



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
December 15, 2023

Dear Community Members:

We at Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS) are thankful to you for allowing us to serve this community in our roles as public-school employees! Here is what is happening in the School District this month:

1. **GFPS Winter Sports 2023 Update - Congratulations to Great Falls High School (GFHS) Cross Country Coach, Bob Stingley, who was recently named “Coach of the Year” by the Montana High School Association.** Basketball, Swimming and Wrestling athletes are all in full swing with tournaments and games during the week leading up to the holiday break. This weekend, the Holiday Classic Wrestling Meet is being hosted at C.M. Russell High School and the Great Falls Relay Swim Meet is hosted at the Great Falls High School pool. For more info on athletic events; <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/345>
2. **GFPS Foundation is looking to hire a Bookkeeping Coordinator.** If you have a desire to work for a nonprofit that enhances education for upwards of 10,000 Great Falls Public Schools students, please read the job description and apply here; <https://www.applitrack.com/grea.../onlineapp/default.aspx...> Contact 406-268-7401 with any questions you might have about the GFPS Foundation.
3. **Tax Credit Opportunity through GFPS** - 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 dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Montana state tax bill in 2024, the submittal deadline is Wednesday, JANUARY 17, 2024. For more information on how you can take advantage of this opportunity, please check 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 Brian Patrick, Director of Business Operations at 406-268-6050.
4. **Great Falls High Student Art Exhibit-** will premiere on December 21 with a reception in the Dahl Gallery at GFHS from 3:15-5:00 pm. The Exhibit will run through January 15, 2024. For more information: [\(4\) Facebook](#)
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. A steering committee has been named for the oversight of the school program and a Principal for the CORE School will be named before the Holiday Break. Parents who are interested in having their child attend this K-6 school in the fall should check our webpage for upcoming information on registration: [GFPS CORE School / GFPS Core School Overview](#)
6. **United Way of Cascade County Annual Giving Campaign** - Thank you to the GFPS staff members who support our community by giving to the United Way campaign each year. This year, GFPS donated \$55,468, making them one of the top five largest contributors to the United Way Campaign. We would like to encourage you to consider giving to the United Way before the end of

the year. For more information: [Make A Positive Impact Today | United Way of Cascade County \(uwccmt.org\)](https://www.uwccmt.org)

7. **Holiday Concerts-** Thank you to our incredible music teachers for their efforts during the holiday concert season! If you would like to attend a holiday concert in one of our schools, I guarantee it will lift your spirits significantly! Here is a listing of the concerts scheduled for the upcoming week prior to the break: [2023 ALL Holiday Concerts..pdf \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](https://gfps.k12.mt.us)
8. **Secret Santa Strikes Again!** - A local individual has stepped forward again this year to rally support from business and community members to fill our school food pantries for the holidays! Longfellow Elementary School is assembling 80 food boxes and Whitter Elementary School is assembling 50 boxes. Many other schools are also providing support for students in need during this holiday season. If you would like to participate in these efforts, please contact GFPS Community Connections Coordinator, Becky Nelson 406-899-8642.
9. **Military Appreciation at Winter Athletic Events for 2023 / 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 designated home athletic events. For a list of the planned winter activities, please click here: [Free Military Event Flier Winter 23-24.pdf \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](https://gfps.k12.mt.us)
10. **GFPS Trustee Elections 2024** - Nominating petitions and candidacy forms are available from December 14, 2023 to 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://gfps.k12.mt.us)

REMINDER: There will be no school on Monday, December 25, 2023 through January 1, 2024. School will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. The GFPS District Offices will be open December 26 - December 29, 2023 from 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM.



I would like to wish you all a Blessed Holiday Season and a Wonderful New Year!

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

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