



**Great Falls Public Schools**  
**Ten “MOORE” things you need to know ....**  
**March 22, 2023**

Dear Community Member:

March Madness is upon us! Here is what is happening currently in the School District;

1. **Women’s History Month-** Women's History Month originated in 1987 and it is an annual opportunity to celebrate and highlight the contributions of women in history and in the present. Three Great Falls High School young women were recently interviewed about their present endeavors and their prospective on the future. Check out their story on KRTV: <https://www.krtv.com/news/great-falls-news/great-falls-students-offer-inspiration-during-womens-history-month> and <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=648853027246412&set=pcb.648853080579740>
2. **Music and the Arts -** Music in our Schools Month is happening in March. There will be concerts held on March 23 at GFHS in the old Gym and on March 28 at CMR in the Auditorium beginning at 7:00 pm. Our award-winning music programs continue to build on the strong musical traditions that have been a cornerstone of the Great Falls Public Schools since its inception in 1896. For more information: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/303> and <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=653317536799961&set=a.265767145555004>
3. **Drama at CMR-** CMR Theater presents: *Our Town* on March 30-31 at 7:30 pm & April 1 at 7:30 pm Tickets are \$6 for Seniors/Students and \$8 for General Admission Please call (406) 268-6117 for more information.
4. **Spring Sports -** If the snow would melt and winter would go away, we might get to celebrate spring and cheer on our Softball, Tennis and Track athletes. Hopefully, they will begin their spring competitions on March 30- Softball, March 31- Track and April 1- Tennis. For more sports information and updates, check out: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=345>
5. **Congratulations- Meadowlark Elementary** 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who recently took 4<sup>th</sup> place in Math Counts Competition. <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=654221343376247&set=a.265767145555004> and to the **North Middle School** Science Bowl winners, five of whom will go on to National Competition in April. <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=649745740490474&set=a.265767145555004>
6. **GFPS Community Forums -** Join us for the next Great Falls Public School Community Forum on School Safety and Student Wellbeing. As a part of No More Violence Week, on **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00-7:30 pm in the Davidson Auditorium at Great Falls High School**, the District will be hosting a public conversation about school safety and student wellbeing. The public is invited to join our school district staff, Great Falls Police Department officers, The Alliance for Youth, and student and parent representatives in a dialogue about issues currently facing our school aged children and school staff. The panel will identify and discuss with the audience what is currently being done to address these issues and most importantly, what else can be done to address school safety and the wellbeing of our children in Great Falls.
7. **Home & Garden Show 2023 -** will be held at the Four Seasons March 31, April 1<sup>st</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Noon to 8 pm, Saturday | 10 am to 6 pm & Sunday | 10 am to 4 pm. North Middle School’s **Griz Bizz**

students will be selling their creations along with the **High School House Construction students** who will be selling raffle tickets for a shed. Please come to the show and stop by the student booths!

8. **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.
9. **School Election Information** - There are currently three trustee positions open on the school board. There are currently five candidates who have filed: Bill Bronson, Rodney Myers, Tony Rosales, Kim Skornogoski and Amie Thompson. The final date for a candidate to file to have their name listed on the ballot is March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm. Candidates may file at the Cascade County Elections Office or the Great Falls Public Schools District Office Building (1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street South) with Brian Patrick, District Clerk. March 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day that candidates may withdraw from the election. This must be completed by 5:00 p.m. The deadline to file as a write in candidate is March 30<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m. If voters wish to receive an Absentee Ballot, the form is located on the [Cascade County Elections Office website](#) and the [Great Falls Public Schools website](#). The election is scheduled for May 2, 2023. In November, a Mail Ballot Election was approved by the County Elections Office, but the Cascade County Elections Office, under newly elected administrator Sandra Merchant, initially indicated that a mail election would not be held due to the closure of Innovative Postal Services (IPS). The most recent correspondence from the Cascade Elections Office indicated that Absentee Voter ballots will be sent out on April 17.
10. **Board Meetings:** The GFPS Board of Trustees meetings are typically held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of most months. These are public meetings. Agendas and supporting information are always posted the Thursday afternoon prior to the Board meetings. The next Board meeting is on March 27, 2023 at 5:30 PM with the agenda posted on March 23, 2023. Important Board information can be found here: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/domain/130>

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for April 19, 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.

Tom Moore  
Superintendent

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