

Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need know
October 9, 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. **Truck Raffle:** The GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle will take place on October 25 at the Crosstown football game. The Toyota Tacoma truck was donated by City Motors and all proceeds go to funding activities and programs for GFPS students.
For more information, click here: <https://gfpsfoundation.org/>. Ticket sales are ahead of last year’s sales at this point. Get yours today!
2. **National Construction Week:** Construction Week is a celebration of those in the commercial construction industry. During this week, construction companies, service providers, and associations recognize the hard work of those individuals who help create and construct our buildings. We will celebrate our High School House students and partners on October 11 at 11:30 am by providing a lunch. Please join us in thanking those who build our community!
3. **National School Lunch Week:** It is being celebrated nationwide October 14-18. To find out more about the GFPS school lunch program, you can check out the website here:
<http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/foods-home.html>.
4. **Changing Weather Conditions:** Great Falls Public Schools is concerned with student safety as they travel to and from school. Be sure to adhere to school zone speed limits, attend to buses with red flashing lights and watch for children at all times.
Please reference some guidance on inclement weather procedures on our website:
<https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/REFRIGERATOR-NOTE-2019.pdf>
5. **State Golf Tournament:** Congratulations to the CMR and GFHS Golf Teams and their coaches this week as they concluded their season at the State Tournament which was held at the Meadow Lark Country Club here in Great Falls. Despite adverse weather last week and this week, they were able to sneak in two days of golf and complete the season. Thanks to the local volunteers and workers as well as the staff at the Country Club who made this possible!
6. **Montana Key Club Conference:** The annual Youth Conference for Montana Key Clubs will be held in Great Falls on October 11-13. Over 60 students from across the state will participate this year. Activities include a Community Volunteer Day on Saturday, October 12. Students will volunteer at the Rescue Mission Thrift Store and with United Way for Clean Up Day!
7. **All State Music:** 58 students from CM Russell and Great Falls High Music Departments will be representing our community at the All-State Music Festival which will be held in Billings next week on October 16-18. These students were selected based on a rigorous audition process that was completed last spring. Congrats to these hard working student musicians and their teachers!
8. **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 salmon colored survey sent home on October 7 (going home in today’s Wednesday Envelope for Elementary students) and return it ASAP!
9. **World Homeless Day & Stand Up For Students: October 10, 2019.** Come have lunch and bring toiletries and food to donate for students in need. Sponsored by the Great Falls Realtors Association and the GFPS Foundation, from 11:00 am -2:00 pm at 2525 10th Ave South behind Dahlquist Realty and Joann Fabrics.

10. **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 on the District website the Thursday afternoon prior to the Board meetings. The next Regular Board meeting will be on October 21 with the agenda posted on October 17. In addition, Board Budget Committee meetings will be held on October 14 and 24 at 5:30 pm in the Aspen room at the GFPS District Office Building, along with a **meeting on November 7 at 5:30 pm in the Giant Springs Elementary School Cafeteria and a meeting on November 20 at 5:30 pm in the new Commons Area at Great Falls High School. Both the November 7th and 20th meetings will be public input sessions.**

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for October 23, 2019.

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

Tom Moore

Superintendent

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