



*Great Falls Public Schools*  
**Ten “MOORE” things you need to know ....**  
April 11, 2022

Dear Community Member:

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

- 1. Military Appreciation Week:** April is designated as the month of the Military Child!  
<https://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/Military-Child-Month.cfm>  
This week is **Purple Up** Week in appreciation of our Military families in Great Falls. Our schools will be showing their appreciation of our service men, women and children in various ways. On Tuesday, April 12, Malmstrom Air Force Base will host an Education Summit to focus on what we are doing to assist Military Children and their families as they move in and out of our communities in Montana. In addition, Morningside Elementary School and Principal Kim Ray along with GFHS Counselor Joe Ferda will be receiving Purple Star Awards for their outstanding service to our Military students and their families.  
<https://opi.mt.gov/Leadership/Management-Operations/Office-of-the-Superintendent/MIC3#9954311708-2021-2022-purple-star-school-award-recipient>
- 2. Trustee Candidate Forum:** The Electric will be hosting a GFPS Trustee Candidate Forum on Thursday, April 14 at Heritage Hall at Great Falls College MSU beginning at 6:00 PM. There are 12 candidates who have registered for this upcoming election on May 3, 2022. For more information:  
<https://theelectricgf.com/2022/04/06/the-electric-hosting-school-board-candidate-forum-april-14/>
- 3. 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>
- 4. Community Partnerships:** Thank you to the staff at the Great Falls Clinic and Pepsi Cola for feeding our teachers/staff in all schools and the District offices these past two years !!! The **Great Falls Rescue Mission staff** is also taking good care of our teacher and staff. Each week, the Mission staff has been providing a lunch for some of our schools in Great Falls this year. This has been greatly appreciated!
- 5. Great Falls Public Schools Foundation Updates:** The Great Falls Public Schools Foundation has always had teachers serve on its Board of Directors. The Foundation’s blog article this month highlights the three educators who are currently serving - Dawn Reitz of Great Falls High School, Christi Virts of C.M. Russell High School, and Rachel O’Neill of Mountain View Elementary School. Hats off to these teachers and their predecessors who have committed their time to helping the Foundation enhance education in Great Falls. Your insight is a critical element to our success! Visit the website to read the full article- <https://gfpsfoundation.org/teacher-involvement-benefits-foundation-programs>
- 6. GFPS Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO):** During the past few weeks our students in CTSOs have been competing in State competitions and several students are headed to National competitions across the USA. Our GFPS students are amazing as they participate in these organizations which allow them to apply skills in competition that they have acquired in their CTE courses. For more information about these CTSOs: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/350>

7. **GFPS Citizens Academy:** On Tuesday, April 12, 2022 from 6-8:30 PM, the GFPS Citizens Academy will conclude with a tour of our Buildings and Grounds operation and then a dinner and tour of the additions and enhancements at C.M. Russell High School. Over 25 people from Great Falls have participated in six sessions to get a behind-the-scenes look at many aspects of our 3<sup>rd</sup> largest employer and 2<sup>nd</sup> largest school district in Montana... Thanks to all who have participated and to those who have organized the sessions and presented to our groups!
8. **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 tonight April 11, 2022 with the agenda posted on April 7, 2022. The next meeting will be on April 25, 2022. Important Board information can be found here: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/domain/130>
9. **No More Violence Week:** Some GFPS staff participated with Alliance for Youth, Great Falls College-MSU and other organization last week in No More Violence Week. Thank you to all of the organizers and presenters to bring awareness and education to our community on a number of topics which directly or indirectly affect the health and wellbeing of our staff, students and families in schools across our region!
10. **April 15-19 GFPS Spring Break:** Beginning Friday, April 15, all GFPS schools will be closed through Tuesday, April 19, 2022 for Easter and Spring Break. District Offices will be closed on Friday April 15 and open again on Monday, April 18, 2022.

I hope "Moore" information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for April 27, 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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(<https://www.facebook.com/GreatFallsPublicSchools>), and on our webpage ([www.gfps.k12.mt.us](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us)). Please check-in often.

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