



*Great Falls Public Schools*  
**Ten “MOORE” things you need to know ....**  
November 11, 2021

Dear Community Member:

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

1. **COVID UPDATE:** Thankfully, our local infection rates have been on a steady downward trend in the school district. Our School Nurses, administrators and maintenance staff have done an outstanding job in this first quarter of managing the continuing effects of the COVID-19 virus. The District publishes our local infection numbers, by school, on the District’s website each Friday. In addition, we publish the weekly information on community transmission rates from the Cascade County-City Health Department. <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/>
2. **Fall Concerts/Drama Productions/Fruit Sales:** Fall Drama productions at our high schools begin this week (<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/665> ) and Music concerts are on-going! For more information on Music/Art/Drama in our schools, check out: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Domain/84> The annual holiday fruit sale runs Oct 27<sup>th</sup> and ends on Nov 27<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Fall Sports Wrap-Up/CMR Girls Volleyball:** State Tournament play begins on November 11 at 2:00 for the CMR Girls who are #1 in the Eastern division. They play Butte at the Breeden Fieldhouse on the MSU-Bozeman Campus. Good Luck Ladies!!!!
4. **United Way of Cascade County:** The 2021 annual fundraising campaign in the Great Falls Public Schools is winding down. Our Goal is to exceed \$58,000 as an organization. We appreciate the work of over 29 local service partners that United Way funds, who directly or indirectly support students in our schools. <https://www.uwccmt.org/>
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/1569>.
6. **Employee Recognition in November - School Psychologists:** Great Falls Public Schools recognizes November 8-12, 2021 as National School Psychology Week. In doing so, our District will join with others across the country in making a commitment to help our students and staff celebrate the week’s theme - “Let’s Get in GEAR” [https://www.nasponline.org/research-and-policy/advocacy/national-school-psychology-week-\(nspw\)/about-the-theme](https://www.nasponline.org/research-and-policy/advocacy/national-school-psychology-week-(nspw)/about-the-theme)
7. **Native American Heritage Month:** The month of November is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and, in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges. <https://www.ncai.org/initiatives/native-american-heritage-month>  
Check out the great display of Tipis on the GFPS District Office “Hill” overlooking the city this month!  
[https://www.montanarightnow.com/great-falls/teepees-go-on-display-at-gfps-district-office/article\\_fd544c3a-3b7b-11ec-b0bd-0b384aec58a0.html](https://www.montanarightnow.com/great-falls/teepees-go-on-display-at-gfps-district-office/article_fd544c3a-3b7b-11ec-b0bd-0b384aec58a0.html)

8. **Community Partners:** Thank you to Great Falls Rescue Mission for providing dinner on November 11 to GFHS teachers on Parent/Teacher Conference night. The Rescue Mission will be serving meals to each school faculty at some point during the 2021-2022 school year. We appreciate their recognition of our teachers and staff.
9. **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 on November 22 with the agenda posted on November 18. Important Board information can be found here: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/domain/111>
10. **Federal Cards Sent Out:** Please remember to fill out and sign and date your child's Impact Aid card. This card is a canvas of all students that live on or parents that work on federal property. This survey must be conducted yearly, and all students and families are requested to participate. This survey helps our District fund positions and programs across our schools. Please make sure you fill out your Blue federal card and return it to your child's school by the end of this week. Thank you for your support in this survey!

A special thank you to our Veterans, Reserve and Active Duty service men and women and their **families** who have served in our **US Military** from Great Falls Montana. We appreciate you and your dedication to our country. Thank you for protecting our freedoms here at home and for serving others across the globe as well!



Veteran's Day November 11, 2021

Reminder: Thanksgiving Break is coming up and **there will be no school on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday November 24-26, 2021.**

I hope "Moore" information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for December 2, 2021. 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

**More GFPS news:**

We post a lot of GFPS news on the district's Facebook page (<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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