RED RIBBON WEEK: Route 40 will be having Read-Ribbon week October 23-27. The following are the activities for each day:
- Monday 10/23 “United We Stand: Against Drugs” (Wear patriotic colors)
- Tuesday 10/24 “Strike Out Drugs” (Wear your favorite team shirts, hats, colors)
- Wednesday 10/25 “Real Heroes Don’t Do Drugs! Be Brave & Make Healthy Choices” (Wear superhero items)
- Thursday 10/26/17 “Drug Addiction Is No Day At The Beach!” (Wear Hawaiian gear)
- Friday 10/27/17 “Give Drugs The Boot!” (Wear cowboy/girl western wear)

HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTIES: The Halloween Parade & Parties will be on Friday, October 27. The Parade will be at the schools bus lane at 2:00 unless it rains. Parents of students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd may come back to their classrooms at 1:50 ONLY if their child needs help getting their costume ready. All other parents should go to the bus lane to be ready for the parade. The parade will start promptly at 2:00, so students need to in their costumes by then.

HALLOWEEN SOCIAL: Our Halloween Social will be October 27, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:30. There is still need for help. Please let the school know if you can help with any time slot. IF MORE PEOPLE DO NOT VOLUNTEER, GAMES WILL BE ELIMINATED. This is a great way for your older children to earn Service Learning Hours.

CLASSROOM BASKETS – ITEMS NEEDED: Every year students create baskets that are raffled at the social. Each classroom chooses a theme and is asked to send in items to fill the basket. The classroom themes are listed below:
- Pre-K - Gift cards
- Kindergarten – Rustic Fall
- 1 – Dr. Seuss
- 2 – Sensational Scents
- 3 – Arts and Crafts
- 4 – Movie
- 5 – U.S.A.

HARVEST BASKET ITEMS NEEDED: Each grade is asked to send in specific items to fill the harvest baskets. We appreciate your efforts in helping us to continue this tradition. Please see your child’s grade level below. Please send in all items by October 25, 2017.
- Pre-K – stuffing mix and cans of pie filling
- K – cans of sweet potatoes and noodles
- 1 – cans of sauerkraut and carrots or peas
- 2 – cans of green beans and instant potatoes
- 3 – cranberry sauce and dessert mix
- 4 – gravy mix or jars, corn bread mix
- 5 – cans of fruit and corn

HARVEST BASKET TICKET SALES: Harvest Basket ticket forms were sent home last week. Students who sell 25 or more tickets get a t-shirt designed by fifth grade students. The classroom selling the most tickets wins 15 extra minutes of recess. The top three sellers win Walmart gift cards for $25, $15, and $10. Tickets are $1 each. All tickets and money are due October 25, 2017. Please try to sell these tickets. This event is the one that supports the PTO programs for the year.

PARENT CONFERENCES: Parent Conferences will be held on Monday, November 6 from 11:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Thanks to all the parents who returned their conference request forms. Conference slots are filling up. If you have not, please do by October 30 or you will assigned a time.

ARTICLE ABOUT SMART PHONES: The following is a link to an article about a study about smart phones and their effects on children and parents. We encourage you to go to the link and read this article. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Maust or Mrs. Glotfelty.

Link to article: https://www.yourmodernfamily.com/scary-truth-whats-hurting-kids/

SAVE THE DATE: This year’s annual Christmas Program will be held at held at Route 40 Elementary School on December 13th, 2017. The students will perform the show two times for family and friends. PreK-2 parents are invited to attend the 9:30 a.m. performance. 3-5 parents are invited to attend the 1:00 p.m. performance. If you have children across the grade levels, feel free to choose the performance time that works best for you. Also if you can only attend the time that is not your child’s grade level, please still come! All the students will perform in both shows; the grade level suggestions are to accommodate our large audiences and to avoid having everyone come to the same show.
GARDENING SUPPLIES: At this time we have enough garden supplies. Thanks to all who sent in supplies for our greenhouse and garden.

**MENU FOR NEXT WEEK:**

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<td>Double Chocolate Whole Grain Muffin, Cereal, Raisins, Grape Juice, Milk</td>
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<td>24  Chicken Noodle Soup or Yogurt w/String Cheese or Pizza Grilled Cheese Sandwich Broccoli Pineapple Churro Milk</td>
<td>Waffles, Cereal, Applesauce Cup, Orange Juice, Milk</td>
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<td>25  Nachos Grande or Yogurt w/String Cheese or Chicken Nuggets Tossed Salad Strawberry Applesauce Cup Corn Milk</td>
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<td>26  Mozzarella Sticks w/Sauce or Yogurt w/String Cheese or Corn Dog Carrot Sticks Pears Brownie Milk</td>
<td>Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Peach Cup, Orange Pineapple Juice, Milk</td>
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<td>27  Hamburger or Yogurt w/String Cheese or Pizza Oven Roasted Potatoes Mixed Fruit Baked Beans Milk</td>
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**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:** Route 40 is partnering with Casa Para Niños Aleluya School in San Bartolome Milpas Altas, Guatemala. As a partner school we are doing a school supply drive to collect school supplies that are needed for Casa. Supplies will be sent down with Mrs. Brenneman in November. Items needed:

- Pens
- Pencils
- Tape
- Pushpins
- Liquid glue
- Duct tape (different colors)
- Markers
- Dry erase markers – fine tip
- Word strips
- Glue sticks
- Loose leaf paper
- Colored pencils
- Index cards
- Multiplication flash cards
- Clip boards
- Oil pastels
- Acrylic paints
- Durable nylon pencil bags
- Yarn
- Band aids
- Pencil sharpeners
- Hot glue guns
- Hot glue sticks
- Brads
- Composition notebooks
- Spiral notebooks
- Kitchen sponges w/o scrubber
- 100 piece puzzles
- Clear contact paper
- Chalk
- Crayons
- Construction paper
- Sheets of craft foam
- Mellissa & Doug Floor puzzles
- Play Doh
- Crayola dry erase markers
- Die-cut paper shapes
- Die-cut paper décor
- Packing tape w/ dispensers
- Erasers (not pencil cap)
- Simple wall clock
- Foam letters
- Checkers
- Travel checker rugs
- Chess sets
- Puppets
- Large duffle bags
- Money

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**October:**

25 - Basket items and Social tickets due  
27 - Halloween Social 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.  
30 - Grades 4 and 5 to GC for Ballet

**November:**

6 – No School Parent Confernce  
6-10 – Book Fair  
7 – 4th & 5th to FSU  
7 – Pre-K & K to Hickory  
13 – PTO at 6:00 pm  
16 – 4-H  
17 – Make-up picture day  
22 – Noon dismissal  
23 & 24 – No School