

Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
April 16, 2020

1. **Military Child Month** - April is designated as Month of the Military Child; a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide. In Great Falls, April 17, 2020 is PURPLE UP DAY! During the week of April 20-24, GFPS will be honoring our Military Associated Families in our schools. Thank You to all of you who are serving or have served in the United States Military!
2. **Great Falls Top 100 Communities for Music Education, Again!** - For the ninth year in a row, Great Falls has been named among the Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants. <https://www.krtv.com/news/great-falls-news/great-falls-among-the-best-communities-for-music-education>
3. **Trustee Elections Upcoming:** The three-year terms of Trustees Jason Brantley, Jan Cahill and Kim Skornogoski are expiring and are therefore open for election on May 5, 2020. Four individuals have filed for these three Trustee positions. Ballots will be mailed out beginning on April 20, 2020.
4. **Elementary Students Give Back to the Community During the COVID-19 Crisis** - Recently, two fifth grade students, one from Lincoln Elementary and one from Mt. View Elementary, have sewn blankets and pillow cases, sold them on Facebook and donated the proceeds (approximately \$1,000) to the GFPS Food Pantry Programs! Thank you to two young heroes here in Great Falls!
https://www.montanarightnow.com/great-falls/young-seamstress-receive-donations-after-making-handmade-crafts/article_b637c642-7f70-11ea-96ad-1f97e53a7fc6.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share
5. **Youth Scholarship Recipients-** Congratulations to Ryan O'Valley and John Milton from GFH, Amiya Williams and Lauren Rich from CMR who were selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship for their volunteer service in their respective communities. Qualifying students will have completed 100 hours or more of volunteer service within the last 12 months. <http://serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/youth-serve-montana-scholarships>
6. **LEVY Information and Education-** The GFPS Board of Trustees voted on November 25th to ask the citizens of Great Falls to support an Elementary Operational Mill Levy. Ballots will go out on April 20 and the election will occur on May 5, 2020. **If your organization would information on the school levy, please contact the District Office at 406-268-6001** or for more information, please refer to the Budget section of our website at: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/budget/>
 - a. DON'T Forget to Register to Vote in Cascade County by April 27, 2020 online or in person at the Cascade County Elections Office up to the day of the election, May 5, 2020. For more info: <https://www.cascadecountymt.gov/doc/voterregistrationapplication.pdf>
7. **Donations for Food Pantries Welcomed During the COVID-19 Crisis** – There has been a generous outpouring of donations of food and money to buy food for the GFPS Food Pantries. If you would like to make a donation of food directly to one of the 21 area schools, you may do so during the week, or monetary donations can be sent to the GFPS Foundation ; foundation@gfps.k12.mt.us designated specifically for food pantries. <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Donation-Volunteer-thank-you-1.pdf>
8. **Community Week of Compassion-** During the week of March 1-7, 2020, local churches and community organizations raised over \$50,000 to support the Great Falls Rescue Mission, where many of our homeless students in Great Falls reside throughout the school year. We would like to thank the community, especially right now for your ongoing generosity!
9. **Child Care Being Provided During COVID-19-** Thank you to employees from Great Falls Public Schools and from the HANDS organization for continuing to provide childcare for First Responders, Military Families and Health Care workers during the school closures and “Stay Home Orders”. More information can be found here : <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Great-Falls-Public-Schools-Emergency-Childcare1-pager.4.7.2020.pdf>

10. **Board Meetings.** The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2020, at 5:30 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on Thursday, April 23 at this link: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas. During the “Stay Home Order” Board meetings can be viewed live streamed on the Great Fall Public Schools’ FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GreatFallsPublicSchools>

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for April 29, 2020.

Thanks for reading and Stay Healthy!

Tom Moore
Superintendent

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