



**Great Falls Public Schools**  
**Ten “MOORE” things you need to know ....**  
**January 15, 2024**

Dear Community Members:

Happy New Year! I hope that this will be a prosperous and productive New Year for you all! Despite the frigid temperatures, we are off to a great start for 2024! As of Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> we are at the half-way point in the school year... and here is what is happening in the School District this month:

1. **GFPS Winter Sports Update** – Basketball, Swimming and Wrestling athletes are well into their winter sport’s seasons. Last week’s cross-town basketball games were exciting! February 8 & 9 will be the next cross-town meetings for the boys’ and girls’ teams. Wrestlers will meet at Great Falls High School on January 23<sup>rd</sup> for a cross-town dual! Both swimming teams will meet on January 30<sup>th</sup> for their official cross-town meet at the GFHS pool. 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. **Tax Credit Opportunity through GFPS – Only two more days left to take advantage of this opportunity!** Did you know you can direct your Montana State taxes directly to Great Falls Public Schools rather than to the State? The 2021 Legislature authorized tax credit opportunities and the 2023 Legislature enhanced this program. To get a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Montana state tax bill in 2024, **the submittal date is Wednesday, January 17, 2024**. For more information on how you can take advantage of this opportunity, please check out our website : [Business Services and Operations / Innovative Education Programs - Tax Credit \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Business_Services_and_Operations/Innovative_Education_Programs_-_Tax_Credit) or call **TODAY**- Brian Patrick, Director of Business Operations at 406-268-6050.
3. **A Superintendent Search is Underway!** – The School Board appreciates your time and assistance in completing a brief survey. The results will help the Board as they review the applications for the position of Superintendent of Schools. **SURVEY DEADLINE: Friday, January 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m.** For more information on the Superintendent Search: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/domain/682>
4. **Meadowlark school opens 4 new classrooms!** Last week we celebrated the expansion of Meadowlark Elementary School. The project was recently completed with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to address overcrowding in this part of the community. For more information: <https://www.montanarightnow.com/great-falls/meadow-lark-elementary-school-expands/article>
5. **GFPS CORE SCHOOL at Morningside Elementary** – A public Charter School application has been filed with the Board of Public Education and the District is awaiting notification regarding the acceptance of that application. An announcement should be forthcoming on January 19, 2024. A steering committee has been named for the oversight of the school program. Jennifer Martyn has been named as the principal for the CORE School. She is presently the principal at Mountain View View Elementary School. Parents who are interested in having their child attend this K-6 school in the fall should check the webpage for upcoming information on registration: [GFPS CORE School / GFPS Core School Overview](#)

6. **Military Appreciation at Winter Athletic Events for 2024** – We appreciate the service to our country of our military families in Great Falls. GFPS offers free admittance to and recognition of any community member with a military ID at the home athletic events listed here. For more information; [Free Military Event Flier Winter 23-24.pdf \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](#)
7. **GFPS Trustee Elections 2024** – Nominating petitions and candidacy forms are available from December 14, 2023- 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 \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](#)
8. **Thank You to our Generous Community!!** The outpouring of sharing and gifts for GFPS students and families continues into this New Year:
  - a. **Showdown Ski club – 20 tickets for kids to ski for free!**
  - b. **Pasta Montana – 10 Cases of Pasta for Food pantries!**
  - c. **Pepsi cola- All 21 schools receive Gift Cards to local restaurants for a chosen family!**
  - d. **Gerbers Machine Shop- 3000 lbs of steel to GFHS Welding Shop!**
  - e. **Anonymous- \$500 in Tools for High School House, \$1250 for High Voltage weekend and 15 blankets for children in GFPS.**
9. **Help Wanted.** Pass it on...GFPS is looking to hire teacher aides, food service workers, Para educators, substitutes and more. Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, GFPS will be hosting a Job Fair at Paris Gibson Education Center, and we will be interviewing on the spot! Join us for your opportunity to ask about various positions with different schedules that fit your needs.  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=858014796330233&set=pb.100063651608869.-2207520000&type=3> 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.
10. **GFPS High School Art Show and Chamber Business Afterhours** – A High School Art Show will be open in the Celtic Cowboy Dark Horse on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 6:00 PM in partnership with GF Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at the Celtic Cowboy. Please join us!

**REMINDER: There will be no school this Friday, January 19, 2024 for GFPS students as this is the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of the 2023/2024 school year.**

I hope “Ten Moore Things” about GFPS was helpful information for you! The next release is scheduled for February 16, 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

#### **More GFPS news:**

We post a lot of GFPS news on the district’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GreatFallsPublicSchools>), and on our webpage ([www.gfps.k12.mt.us](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us)). Please check-in often. **Tell your friends about this:** You can pass on the invitation to your friends to subscribe to this service. If they open this page, there is a sign-up spot under my signature:  
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