



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
September 20, 2022

Dear Community Members:

We are off and running with the 2022/2023 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** - Friday, September 16, 2022, Constitution Day was observed in Great Falls Public Schools. (the actual day is September 17). <https://www.constitutionday.com/> Many students in schools across the district received instruction on the US Constitution in specific grade levels and subject areas. In addition, the district has purchased and made available *The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It*, (Oak Hill Publishing 2011) to teachers for use with their students.
2. **Fall Sports Are in Full Swing in Great Falls- Soccer, Golf, Volleyball & Football** - Monday was the City Golf Tournament at Meadowlark Country Club and the Divisional Tournament will be in Belgrade on Friday. Girls' Volleyball on **Thursday*** at home with CMR playing Bozeman and GFHS playing Gallatin. Boys' and Girls' Soccer teams are on the road in Billings on Thursday with CMR playing Senior and GFHS playing Skyview. Great Falls High Bison play at home on **Friday*** against Gallatin and CMR plays away against Billings Senior. On Friday at Anaconda Hills Golf Course, Great Falls hosts the annual invitational AA Cross Country meet. 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 2022 GFPS Budgets Have Been Adopted** - The Board of Trustees adopted the 2022/2023 budget at the Board meeting on August 22, 2022. 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/88/2022-2023%20GFPS%20District%20Budget%20Book.pdf>
4. **GFPS Foundation** - The Foundation will continue selling truck raffle tickets until the Crosstown football game, October 21st. Thank you City Motors and the Oakland family for their support of this program and to all the school groups that participate. 60% of all proceeds go to the ticket-selling school groups and 40% goes to teachers grants. The grant program is funding 34 projects for the 2022-2023 school year. These grants amount to nearly \$140,000 and will provide field trip opportunities, alternative learning tools for students with disabilities, a book vending machine and much more. Scholarship Information Nights are scheduled for seniors and parents at CMR on September 27 at 6:30 pm in the Bill Williamson Hall and at GFH on September 29 at 6:00 pm in the Davidson Family Auditorium. 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 406-268-7340 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/1668> Big Sky Bus Lines needs bus drivers as well. You can contact them at 454-1283 for more information.
6. **Food Service Feeds Hungry Students Over the Summer** - Between June 6 and August 12, 2022, the GFPS Food Service Team provided over 12,518 **meals** to students in Great Falls! Thank you to our awesome employees and volunteers who helped this summer... **by the way**, there are some new rules for free and reduced lunch this year for students and families. Please check them out at; <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Domain/93>
7. **Indigenous Peoples Education Department** has begun setting up Teepees across the district in preparation for the fall activities and celebration of our culture and heritage in Montana and specifically, Great Falls. During the months of October and November there will be many teaching and learning events scheduled in our schools and across the community. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/gfpsindigenoused> ... Or <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/177>
8. **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 September 26 with the agenda posted on September 22. Important Board information can be found here: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/domain/130>
9. **Thanks to Our Community Partners Who Helped on Childhood Hunger Day: Last Wednesday, September 14th** - Employees from 1st Interstate Banks of Great Falls took the afternoon off from the Bank and headed out to local grocery stores to help raise donations for the Great Falls Public Schools' Food Pantries. The food was received in front of local grocery stores by 1st Interstate Bank employees and transported to the Great Falls Food Bank where the food was weighed and separated for distribution to the school food pantries. Over 6,690 pounds of food were donated and an additional \$898.67 was raised to support hungry children in this community. Thanks to our friends at 1st Interstate Banks and The Great Falls Food Bank for your efforts!
10. **State PTA Conference Held in Great Falls** - This past weekend the Montana State PTA annual conference was hosted here in Great Falls. On Friday, September 16th a local volunteer organization, THE FISHERS OF MEN were awarded the Outstanding Volunteers of the Year Award for their efforts in supporting and blessing the Whittier Elementary School students, teachers and families throughout the school year. Thank you so much to the men and women who make up this group in our community!! Read more here: <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=499666348831748&set=a.265767145555004>

***Military Appreciation Nights at these Athletic events –**

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I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled in October 2022. 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! Thanks for supporting our staff and students!

Tom Moore
Superintendent

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