



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
December 18, 2019

1. **Holiday Break:** There will be no school for GFPS students and teachers December 23-January 1. School will resume as usual on Thursday, January 2. District offices will be open as usual except for the afternoons of Tuesday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 31. They will be closed all day on December 25 and January 1.
2. **Speech Meet A Huge Success.** This year, CMR hosted the Electric City Optimists Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament December 13 & 14. Thank you to the CMR Coaches, Steven Hurin, Matt Meade, Cherie Stordahl and 240 volunteers, 553 judges, 18 schools and 411 participants for a great event once again.
3. **Trustee Filing Window Now Open.** 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. Citizens wishing to be a candidate and named on the ballot, must file a Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy with the County Elections Office between now and March 26, 2020. Candidates must report campaign expenditures to the Montana Commissioner of Political Practices.
4. **Facility Update.** The weather has been very favorable for the construction taking place at Longfellow Elementary. The steel work is complete and the internal slab concrete is being poured, walls, insulation and interior construction continues. Internal work continues at GFHS on the auditorium and the mechanical, electrical and plumbing of the main campus is the focus of attention this winter.
5. **Hurry! Time’s Almost Up for Gold Star Holiday Giving!** Instead of another coffee mug for your favorite GFPS employee, you can give a gift that makes a difference for GFPS students: a Gold Star Recognition Award. You can make a donation to the GFPS Foundation in their honor and the employee will receive a special Gold Star Award, hand delivered and presented by the Foundation's Executive Director. Click here for information and forms: <https://gfpsfoundation.org/gold-star-recognition-form/>. What a neat way to give and give back! By the way, Gold Star Awards are available all year long.
6. **Winter Safety Tips:** GFPS provides a variety of safety information for our staff members and I’m happy to share it with you too. Check out this webpage: <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/safety-information.html>. You can find information here about happy and healthy holidays, safe snow shoveling techniques, and avoiding slips, trips and falls. Good stuff!
7. **Holiday Concerts-** There are a few more holiday concerts this week in our schools and if you didn’t order any fruit, I understand you can still purchase some. Here is the link to the Music department’s website for more information and contact phone number; <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/music.html>
8. **Holiday Classic Wrestling, Swimming and Basketball:** There are plenty of sporting events to take in the weekend in Great Falls. Here is a link to our sports schedules this week; <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/sports-schedules/>
9. **Board Meetings.** The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, January 13 at 5:30 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on Thursday, January 9 at this link: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas.

**10. MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS & BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR 2020!-
From the staff of Great Falls Public Schools!- <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/>**

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for January 8, 2020.

Thanks for reading! Have a blessed and safe holiday season and new year !

Tom Moore

Superintendent

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