



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

Dear Community Members:

We are off and running with the 2023/2024 school year! Lots of events and activities are happening in and around the community that our students and staff are involved with. The primary focus of our work this year is to provide some continuity in the schedule of activities, focus on learning and a reduction in the interruptions to our school day.

1. **Constitution Day** –Monday, September 18, 2023, is Constitution Day observed in Great Falls Public Schools. (The actual day is Sept 17). <https://www.constitutionday.com/> Many students in schools across the District will be receiving instruction on the US Constitution. In addition, the District has purchased and made available *The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It*, (Oak Hill Publishing 2011) for teachers to use with their students.
2. **Fall Sports Are in Full Swing in Great Falls- Soccer, Golf, Volleyball, Cross Country, & Football;** CMR Rustler Football is on the road to Gallatin this weekend and GFH Bison Football is at home against Bozeman at Memorial Stadium. Volleyball will be at home this weekend at both schools against Billings. Both Golf teams will be in Kalispell this weekend and Cross-Country teams are running in Butte on Friday. Finally, our Soccer teams have squared off against Billings teams this week and CMR Boys and Girls are playing at home this weekend against Billings Skyview. Good luck to all our student athletes this week. For more info on Athletic Events: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/345>
3. **The 2023 GFPS Budgets Have Been Adopted-** The Board of Trustees adopted the 2023/2024 budget at the Board meeting on August 21, 2023. The *District Budget Book* has a plethora of information. Thank you to Brian Patrick and his team in the GFPS Business Office! An electronic copy of the GFPS annual budget, along with other budget related items can be found here: https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/Domain/88/2023-2024%20GFPS_DistrictBudgetBook_webpage.pdf
4. **GFPS Foundation-** Students are busy selling truck raffle tickets! The drawing at the Crosstown football game is only 5 weeks away on October 20th, so be sure to get your tickets today and support our schools. A huge thanks 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. Scholarship Information Nights are scheduled for seniors and parents at CMR Bill Williamson Hall on September 19 at 5:30 pm and at GFH in the Davidson Family Auditorium on September 20 at 5:30 pm. PGEC students are encouraged to attend either session. Over \$300k in scholarships are given each year. Don't miss your chance to learn 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. 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. **My Student in Need** - At the beginning of this school year we have close to 490 students who qualify as homeless and 27 high school aged students who have no roof over their head at all. The Back to School Blast sponsored by United Way, Great Falls Rescue Mission, Alliance for Youth, many other partners and GFPS helped over 1500 students with school supplies, haircuts and hygiene products. The need continues! My Student in Need currently provides crucial service to over 150 schools throughout Montana! However, the majority of the need requests we receive are from schools right here in our own backyard. This organization helps hundreds of GFPS students each year. They currently have a \$10,000 fundraising challenge to meet by September 29th. They would really appreciate your kindness by either making a personal donation to My Student in Need or reaching out to your fellow friends and associates and encourage them to go to their website and make an on-line donation. The link is below: <https://www.mystudentinneed.org/>
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 come and enter and learn from the knowledge keepers that will be present. This lodge is 75 feet long, 28 feet across and 25 feet tall. They will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. 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. **PLEASE JOIN US !** *Connections in Education, Business & Workforce - A Community Conversation and Luncheon* will be held on **Thursday, October 12th from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at The History Museum** (422 2nd St S, 59405). This event is free and open to community members to join business leaders, educators, public officials and local students in conversations on the connections, successes and opportunities existing between schools and business. Please RSVP to jamiwyatt1@gmail.com
9. **Great Falls Safety Levy- Town Hall Meeting on Monday September 18, 2023, in the Civic Center from 6:00 – 8:00 PM** This levy is very important to the Health, Safety and Wellbeing of the children and their families in Great Falls. Please try to attend this Town Hall meeting to hear more from our City Officials regarding the need for this levy. Go to this website for more information: <https://safetyinthefalls.com/>
10. **Second Annual Worlds of Work™ Career Expo-** <https://worldsofworkgf.org/>
This awesome event involves approximately 70 business and industry members from the Great Falls region engaging students in 8th and 10th grades in exploring various career opportunities in their specific industry. The event will take place on September 26, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the University of Providence and the Great Falls College-MSU campuses. We need your help in a variety of areas... **Volunteers are needed, so please join us... sign up here:** https://uwccmt.galaxydigital.com/agency/detail/?agency_id=141085

****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 October 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 thanks for supporting our staff and students!

Tom Moore
Superintendent

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