



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
June 6, 2022

Dear Community Member:

Here are some things going on with Great Falls Public Schools that you need to know about.

1. **Congratulations and Thank You to Our GFPS Trustees:** Mark Finnicum, Gordon Johnson, Amie Thompson and Paige Turoski have been elected to serve on the GFPS school board as a result of the May 3, 2022 Trustee elections. We would also like to thank past Board Chair and 15year veteran Trustee Jeff Gray for his dedication to our school district and to the community as he retires from board service. In addition, thanks to Nathan Reiff for his service to the community, coming in this past year to serve in Jan Cahill’s vacant spot.
2. **Help Wanted:** We would love to have YOU come to work for us!!!...GFPS is looking to hire teacher aides, food service workers, para educators, custodians, substitutes and more. Current openings are always found here: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/1668>
3. **Summer School Begins June 6th:** All of our Elementary schools are running summer camps for academic support June 6-17, 2022 from 8:00-12:00. High School Credit Recovery is offered June 6-June 30, 2022 at all three high schools. Paris Gibson Education Center will run an August session. For more information call PGEC at 268- 6600.
https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/Domain/146/GFPS%20Summer%20Camp_newsbits.pdf
4. **Great Falls Public Schools Foundation Updates:** Congratulations on a successful scholarship season! \$374,282 in scholarships were awarded by the GFPS Foundation to 92 students in our school district. Congratulations as well to GFPS Foundation Teachers of the Year; Lisa Frank, Spanish at Great Falls High and Stacie Skawinski, 6th grade at Meadow Lark Elementary. They were recently awarded a \$2,500 honorarium by BNSF Railway for their outstanding contributions to our students and their colleagues. The 2022/2023 Truck Raffle begins July 1, 2022. For More information call 268-7401
5. **GFPS Teachers and Staff Appreciation Weeks Celebrated:** May was the month of honoring and thanking the contributions of a number of employee groups in our schools. Thank you to our school Nurses, Teachers, Principals, Speech Pathologists, and Lunch Heroes. We are so grateful for each of the individuals and their different roles in our schools that make a difference for our students every day!!!
6. **Great Falls One of the Best Communities for Music Education in the Nation:** Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) is a signature program of The NAMM Foundation that recognizes and celebrates school districts and schools for their support and commitment to music education. Great Falls continues to be recognized at a national level for our outstanding music education programs!
<https://www.nammfoundation.org/what-we-do>
7. **Spring Sports Wrap Up:** Congratulations to the CMR Boys’ Tennis Team who were AA State Champions last week in Missoula! And to the CMR Girls’ team who took second in the State! In Softball, both the Lady Bison and Rustlers competed in the state tournament held in Missoula last weekend, The Lady Rustlers finished in the top four teams in the AA. Congratulations to all of our

Lady Softball players! State Track was held in Butte last weekend. CMR had two State Champs. Rafe Premo won the men's 400M event and Anthony Oakes won the Men's Discus event in the AA State Track meet.

8. **GFPS Food Service Director Wins National Recognition:** The national, non-profit School Nutrition Association (SNA) has named Jessa Youngers, Food Service Director for Great Falls Schools, Montana, the Northwest Regional Director of the Year. The award recognizes the extraordinary contributions of school nutrition directors who manage effective school meal programs providing healthy, appetizing meals to students. Thank you and congratulations to Jessa Youngers!!!
9. **Summer Food Service Program:** Beginning June 8 and running through August 10, 2022, students under the age of 18 can get breakfast at Paris Gibson Education Center and lunch at a number of locations throughout our school district and in the community. For a complete list of times of service and locations visit the GFPS website at <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/> and <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=417110263754024&set=a.265767145555004>
10. **Congratulations to Our 2022 Great Falls Public Schools Graduates!!** On May 27th and May 29th Graduations were held at the Four Seasons Arena at the Expo Park. Over 700 students from our 3 high schools and the College and Career Readiness Center at GFC-MSU walked across the stage to receive their high school diplomas! Thank you to all of the teachers and staff who helped the students along the way and thanks to the parents, friends and family who provided support and encouragement to their loved ones! Good luck to all of the graduates as you now Navigate Your Future!
<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us//cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/Domain/66/Vision%20Mission%20Goals%204%2022%2022.pdf>

Important Dates to note:

July 4th GFPS will march in the Parade- Foundation Truck Raffle Begins!

August 22, 2022- GFPS Convocation at GFHS Davidson Auditorium – Teachers welcome back! (8:00-9:30)

August 24 2022 – Back to School 1st day for the 2022/2023 School Year!

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! This is the last release for this school year, 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 and thank you for supporting our staff and students!

Sincerely,

Tom Moore

Superintendent

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