



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
February 3, 2022

Dear Community Member:

Happy Groundhog Day Week!

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

1. **Healthy Schools UPDATE-** 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 -** The winter sports of Wrestling and Swimming are starting to wind down this weekend. GFPS wrestlers will be in Bozeman at the Eastern Divisional Tournament. CMR girls' and boys' basketball will be facing off against Belgrade this weekend and GFHS basketball teams will be playing Billings Skyview on Saturday. For more info:
<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=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:
www.gfps.k12.mt.us/employment. –
5. **Community Partnerships -**The students at Sunnyside Elementary School are the recipients of new reading books to take home. Thanks to the Scripps Howard Foundation, MTN employees, Mountain Title, and other community donations, each student at Sunnyside was able to take home five books of their very own. Thank you so much to the generous donors who made this possible!
6. **Speech and Debate -** Congratulations to the speech and debate students at GHS and CMR on an outstanding performance in the State AA competition in Helena last weekend. **Between GFHS & CMR teams they brought home 5 state champions.** Thanks to GFHS Coach Julie Easton and CMR Coach Tamara Patterson for all of your work with our students this season!
7. **GFPS Music Art & Drama -**We are excited to showcase select works from Paris Gibson Education Center, C.M. Russell High School, and Great Falls High School students at the Dark Horse located in the basement of the Celtic Cowboy. Please join us for a reception on February 10th from 4-5:30 pm. Food will be provided and the event is free. GFHS Drama is presenting **Charlotte's Web** starting February 17 and running through February 26, 2022 <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/665>
AA Orchestra Concerts will be held on February 7-8, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Great Falls High School.
8. **High Voltage Weekend- February 11-13, 2022 -** We are ready to welcome students to the Great Falls community to begin their careers. We will be connecting, interviewing and giving opportunities to college seniors and student teachers from around the state of Montana (February 11-13) for their next

step in their education career. Our guests include college seniors from the entire state. Guests will be learning about our community, housing options, recreational opportunities, and engage in round table discussions with principals and interviewing with our administration. We are excited to hire new teachers and encourage them to live/stay in the Big Sky State. There is still time to register. Contact Becky Nelson for more information at 899-8642.

9. **Counselor Appreciation Week, February 7-11, 2022** - Next week is Counselor Appreciation Week across the country. We are blessed to have 30 School Counselors and 7 Licensed Therapists who work for Great Falls Public Schools with our students across 21 schools. They support our teachers, parents and administrators by working with students on all aspects of their social and emotional wellbeing. Thank you to these special people in our schools!!!
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 14, 2022 with the agenda posted on February 10, 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 February 16, 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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