



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
November 5, 2020

Dear Community Member:

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

1. **COVID-19 Updates:** over the past two weeks, we have seen a significant increase in COVID-19 positive cases in the school district. Our nurses, administrators, custodial crew and teachers have been scrambling to deal with the number of people in quarantine or isolation, making sure that their health needs as well as academic and work related needs are being addressed. Our cleaning crews are doing an incredible job of disinfecting and sanitizing our schools throughout the day and overnight. For daily updates on the COVID situation in our schools refer to our website at: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/>
2. **Music Department Fruit Sales:** The annual holiday fruit sale runs Oct 28th and end on Nov 23rd. For more information go to CMR Music at; <https://www.facebook.com/CMRHS/posts/1883139818451520> or contact GFHS music department at 268-6372.
3. **Fall Sports wrap up and Winter Sports Starting Date Pushed out-** This Friday November 6th the Great Falls High Football team travels to Missoula Sentential High at 7:00 PM in a quarter-final playoff game. On Saturday, November 7th the CMR girls volleyball team plays Glacier High in the CMR fieldhouse at 1:30 PM in a quarter-final playoff game.
4. **United Way of Cascade County:** The 2020 annual fundraising campaign is under way. The Great Falls Public School Employees participate in the campaign each year. We appreciate the work of over 27 local service partners that United Way funds, who directly or indirectly support students in our schools. <https://www.uwccmt.org/>
5. **Truck Raffle:** GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle was a great success. Raising \$126,230! Student organizations received \$67,000 to support their activities and \$59,230 help fund the Foundation's grant program for teachers. City Motor Company and the Oakland Family, who donated the 2020 Toyota Tacoma, support this fundraiser. North 40 provided a \$1000 gift certificate. Thank you for enhancing public education by buying tickets.
6. **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. Big Sky Bus Lines is in need of bus drivers as well. You can contact them at 454-1283 for more information.
7. **Great Falls High Culinary Arts and Food Service-** was recognized this month in a National industry publication for outstanding design...read more here: <https://fesmag.com/topics/project-profiles/facility-design-project-of-the-month/18645-montana-high-school-opens-new-foodservice-and-culinary-arts-center>
8. **Community Partners:** Over 30 students, socially distanced, took turns shopping inside Candy Masterpiece on Central Avenue – Great Falls High Business Professionals of America supported this local business on Saturday, October 31st through a **Flashmob Shopping Spree!** The owner, Angie Bruskotter is also a GFH Alumni and was thankful for the customer support to promote local shopping!
9. **Veteran’s Day-** is coming up on November 11, 2020. Thank you to all of you who have served or who are currently serving our country in the Military! On a related note, **Morningside Elementary Principal Kim Defries** was presented the Service Member Patriot Award this week for her support to

her military employees. "The Patriot Award reflects the efforts made to support citizen warriors through a wide-range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families, and granting leaves of absence if needed".

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 November 9 with the agenda posted on November 5. Important Board information can be found here:
<http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board>.

Changing Weather Conditions- November 1st we turned our clocks back one hour and it looks like winter weather will be returning again this weekend. Great Falls Public Schools are concerned with student safety as they travel to and from school. Be sure to adhere to school zone speed limits, attend to buses with red flashing lights and watch for children at all times. Please reference some guidance on inclement weather procedures on our website <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/REFRIGERATOR-NOTE-2019.pdf>

Valuable Link- I have subscribed to a network of community leaders and educators who are trying to turn the tide of support for public education. The Network is entitled *Schools Cannot Do It Alone* by Jamie Vollmer. I will be attaching video clips to the "10 MOORE THINGS" from time to time.

Here is the direct link: ***E Pluribus Unum: We the people and public schools.***

Part 1 - <https://player.vimeo.com/video/471779469>

Part 2 - <https://player.vimeo.com/video/471778990>

I hope "Moore" information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for November 19, 2020. 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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