



**Great Falls Public Schools**  
**Ten “MOORE” things you need to know ....**  
**October 16, 2023**

Dear Community Members:

This great fall weather has been awesome for our student and community activities. This week is the Great Falls Crosstown Football game already! As fall progresses, there are plenty of good things happening in our schools.

1. **Music and Fine Arts –Congratulations to our 59 All-State Musicians** that were selected to participate in the Montana High School Association (MHSA) All-State Festival on October 19-20, 2023, in Missoula. These student musicians will be working under the direction of All-State Band conductor Larry Gookin (Central Washington University, emeritus), All-State Choir conductor Angela Kasper (Western Washington University) and All-State Orchestra conductor Timothy Dixon (Messiah University). The students will perform at the All-State Music Festival Gala Performance on Friday Oct 19 at 7 pm at the Dennison Theater at the University of Montana. Dale DeForest is a sought-after professional illustrator and storyteller from the Diné (Navajo) Nation who will be in Great Falls October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> to share his process and vision with high school students throughout Great Falls Public Schools. On October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 PM we invite the greater Great Falls community to meet Dale and see his works at a reception and talk at Great Fall High School. <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=637507471889883&set=pcb.637513935222570>
2. **Fall Sports are heading into the final stretch!** The state Cross Country meet will be in Kalispell on Saturday, October 21 at 11:30 AM. Soccer Divisional playoffs are being held in Billings this week on Tuesday, October 17. The Great Falls High School (GFHS) Boys play Billings West at 2:00 PM and the GFHS Girls play Billings Senior at 4:00 PM. Both games will be played at Amend Park. If they win, the boys advance to Kalispell Glacier and the girls will go to Missoula Hellgate. C.M. Russell (CMR) Girls Volleyball will be in Bozeman on October 19 and hosting Gallatin at home on October 21. The GFHS Girls Volleyball team is in Gallatin on Thursday and at home against Bozeman on Saturday. Friday, October 20 is the Crosstown Football game at Memorial Stadium!! Good luck to all of our student athletes this week. For more info on Athletic Events; <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/345>
3. **The 2023 Business Goes to School Event** - The fourth annual *Business Goes to School* event, sponsored by Great Falls Public Schools, the GFPS Foundation, and the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on Tuesday, November 14 from 8:00AM until 1:00 PM. Our community leaders will see what it is like to ‘manage’ a school as they will shadow principals and/or assistant principals, visit classrooms, and visit with parents, bus drivers and students. They will see the challenges and issues our educators face in today’s learning environment.
4. **GFPS Foundation-** Students are busy selling truck raffle tickets! The drawing at the Crosstown football game is only a few days away on October 20th, so be sure to get your ticket today and support our schools. A huge thank you goes out to City Motors and the Oakland family for their donation of the Toyota Tacoma each year. For every \$10 ticket sold, student groups receive \$6 while the remaining \$4 per ticket goes to educator grants. A total of 40 grants have been funded for the 2023-

2024 school year thanks to the truck raffle. These grants amount to over \$147,000 and will provide elementary field trip opportunities, a new digital makerspace for advanced CTE experiences, and much more. Contact 406-268-7401 with any questions.

5. **Help Wanted.** Pass it on...GFPS is looking to hire teacher aides, food service workers, para educators, substitutes and more. We will be hosting a Job Fair on Tuesday, October 17 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at Paris Gibson Education Center.  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=783673037097743&set=a.265767172221668>  
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.
6. **Public School Information Nights regarding the Great Falls CORE SCHOOL-** The District is considering an innovative school concept for the 2024/2025 school year. The proposed GFPS CORE School is a lab school that would open next year in one of the GFPS K-6 elementary schools. For details about this interesting concept, please join school officials for an informational session on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00PM in the CMR- Bill Williamson Hall or on Tuesday, October 24 at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria at Paris Gibson Education Center. For more information, please refer to the GFPS website: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/1988>
7. **Indigenous Peoples Education Department-** The indigenous education department would like to invite you to come to Great Falls College MSU to see the largest lodge (teepee) that you will ever see. The lodge will be open on October 12th and 13th for the public to enter and learn from the knowledge keepers that will be present. This lodge is 75 feet long, 28 feet across and 25 feet tall. It will be open to the Great Falls Public Schools and the Great Falls community from 9:00 in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon. Please join us for this once in a lifetime pleasure and learn from our indigenous knowledge keepers. This will be a great way to enjoy the gathering of families that will be taking place the week of October 9th through the 14th. For more information:  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=611375377836426&set=a.287250023582298>
8. **Great Falls Safety Levy- November 7, 2023-** This levy is very important to the Health, Safety and Well-being of the children and their families in Great Falls. Please go to this website for more information: <https://safetyinthefalls.com/>
9. **Community Information Assessment-** We would like to invite you to take a moment to share your thoughts about Great Falls Public Schools. We appreciate your commitment to our schools and students. This survey will take 2-3 minutes to complete. Your answers will remain anonymous. Information from this survey will be used to identify ways to improve communication and collaboration between Great Falls Public Schools and the community. Please click here:  
<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/ModuleInstance/4882/Community%20Assessment%20Flyer.pdf>
10. **Annual AA Speech and Debate Tournament- November 4, 2023 -** Do you want to help with local school activities? Come and judge our upcoming speech and debate tournament on November 4th. This year we are hosting the opening one-day tournament and hope to make it a great success; but for this to happen, we need YOU! Each preliminary round needs 60-70 judges and final rounds need over 100 judges to keep things running smoothly. We hope you will consider helping us out this year. At this time, all events will be held at CMR High School (288 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NW) starting at 7:30am, with new rounds starting every two hours.  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=788470923284621&set=a.265767172221668>

**REMINDER - There will be no school on Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20 for the annual Fall Teacher Convention!!**

**\*\*Thank you to our Military Service Members and families- Military Appreciation Nights at these GFPS Athletic events –**

<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/ModuleInstance/4882/Free%20Military%20Event%20Flier%20Fall%202023.jpg>

I hope “10 Moore Things” about GFPS was helpful information for you! The next release is scheduled for November 16, 2023. 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.

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

Tom Moore  
Superintendent

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