

# *Great Falls Public Schools*

## Ten “MOORE” things you need know ....



Special Edition- April 30, 2020

1. **Thank you to all of you who have supported the efforts of the School District during this time of the COVID-19 crisis!**
2. **Montana Reopening Plan Unveiled on April 22, 2020 by Governor Bullock** – In this order, school boards in Montana may choose to remain closed or reopen as of May 7, 2020. The GFPS Board had a special Work Session on Monday, April 27 to hear input from Health Officials and the Superintendent’s staff. They will be making a decision on Friday, May 1, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in a Special Board Meeting. More information on the plans for our **High School Graduations** will be available next week.  
<https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Online-Agenda-5-1-2020.pdf>
3. **Kindergarten Registration Information-** Registration opens on May 6, 2020 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
[https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/20.21-Kinder-Early-Reg-Flyer.do\\_-768x994.jpg](https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/20.21-Kinder-Early-Reg-Flyer.do_-768x994.jpg)
4. **Elementary Principals and Teachers Deliver Learning Packets-** On Thursday, April 29 our elementary teachers and principals handed out the next iteration of curriculum packets for students. Many hours are spent preparing these packets. Once the packets are completed and turned in they are “quarantined” for 5 days before teachers review the student work for health and safety of everyone.  
<http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/remote-learning-tk-6.html>
5. **May 1<sup>st</sup> is School Lunch Hero Day!! Thank YOU to Jessa Youngers, John Hasner and all 40 + Food Service and Warehouse staff who** continue to distribute lunch and breakfast meals to our students! This week we hit a record of 55,000 meals served to students since March 17, 2020 by GFPS LUNCH HEROS!!!! <https://schoolnutrition.org/schoollunchheroday/>
6. **Cascade County Census 2020 Data is Important to our Community!-** If you haven’t completed your 2020 Census form, please do so immediately. It only takes a few moments of your time. Here is more information for you from Cascade County on the Census (scroll to bottom of the webpage);  
<https://www.cascadecountymt.gov/>
7. **The Indian Education For All Instructional Coaches** created a mini poster series highlighting our American Indian Students who are exceptional roles models for younger students in our community. The recipients are featured on their own poster. They are role models for many reasons: leadership, work ethic, involvement in the community, commitment to graduating high school, academics, and kindness to everyone around them. Recipients are based on nominations from educators and administrators at each school. Three seniors (from CMR, GFH, and Paris) are selected every semester. Please join us in congratulating Dani Hardesty of Paris Gibson Education Center, Dion Crazy Bull of Great Falls High School, and Madison Mitchell of Charlie M. Russell High School. <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/indian-education-for-all-home.html>

8. **MAY DAY CELEBRATION on MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>!!!**- GFPS is providing an opportunity for our students and families to get out and celebrate spring.... With physical distancing in mind!! Look around your neighborhood for children and their parents drawing May Day Baskets on the sidewalks in front of neighbor's homes with sidewalk chalk provided by GFPS in the last packet-pickups!  
<https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MayDay.pdf>
  
9. **Levy and Trustee Election information-** We are closing in on the final days to vote on the Elementary Operational Levy and Trustee Elections for three seats on the GFPS Board. Elections move to ExpoPark on Monday, May 4 for voter register from: 7:00 a.m. - noon. They close at noon to prepare for Election Day. Expo Park will be open on Tuesday, May 5th from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. to vote. There will also be a ballot collection box at the Cascade County Election Office until 8:00 p.m. on May 5, 2020 as well.  
<https://www.cascadecountymt.gov/departments/elections>
  
10. **COVID-19-**As we continue to deal with the day-to-day realities of living with limitations on our ability to interact socially and travel about freely, I encourage all of you do the very best you can each day to remain hopeful about a brighter, but different future for our community. I have seen some incredible evidence of hope and encouragement, generosity and caring from people and organizations across Great Falls and throughout Montana. Thank you to all of you who care deeply for our young people and want the best for them today and into the future!

I hope "Moore" information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for May13, 2020.  
Thanks for reading!.

Until then, Stay Healthy and be blessed and protected!

Tom Moore  
Superintendent

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