spirit soar." —  
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## Coins For Caring

Our Coins for Caring Drive kicked off Monday, November 4th and will run through Friday, December 6, 2024. We are asking that you send in your extra change to help needy families in our community.

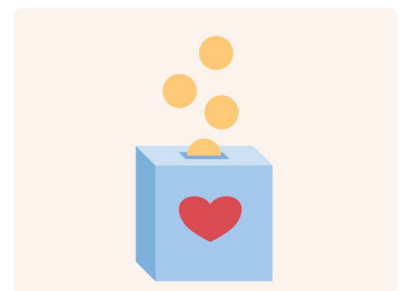
The money raised will be used to support as many families as possible at Christmas. This has been a very successful drive and we are hoping for the same success this year! So gather up your extra change and send it in with your child. The class collecting the most change will win a Pajama Day and will have one student chosen by a drawing to pie Mrs. Hawkins!

This week's top three classes are:

1st place - 5th Grade

2nd place - 1st Grade

3rd place - Kindergarten



# Maryland Statewide Family Engagement Center

Please visit the [Maryland Statewide Family Engagement Center](http://www.MAEC.org) for more information about parent and family engagement collaboration.

VISIT OUR PARENT SITE AT [WWW.MAEC.ORG](http://WWW.MAEC.ORG)



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## Collaborative Action for Family Engagement

The Statewide Family Engagement Center  
in Maryland and Pennsylvania

### Our GOAL

To build family-educator  
partnerships to support student  
well-being and achievement.

## 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.

## PowerSchool

As Winter approaches, please remember to set up your parent portal for powerschool. Follow the steps to set up School Messenger. School Messenger is a communications tool that is used by

the Garrett County Public Schools. The school system uses School Messenger to communicate a number of items ranging from school cancellations, major system wide events, to other various announcements by way of phone call, email, and/or text. **Report cards are also sent by school messenger.** To utilize School Messenger, a parent needs to log into his/her PowerSchool Parent Portal account. **The Access ID and Password were handed out at back to school or sent home with your child. If you did not receive one or need assistance setting up your account please contact the school.**

[PowerSchool Parent Portal Setup and School Messenger Setup](#)

## 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.

## Weekly Breakfast & Lunch Menu

18	19	20	21	22
Pepperoni Panni or Chicken Nuggets Carrot Sticks Peeches French Fries	Breaded Chicken Breast or Pizza Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Broccoli	Nachos Grande or Chicken Patty Sandwich Tossed Salad Strawberry Applesauce Cup Corn	Vegetable Dumplings & Chicken Eggroll w/Fried Rice or Corn Dog Mandarin Stir Fry Vegetables Pears Ice Cream Cup	Hamburger or Pizza Oven Roasted Potatoes Mixed Fruit Baked Beans
Whole Grain Donut, Cereal, Mixed Fruit Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Craisins, Fruit Juice, Milk	Muffin, Cereal, Pear Cup, Orange Pineapple Cup, Milk	Waffle, Cereal, Strawberry Applesauce Cup, Grape Juice, Milk	Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Orange Wedges, Apple Juice, Milk

## A note from Ms. Linares

Our Winter Performance is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th. There will be two showing, 9:30am and 1:45pm. All Route 40 students will participate in this performance and students in 1st-5th grade are able to practice from home by visiting the [Music Website](#). There you will find links to



the song each grade level will sing and a [Google Slides Presentation](#) with the lyrics. Ms. Linares will send home more information regarding the Performance as the date gets closer, but students can begin practicing now!

# NOVEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Halloween Costume Parade 2:30 pm	2
3	4  PBIS Assembly 2:30	5  Schools Closed Election Day	6  End of Term 1  Grades K & 1 to Hickory	7	8  Veterans Day Breakfast 9:00am	9
10	11  12:15 Dismissal Staff Development	12	13  Report Cards to Parents	14	15	16
17	18	19	20  Book Fair	21	22  Book Fair	23
24	25	26	27  12:15 Dismissal	28  Schools Closed Thanksgiving break	29	30



# Upcoming Events

## **NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS:**

**November 20th & 22nd - Book Fair, held during Media time**

**November 27th - 12:15pm Dismissal**

**November 28th - 29th - Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Break**



## **DECEMBER HAPPENINGS:**

**December 2nd - Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Break**

**December 3rd - Make Up Picture Day**

**December 4th & 6th - Santa's Workshop**

**December 5th - PTO Meeting 6:00pm**

**December 10th - 12:15 Dismissal - Staff Development**

**December 11th - Winter Performance - 9:30am & 1:45pm**

**December 12th - Mid Term 2nd Qtr**

**December 18th - Grades Pre-K - 2nd - HEEC**

**December 19th - Grades 3-5 - HEEC**

**December 20th - 12:15 Dismissal**

**December 23rd-31st - Schools Closed - Winter Break**



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