

Great Falls Public Schools

Ten “MOORE” things you need to know

November 5, 2019

Dear Community Member: 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.

1. **Great Falls High New Addition RIBBON CUTTING-** The new construction phase is nearing completion at Great Falls High School. Please join us to celebrate the opening of the HUB this Wednesday November 6th at 3:30 pm in the new building between south campus and main campus!
 2. **Board Budget Community Input Meetings-** The Board Budget Committee is interested in your input on the options to address the District’s financial needs for the 2020 fiscal year. Please join us at Giant Springs Elementary School in the Cafeteria at 5:30 pm on Thursday, November 7th and/or at Great Falls High School on Wednesday, November 20th at 5:30 pm in the new HUB building. Come see these new facilities built with Taxpayer Dollars and give your input on our future funding options.
 3. **State AA Volleyball Tournament-** The State Girls’ Volleyball tournament will be held on November 14-16 in Bozeman. Our girls have done well this year and we wish them good luck at the State tournament!
 4. **Veteran’s Day-** Monday, November 11th- Great Falls Public Schools would like to thank all of the Men and Women in our community who have served or who are serving this country in the U.S. Military. On Veteran’s Day there will be activities taking place in schools across our District to honor our Veterans and to teach students the importance of honoring those who serve this country.
 5. **GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle:** The winner of the GFPS Foundation’s “Win This Truck Raffle” is Debbie Nicholls from Great Falls. The 2nd place \$1,000 North 40 gift certificate winner is Mark Rothwell of Great Falls. **Thank you North 40 Outfitters and Thank you to the Oakland family and City Motors for your generosity!**
 - Since 2013 City Motors Company has donated a vehicle to help the Foundation, student organizations and PTAs raise nearly \$828,000 for school programs and teacher grants.
 - Nearly 60 groups consisting of student organizations and PTAs as well as retail outlets began selling raffle tickets in July. North 40 has donated a \$1,000 gift certificate as a second prize since 2016.
- 2019 Ticket Sales results.**
- This year, there were 13,584 tickets sold raising \$135,840, just over \$16,000 more dollars than in 2018! Of that, \$81,504 will be handed out as checks to the participating student and PTA groups.
 - 100 Percent of the proceeds from the raffle stay in Great Falls. The \$10 ticket revenue is shared; 60% goes to the student organizations/PTAs and 40% remains with the Foundation to fund its Grant Programs.
6. **AA Choir Festival** – Just as the bands, orchestras and choirs conclude their fall concerts and start preparations for the holiday concerts, the choirs have one more event to participate in: the AA Choir Festival. CMR will host choirs from GFHS, Helena and Missoula on Monday and Tuesday, November 11th and 12th. The culmination concert will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 pm at CMR’s Bill Williamson Hall. The guest conductor is Dr. Edith Copley from Northern Arizona University Please join us for this great evening of choral music in our schools.
 7. **Local US Census Effort Needs your Help** - Great Falls Public Schools is assisting Cascade County in gathering 2020 Census data. If you would like to earn some additional pay this spring, you may consider working locally for the Census Team here in Great Falls.
Click on link to apply: <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/how-to-apply.html>
 8. **Business Goes to School-** On Thursday, November 14th Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, GFPS and GFPS Foundation will partner once again to host *Business Goes to School*. Our business leaders

will see what it is like to ‘manage’ a school as they shadow the principal and/or associate principal, visit classrooms, visit with parents, bus drivers and students. They will see the challenges and issues our educators face in today’s learning environment.

9. **Federal Cards 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 find that orange survey card that was sent home in October and return it ASAP. Thank you so much!
10. **Winter Sports-** The official 1st day of the Winter Sports Season is Thursday, November 21st. Athletes need to have physicals and fees paid in order to compete. Winter Sports include; Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball, Wrestling and Swimming!

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for November 20, 2019.

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

Tom Moore

Superintendent

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