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.

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/

SCHOOL MESSENGER SIGN UP, A PARENT COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR 2017:
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. To utilize School Messenger, a parent needs to log into his/her Power School Parent Portal account. To set up your contact preferences for School Messenger, please utilize the following instructions:

- Click the Arrow Icon in the top right
- Choose Contact Manager
- Select the Contacts tab
- Select the Edit button to the right of your child’s name.
- Once on the edit screen, please select if you would like to receive phone, email, and/or SMS (text) communications. Then, check all the boxes for the types of alerts.
- Please verify that your email address and phone number are correct.
- Please verify that you are receiving the proper communication types that you desire.

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
**MENU FOR NEXT WEEK:**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

October:
- 27 - Halloween Social 7:00-9:30
- 30 - Grades 4 and 5 to GC for Ballet

November:
- 6 – No School Parent Conference
- 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