



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
January 18, 2023

Dear Community Member:

I hope your New Year 2023, is off to a good start! The students and staff resumed school on January 3rd and high school students completed 1st semester exams last week. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the school year!! Here is what is happening currently in the school district.

1. **GFPS Hosts BPA** - On Monday, January 16, 2023, the Business Professionals of America annual conference was held at CMR High School. Over 250 students from 13 schools competed in the following areas: • Finance • Business Administration • Management Information Systems • Digital Communication & Design • Management, Marketing and Communication and • Health Administration. Business Professionals of America (BPA) is a student organization whose purpose is to support high school and college students interested in business careers. Each year, students compete to demonstrate their skills in over sixty different business areas. The winners of the regional contests are invited to the State Leadership Conference. The winners at State are invited to the National Leadership Conference which is held in Anaheim, California.
2. **Winter Sports** - Basketball, Swimming and Wrestling are in full swing. For more sports information and updates, check out: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/345>
3. **Winter Theater at Great Falls High** - Please join the GFHS Drama Club for Music, Theater and Frivolity!! Playing for three showings; January 26 & 27 at 7:30 p.m. and January 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Davidson Auditorium.
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4. **GFPS Community Forum** - Join us for a Great Falls Public School Community Forum on Youth Wellness on Thursday, February 2nd, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the University of Providence Conference Center. An overview of the issues currently facing youth in our community along with a panel of stakeholders that will share data and discuss what is currently being done by the school district and its partners to address the challenges. The audience will be encouraged to interact with the panel throughout the session. We hope to see you Thursday, February 2nd at 6:00 p.m.
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5. **High Voltage Weekend in Great Falls** - Do you know a college Junior or Senior majoring in education? We would love to meet them in February at our hosted weekend. GFPS will be hosting this 2nd annual recruiting event at the Dark Horse in the Celtic Cowboy on February 10-12, 2023. If you would be interested in investing in the future of our community teaching force, we could use your help and we will in return, help advertise your business. For more information please contact Becky Nelson at 406-268-6024.
<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=606716578126724&set=pb.100063651608869.-2207520000>.
6. **Help Wanted!! Job Fair on January 25, 2023 at Paris Gibson Education Center -3:00-5:00 p.m. -**
<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=606189481512767&set=a.265767145555004> 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.

7. **GFPS Foundation - Grant Applications Due January 31, 2023** - Teachers and GFPS staff are encouraged to apply now for GFPS Foundation grants. Up to \$150,000 is available for materials, equipment, and field trips that foster new learning experiences for students in the 2023-2024 school year. Apply for Discovery grants (\$500 to \$3,000) or Innovation grants (up to \$10,000) at www.gfpsfoundation.org/gfps-grants For more information Call 268-7401.
8. **Character Strong Program** - Students in Great Falls Public Schools are focusing on learning, modeling, and applying skills and behaviors related to workforce development and executive functioning that allow students to grow and flourish in school, at work and at home and in the community. This month's Character Trait is *Perseverance*. For more information on this program; <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/1850> and <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=604115288386853&set=a.265767145555004>
9. **Community Partners are Very Generous!** - Alluvion Health Care is teaming up with the school district to provide winter coats to students in our community who need adequate clothing during the winter months. All you have to do is drop the coats off at one of Alluvion's locations downtown (105 5th St N or 105 6th St N), and they will work with the school district to distribute them to students in need. <https://www.facebook.com/newsjoetaylor/videos/1024001348560859>
10. **Board Meetings:** The GFPS Board of Trustees meetings are typically held the 2nd and 4th 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 January 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with the agenda posted on January 19, 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 February 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.

Tom Moore
Superintendent

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