



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
April 22, 2024

Dear Community Members:

Welcome to the April edition of *Ten Moore Things!* Here is what is happening in the School District this month:

1. **Spring Sports Sessions are in full swing!** Boys and Girls Track, Tennis, and Girls Softball all have competitions in Great Falls this week, including crosstown softball games and a track meet at memorial stadium. For more detailed information on the weekly sports schedules check out our webpage at: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=345>
2. **GFPS Trustee Elections** will be held on May 7th. This is an all-mail ballot election with ballots going out on April 22nd. Prior to election day, ballots must be returned by mail to the election office or in person during regular business hours Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm. If mailing your ballot, be sure to mail it 4 days before election day to ensure it arrives on time. On Election Day, voted ballots may be returned to the election office or Exhibition Hall at Montana Expo Park. Both locations will be open from 7:00am - 8:00pm. [School Elections / School Elections 2024 \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/SchoolElections/SchoolElections2024)
3. **Summer Music Program-** for GFPS elementary, middle, and high school students runs from June 10-21, 2024. Registration opens soon. For more information on Summer Music Camps; <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/303>
4. **Whittier Elementary School will have a new Principal for the 2024/2025 school year!** Mr. Franklin Gilbert has been selected to succeed Ms. Corri Smith as the next Principal of Whittier Elementary School. Mr. Gilbert has been serving as an administrative intern at East Middle School this past year. Prior to that, Mr. Gilbert taught mathematics at the middle school and elementary levels. For more information; <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=928814469250265&set=a.265767145555004>
5. **Thank you to our Big Sky Bus Lines drivers!** National School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day is on Tuesday, April 23rd! Every day of the week, our school bus drivers transport 6000 students. Watch KFBB on Tuesday for a great story about Driver Bill Cox (for the past 14 years) as he is one of 66 drivers that begin their day at 6:30 a.m. every morning. If you are interested in a job driving a school bus, click here: <https://www.bigskybuslines.com/>
6. **GFPS celebrates Purple Star award winners:** We celebrated Purple Up Day on April 18th by recognizing Purple Star Schools and individuals: Congratulations to CMR (Principal, Jamie McGraw); CMR Counselor Nick Budeski and Librarian / Cyber Patriot Coach, Jamie Williams; Loy Elementary School (Principal, Shanda Brown); MAFB/GFPS School Liaison Specialist, Lisa Sapp; and North Middle School (Principal, Brian Miller). For more information:

<https://opi.mt.gov/Leadership/Management-Operations/Office-of-the-Superintendent/MIC3#10951113039-2023-2024-purple-star-champions-award-recipients>

7. **GFPS CORE Charter School Updates** – CORE school lottery applications are due April 25th at midnight and the lottery drawing will run April 26th. Currently there are thirteen (13) University of Montana Western (UMW) college students/Teacher Assistants who will begin courses on May 13th. For more information; <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/1988>
8. **Great Fall Public Schools Foundation Updates** – The GFPS Foundation is partnering with the high school counseling departments to celebrate scholarship recipients and the donors who are supporting their future plans at the Scholarship Celebration next Wednesday evening, May 1st. We look forward to seeing the great things our students accomplish moving forward thanks to donor generosity.
9. **Congratulations to Great Falls High School Senior Mariah Hicks** – Connecting our students in the community! GFHS Senior Mariyah Hicks was surprised with the "YWCA Salute to Women: Woman of Tomorrow Award". Becky Nelson, Great Falls Public Schools Community Connections Coordinator, wrote an essay and asked for comments from Mariyah's counselor, principal, and others to include in the nomination application. Mariyah will be recognized on Friday, May 10th at the Salute to Women event.
10. **Great Falls High School and CMR High School Drama Productions Spring Plays: YEEHAW!** The final show of the season for the GFHS Drama Department is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for May 2nd, the production opening of "**Across the Plains: The Journey of the Donner Party**". The production will run through May 11th. Tickets can be purchased with cash at the door or online at [our.show/acrosstheplains](https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=cmr%20drama) . The CMR Drama Department proudly presents "**The End of the World (With Prom to Follow)**" from April 25- April 27. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=cmr%20drama>

I hope "10 Moore Things" about GFPS was helpful information for you! The next release is scheduled for May 22, 2024. You are receiving this email as part of the district's ongoing community communication efforts. If you do not wish to receive these emails, there is a place to unsubscribe at the very bottom.

Thank you for reading and thank you for supporting our staff and students!

Tom Moore

Superintendent

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