



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

Dear Community Members:

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

1. **Spring Sports Sessions begin next week!** - Boys and Girls Track, Tennis and Girls Softball all began practices on March 11 and competitions will start on March 26, 2024. 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. **The new Superintendent for Great Falls Public Schools has been named!** – On February 20, 2024, at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, **Mrs. Heather Hoyer** was selected to serve as the next Superintendent of Schools in Great Falls. For the past five years Mrs. Hoyer has been serving as an Executive Director of Student Achievement in the District Office. Heather has been with the district since 1996 in a variety of teaching and administrative roles. Congratulations and best wishes to Heather in her new role, beginning on July 1, 2024.
3. **Help Wanted. GFPS Job Fair!!!** We are looking to hire teacher aides, food service workers, Para educators, substitutes and more on **Tuesday March 26 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Paris Gibson Education Center**. We will be interviewing on the spot! Join us for your opportunity to ask about various positions with different schedules that fit your needs. Current openings are always found here: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/1569> Big Sky Bus Lines needs bus drivers as well. You can contact them at 454-1283 for more information.
4. **GFPS Annual Community Budget Meetings-** During the month of March the GFPS Board Budget Committee met with District Officials and community members to review and discuss the current budget situation and the projections for the next fiscal year (2024/2025) budget. The culmination for these meetings takes place on **Monday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m.** in the District Office building when the Budget Committee will provide a recommendation to the full Board regarding the strategy to balance the 2024/2025 GFPS general fund budgets. For more information: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/Domain/88/Community%20Invite%20for%202024.25%20Budget%20Prep.pdf>
5. **GFPS Trustee Elections 2024** Nominating petitions and candidacy forms will be available until **March 28, 2024** for one open seat on the Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees. For more information, please visit our webpage at: [School Elections / School Elections 2024 \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/SchoolElections/SchoolElections2024)
6. **Build Montana gets off the ground in Great Falls** – Last month, Governor Greg Gianforte came to Great Falls Public Schools to sign a proclamation for Career and Technical Education month. While he was here, our staff, students and community partners informed the Governor about how Great Falls was launching the BUILD MONTANA program. This past week, the Montana Contractor’s

Association, who are one of the primary partners in this statewide workforce initiative, visited Great Falls Public Schools to interview our students, staff and community partners to understand how Build Montana was rolling out in the Electric City. For more information on BUILD MONTANA: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=293375620456567&set=pcb.293376077123188>

7. **Great Falls Public Schools Archery Team at State Competition** – Students from Great Falls competed last weekend in Helena at the state archery tournament. The team came up as the winners of the first 3D State Championship with a score of 1501. Individually, Braidyn Lamere placed 4th in the Men's 3D, Chloe Miller placed 3rd in the Women's 3D, and Rayah Bourdeau placed 1st in the Women's 3D Competition! Thank you to the coaches, Dugan Coburn, Drew Uecker and the parents who support our student athletes in this event. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=725440723096557&set=pcb.725441036429859>

8. **Music and Art in our school's month comes to a close** – This past month has been filled with plenty of opportunities to observe our student's artistic talents and musical abilities throughout the community. This week there were three stellar musical performances in our schools as students and their teachers showcased their talent for the community. Band, orchestra and choral concerts were held this week. The Music In Our Schools Month (MISOM) series wrapped up with a choral concert Thursday evening in the "Old Gym" at Great Falls High School, featuring a special guest conductor. <https://www.krtv.com/news/great-falls-news/gfps-celebrates-music-in-our-schools-month-with-original-song-by-a-pro-composer> **For more information on Music and art in our schools:** <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Domain/84>

9. **No More Violence Week April 8- 12 2024:**
No More Violence was founded in 2015 by Dr. Cherie McKeever and students at Great Falls College-MSU in response to an increased recognition of violence against children and families in our community. A week of awareness events was their coordinated response to "do something" positive. These initial efforts have grown into a tremendous legacy of what is now known as No More Violence Week. Today, No More Violence Week occurs during the month of April in Great Falls, Montana, and includes a full week of free training, awareness building activities, and community events for all ages. Through partnerships with more than 20 community organizations, this week addresses challenging topics - child abuse, intimate partner violence, family violence, trauma, human trafficking, missing and murdered indigenous people, addiction, suicide, mental health, isolation and more - in a spirit of collaboration, partnership, growth, hope and unity. For more information: <https://www.allianceforyouth.org/no-more-violence-week-great-falls-mt>

10. **GFPS Core Charter School Updates-** The Montana State Board of Education has approved the Great Falls Public School's application for the CORE Charter school to be located at Morningside Elementary School for next school year 2024/2025. Principal Jennifer Martyn from Mt. View Elementary School has been named to lead this innovative elementary school of choice in Great Falls. To read more about the CORE school click here: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/1988> **On March 26 & 27 the District will host Parent information meetings related to registration for the CORE school. For more information on those events check here:** <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/9M2DQTtjR9153cMq/?mibextid=qi2Omg>

****There will be no school March 28 - April 2, 2024 for GFPS students as this is Spring Break. Some support staff and administration will be working on March 28th, April 1st and 2nd.**

I hope “10 Moore Things” about GFPS was helpful information for you! The next release is scheduled for April 19, 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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