

Route 40 Elementary School

Jacqueline Hawkins, Principal

November 8, 2024

"In November, we find happiness in the simplest acts of kindness."

— Unknown



Early Dismissal

Monday, November 11th is a 3 hour (12:15pm) early dismissal for students.



End Of First Marking Period

The end of the first marking period was November 6th. Report cards will be sent home by email on November 13th, through School Messenger. If you do not have your school messenger set up you will not receive your child's report card. If you need the access code to set this up, please reach out to Mrs. Bolden.



Coins For Caring

Our Coins for Caring Drive will kick 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.



Maryland Statewide Family Engagement Center

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

VISIT OUR PARENT SITE AT [WWW.MAEC.ORG](https://www.maec.org)



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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.

11 Cheese Bosco Sticks or Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Pears Mixed Vegetables Whole Grain Muffin, Cereal, Raisins, Grape Juice, Milk	12 Chicken Biscuits or Pizza Tater Tots Pineapple Rice Krispy Treat Breakfast Bites, Cereal, Applesauce Cup, Orange Juice, Milk	13 Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll or Chicken Patty Sandwich Peas Peaches Broccoli Super Bun, Cereal, Banana, Peach Cup, Milk	14 Mozzarella Sticks or Corn Dog Tossed Salad Orange Wedges Oven Roasted Vegetables Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Mandarin Orange Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk	15 Walking Tacos or Pizza Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit Black Beans Yogurt, Cereal, Strawberry Cup, Apple Juice, Milk
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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 11th - 12:15 Dismissal - Staff Development

- Veterans Day

November 13th - Report Cards to Parents

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 12th - Mid Term 2nd Qtr

December 11th - Christmas Program - 9:30am, 1:45pm

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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