



*Great Falls Public Schools*  
**Ten “MOORE” things you need to know ....**  
March 17, 2021

Dear Community Member:

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

1. **COVID-19 Update:** Governor Gianforte announced Tuesday that beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> vaccines will be made available to all groups of people across the state of Montana! In GFPS we have been working with our health care partners at Alluvion, Benefis Health Care, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Indian Family Health and the County Health Department to provide vaccines for our employees who were eligible under the current guidelines. Recently, our local pharmacies have been able to offer vaccines to our teachers through a federal program as well! Soon all who need and want the COVID-19 vaccines should be able to access them. For more information: <https://www.cascadecountymt.gov/462/COVID-19-Vaccination>
2. **Sports Updates:** Congratulations to the Bison Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams for their outstanding efforts at the State AA basketball tournament this past weekend here in Great Falls. The girls played their hearts out and lost the third place slot in the very final seconds of the game by 2 points. The boys competed well for their championship bid against Billings Sky View. However, they too lost by 2 points in the final seconds of the game on Saturday evening. Spring sports seasons began Monday and the first competitions will commence in tennis, track and softball on April 2, 2021. For more information: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=345>
3. **Home and Garden Show:** The GFH & CMR construction students are building you a shed! Raffle tickets will be available at the GF Chamber of Commerce and at the Home & Garden Show! Visit the GFPS booth to see the 8x10 garden shed and purchase your \$10 ticket from one of the High School House students. The Home & Garden show is March 26-28<sup>th</sup> at the Montana Expo Park.
4. **GFPS Foundation:** 2021 Excellence in Education Distinguished Educators. The Excellence in Education program from the GFPS Foundation is well under way. Thirty-four graduating seniors have been recognized as distinguished students from CMR, GFH, and PGEC. Each student has been given 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. These 68 teachers represent 16 schools in Great Falls and demonstrate the tireless commitment of educators in our community. Check out the [GFPS Foundation Facebook page](#) for more information.
5. **GFPS Surplus:** Great Falls Public Schools has a number of items that have surpassed their usefulness for our purposes. However, many of the items are still of some resale value and may be of interest to others in the private sector. By state law and board policy these items are to be publicly noticed as surplus and offered for resale through a bid process. All bids must be received by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. For more information please check out these items and the process for bidding: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/1229>

6. **We are Recruiting New Teachers and Other Critical Employees for Next Year!**- We need to hire some outstanding teachers to serve at several grade levels and specific content areas! In addition, we need great teacher aides, food service workers, Para educators, substitutes and more. If you would like to come to work for a great organization call us at 268- 6010 or check out our current openings here: <https://www.applitrack.com/greatfalls/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1>. Big Sky Bus Lines is also in need of bus drivers. You can contact them at 454-1283 for more information.
7. **Legislative Session in Full Swing:** For daily information on this Legislative Session visit: <https://leg.mt.gov/session/>
8. **Fine Arts:** Music In Our Schools Month activities are ongoing in our buildings, even though we cannot do our mass concert events like we normally do each year in March. Middle school groups have been traveling in smaller groups to the high school and doing exchange concerts with high school ensembles, and will continue to do so for the rest of the month. Youth Art Month has their virtual show up and running! Click here:[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vS0rDD0ovrXPYQ88AXoN64mzA4W\\_tgBBDa4XoVwqCmWnoVP3zt1qzRWwo8TpOtzoKuQnH3bNtPjkpfe/pub?start=true&loop=false&delayms=3000](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vS0rDD0ovrXPYQ88AXoN64mzA4W_tgBBDa4XoVwqCmWnoVP3zt1qzRWwo8TpOtzoKuQnH3bNtPjkpfe/pub?start=true&loop=false&delayms=3000)
9. **No More Violence Week** will be held the first week in April in Great Falls, Montana and includes a full week of free training, awareness building activities, and community events for all ages. Through partnerships with more than 25 community organizations, quality training and response are annually planned to address challenging topics such as child abuse, intimate partner violence, family violence, trauma, human trafficking, missing and murdered indigenous people, addiction, mental health, isolation and more - in a spirit of collaboration, partnership, growth, hope and unity. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/NoMoreViolenceGreatFalls>
10. **Board Budget Committee Recommendations:** On Tuesday, March 16 at 5:30 PM the GFPS Board Budget Committee met to deliberate the strategy for meeting the budget demands for the upcoming 2021/2022 school year. The general consensus of the sub-committee was to recommend that the 2021/2021 general fund budget be balanced without going out for an operational, safety or technology levy. The full board will hear the recommendations of the committee on Monday evening, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM during their regularly scheduled Board meeting. For more information: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/domain/111>

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for April 1, 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

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