

# *Great Falls Public Schools*

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

### August 28, 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. **2019-2020 School Year Underway!** The first day of school for students is today, Wednesday, August 28, 2019. The last day of school is Friday, June 5, 2020. You can find this year’s and next year’s school calendars here: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/great-falls-public-schools-events-calendars/>
2. **Fall Sports off and Running:** **Friday:** Football CMR @ Helena High, GFHS vs. Missoula Sentinel @ Memorial Stadium. **Saturday:** Volleyball GFHS & CMR vs Glacier & Flathead each in their home gym. Soccer: CMR @ Billings Skyview, GFHS vs. Billings West @ at Seibel Fields. **Wed.-Thurs. September 4-5:** Golf CMR & GFHS: Butte Invitational.
3. **Street and Road Safety.** Now that students are back to school, it is vitally important that drivers are vigilant and careful around our schools. Be sure to adhere to school zone speed limits, attend to buses with red flashing lights and watch for children at all times. <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/street-and-road-safety-information/#post-47031>
4. **High School House Groundbreaking.** GFPS in conjunction with Neighborworks will break ground on the 42<sup>nd</sup> High School House. High school students in Construction Tech classes have built these houses in Great Falls over the last 21+ years of the partnership. CMR and GFHS Construction Tech students combine in this effort. GFPS Interior Design students plan the paint, carpet, tile, countertop and other interior component schemes. This year’s house is at 1724 4<sup>th</sup> Ave South. Please stop by the groundbreaking on Thursday, September 5 at 4:00 pm! To learn more about all GFPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, see this website: <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/cte-home.html>.
5. **Budget.** The Board of Trustees adopted the 2019/2020 budget at a special Board meeting on Thursday, August 22. The *District Budget Book* has a plethora of information. An electronic copy of the GFPS annual budget, along with other budget related items can be found here: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/budget/>
6. **Truck Raffle.** The GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle is in full swing. The Toyota truck was donated by City Motors and all proceeds go to funding activities and programs for GFPS students. For more information, call 268-7401. Buy more tickets please!!!
7. **Help Wanted.** Pass it on...GFPS is looking to hire teacher aides, food service workers, Para educators, substitutes and more. Current openings are always found here: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/employment](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/employment). Big Sky Bus Lines is in need of bus drivers as well. You can contact them at 454-1283 for more information.
8. **Golden Age Passes.** GFPS has the pleasant custom of giving free lifetime athletic passes to Great Falls community members 62 years and older. Just stop by the Superintendent’s Office at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. to get yours today.
9. **Summer Read 6 and Summer Food/Park Pals Program.** These programs were a huge success this summer thanks to the help of several staff members and volunteers. The food program ended on August 14 with over 20,000 meals served over the 12 weeks of the program. The Summer Read 6 program ended last Thursday night with the 4,500<sup>th</sup> book being given away at a celebration in Pinski Park.
10. **Board Meetings:** Speaking of Board meetings, the GFPS Board of Trustees meetings are typically held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of most months. Exceptions are July, August, October, December and February. These are public meetings. Agendas and supporting information are always posted the Thursday afternoon prior to the Board meetings. The next Board meeting is on September 9 with the agenda posted on September 5. Important Board information can be found here: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board>.

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for September 11, 2019.

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

Tom Moore

Superintendent

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