



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
October 22, 2020

Dear Community Member:

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

- 1. Fall Concerts- /Fruit Sales-** The GFPS high school music departments are working hard to keep our music programs alive and well despite COVID! Great Falls High has had concerts the past two weeks for parents and family members only! For more information on Music/Art/Drama in our schools, check out: <https://gfpsweb.weebly.com/fine-arts.html>. The annual holiday fruit sale runs Oct 28th through Nov 23rd.
- 2. Crosstown Athletics-** Crosstown football this week in Memorial Stadium on Friday at 7:00 PM- Live Streamed on <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/mhsa>, Radio- STARR Radio- KXGF 1400 AM and CHERRY CREEK Radio- 99.9 FM Big Sky Sports.
- 3. Fall Sports Wrap Up and Winter Sports Starting Date Pushed Out-** Volleyball – GFHS & CMR in Billings this weekend, The State Cross-Country Meet in Kalispell on October 24. The MHSAA has ruled to postpone the beginning of the Winter Sports Season to help flatten the COVID spread. For more information: <https://www.greatfallsjournal.com/story/sports/2020/10/15/mhsa-delays-starting-winter-sports-until-2021-changes-fall-postseason/3669329001/>
- 4. United Way of Cascade County-** The 2020 annual fundraising campaign is under way. The Great Falls Public Schools’ 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.** The GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle ends on Friday of this week. Thanks to City Motors, a Toyota Pickup truck was donated again this year! All proceeds go to funding activities and programs for GFPS students. For more information, call 268-7401. You can still buy more tickets.... please!!!
- 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. Employee Recognition in October:** During the 2nd full week in October, National School Lunch Week shines the spotlight on the programs and nutritious food served up every day throughout the school year. GFPS employs 89 food service workers who prepare meals for thousands of students in our school district each day. For more information; <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-school-lunch-week-second-full-week-in-october/>
- 8. 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 pink federal card and return it to your child's school by 10/30/20. For our remote learners please fill out card, sign, and date your card and return it to studentservices@gfps.k12.mt.us by 10/30 as well. Thank you for your support in this survey!

9. **Community Partners-** Thank you to **Torgerson's Agricultural Equipment** for donating and distributing hundreds of pumpkins to every 1st grade student in GFPS! To date, Torgersons has donated over 27,000 pumpkins to students in our community since 2004.
10. **Board Meetings:** Speaking of 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 October 26 with the agenda posted on October 22. Important Board information can be found here: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board>.

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 "TEN MOORE THINGS" from time to time. Here is the first introductory video... please pass along to your constituents if it resonates with you! <https://player.vimeo.com/video/445589485>

Reminder: Friday, October 30th is the End of 1st Quarter already. There will be a ½ day early release for students on that day so that teachers can entered grades and progress reports sent out!!!

Also, Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated in Great Falls Public Schools October 26-30. Look for community sites decorated with **Red Ribbons!**

I hope "Moore" information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for November 4, 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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