



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
February 17, 2022

Dear Community Member:

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

1. **Healthy Schools UPDATE-** The infection rates of students and staff in the School District are at the lowest point of the new year. The wearing of masks (strongly recommended) and practicing good sanitation, coupled with monitoring your personal health daily, will be critical to keeping schools open in the future. For more info:
<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/Domain/4/Great%20Falls%20Public%20Schools%20COVID%20update%201-28-22.pdf>
2. **Winter Sports Updates-** Congratulations to the GFHS Girls who took 1st place in the state swim meet and the CMR Girls who took 2nd in the state. The GFHS Boys placed 3rd! The CMR and GFHS Wrestlers finished their season at the state tournament in Billings at the Metra this past week. The Bison had 1 individual champ- Brendan Lockhart at 205. GFHS had 5 other male wrestlers place in the top 6 and 1 female wrestler in the top 3. CMR had 3 wrestlers place in the top 6. The boys' and girls' basketball teams face off against Bozeman and Gallatin this weekend. For more information:
<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/345>
3. **February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month -** The CTE student organizations of Health Occupations (HOSA), Industrial Technology (Skills USA), Business (BPA/DECCA) and Family Consumer Science (FCS) are all busy this month with state and regional competitions. For more info: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Domain/89>
4. **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>
5. **Community Partnerships –** The Great Falls Home Builders Association sponsors the Home Show that will be held at the Expo Park on March 25-27, 2022. GFPS High School Construction students are building a storage shed to raffle off at the Home Show. Tickets go on sale next week and they are \$10.00 each.
6. **Great Falls Public Schools Foundation Updates:** The Excellence in Education program from the GFPS Foundation recently announced this year's group of thirty-three distinguished scholars. These graduating seniors from CMR, GFH, and Paris Gibson Education Center have demonstrated a strong commitment to academics and rigorous coursework. Each student will have the opportunity to pay that recognition forward by selecting one high school teacher and one K-8 teacher who significantly impacted his/her educational experience. Check out the GFPS Foundation Facebook page this week for a full listing of students. Well done, distinguished scholars!
<https://www.facebook.com/GFPSFoundation/>
7. **GFPS Music ART & DRAMA-** GFHS Drama is presenting **Charlotte's Web** starting February 17 and running through February 26, 2022 for more info: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/665> There are currently art exhibits at both high schools and other art events occurring over the next few months.

There are many high school and middle concerts in February and March as well. Please check out all of these events at: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/299>

8. **High Voltage Event** - This past weekend (February 11-13, 2022) Great Falls Public Schools hosted close to 30 education majors who are planning on becoming teachers (hopefully in Great Falls) this next year. The event was a huge success due to the support from our community sponsors. The event took place at the Celtic Cowboy's Dark Horse meeting room (thanks to the Jennings Family). The teacher candidates stayed at the Hotel Arvon. A huge shout out to all the civic and business leaders, as well as small businesses who made this event possible. And a huge **thank you** to Becky Nelson our Community Connections Coordinator, who along with Kerry Dattilo, GFPS Human Resources Director, made this event a reality!
9. **Bus Driver Appreciation Week** – Bus Driver Appreciation week is February 21-25, **Did you know..** GFPS has 67 contracted bus routes, 57 drivers for Big Sky Bus Lines, 3 Drivers for GFPS, 42 General Education buses, and 25 Special Needs buses. The District owns 3 Class E vans that transport special needs students. There are 258 routes, including AM, AER, PM and NOON (daily), 4,700 miles per day (832,000 yr.). We transport 64% of the GFPS students (6,400)... These amazing people drive our students safely to and from school each day and in all weather conditions. Thank you to our wonderful Bus Drivers!!!!
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 February 28, 2022 with the agenda posted on February 24, 2022. There are four Trustee positions up for election on May 3rd. Three seats that represent both elementary and secondary districts on the board for three years, until May, 2025. Anyone interested in these positions must live within the Great Falls Public School District boundary. The positions are currently held by Mark Finnicum, Jeff Gray, and Gordon Johnson. One seat, a one-year position will fill out the remainder of Jan Cahill's term. Nathan Reiff was appointed by the Board to fill Jan Cahill's open position until the next regular election. 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 March 3, 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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