



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
October 7, 2020

Dear Community Member:

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

1. **COVID-19 Active Cases on GFPS Website:** In the interest of keeping our community informed of the situation with active COVID-19 cases in our schools, Great Falls Public School officials will attempt to report on a daily basis, by school, the total active cases confirmed by our nursing staff, in conjunction with the County Health Department. <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/>
2. **Homecomings:** Last week Great Falls High School celebrated their homecoming festivities! Unfortunately, due to a last minute COVID-19 incident in Belgrade, the football game was canceled. However, our Bison staff, student and parents would not be deterred. On Friday, October 2nd, they hosted a “reverse parade” at the Fairgrounds where the Homecoming Royalty Court was honored; <https://www.facebook.com/GreatFallsPublicSchools/photos/a.630116073703835/3277093015672781/>
This week, CM Russell High School will celebrate their homecoming with similar festivities and a football game against Gallatin on Friday, October 9th at 7:00 PM in Memorial Stadium. For more info; <https://www.facebook.com/CMRHS/>
3. **Fall Sports in Great Falls- Soccer, Golf, Volleyball & Football:** <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/sports-schedules/>
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:** The GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle is in full swing. 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. 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:** This month we are celebrating and recognizing the contributions of several employee groups. **Maintenance and custodial staff;** <https://nationaltoday.com/national-custodian-day/> **Bus safety week;** <https://www.napt.org/nsbsw#> **National Coaches Appreciation;** <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-coaches-day-october-6/> We are also recognizing and celebrating our school leaders in Great Falls this month!
8. **Federal Cards will be Sent and Due!** Each year GFPS is required to verify students and families that are federally connected via a survey form that is sent home to all families. This census allows us to receive federal Impact Aid funding in lieu of property taxes which are not assessed for federal properties. The allocation is based on a per pupil basis so it is absolutely important that every form is returned. Parents, please be watching for that pink survey card and return it ASAP!
9. **JROTC Unit Raiser:** 30 students from our High School ROTC Program marched 14 miles on Saturday, October 3, 2020 to commemorate the Baatan Death March during World War II. The cadets asked the

community for pledges and approximately \$2000 was raised to purchase a bench for the Veteran's Memorial Park. Thanks to Dascoulias Realty Group and Firehouse Steamers for providing lunch for the cadets!

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 12 with the agenda posted on October 8. Important Board information can be found here: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board>.

Reminder: **October 15 and 16, 2020 are the Fall Teacher Convention Days.** All GFPS schools will be closed those two day as many of our teachers, administrators and school board members attend professional development and training.

I hope "Moore" information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for October 21, 2020. You are receiving this email as part of the District's ongoing community communication efforts.

Thanks for reading and thank you for supporting our staff and students!

Sincerely,

Tom Moore

Superintendent

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