



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
May 22, 2024

Dear Community Members:

Welcome to the May edition of *Ten Moore Things!* Here is what is happening in the District this final month of school:

1. **Spring Sports Sessions are winding down!** Boys and Girls Track, Tennis and Girls Softball all have state competitions this week. Charles M. Russell (CMR) Girls head to the State Softball tournament in Belgrade on Thursday. CMR Boys and Girls Tennis teams will be in Bozeman this weekend for the State Tennis Tournament. Finally, Great Falls will host the AA State Track meet at Memorial Stadium this weekend on Friday and Saturday. Good luck to all our athletes, coaches, and officials!
2. **Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS) Trustee Elections** were held on May 7th. Congratulations to Trustee Marlee Sunchild of the GFPS Board of Directors for a successful campaign and reelection! Thank you to the Cascade County Elections Office staff and the volunteers who conducted the election for GFPS this year!
3. **Summer Music and Art Programs** for GFPS Elementary, Middle and High School music students runs from June 10th through June 21st. Registration opens soon. For more information on Summer Music Camps: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/303> ; Art Camp Information for Elementary students: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=943483667783345&set=a.265767172221668> . Additionally, there are still a few spring music concerts happening across the school district. **For more information:** <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=930606925737686&set=a.265767172221668>
4. **High School House Completed!** Students from CMR and Great Falls High (GFH) have worked together this year to build a single-family home from the ground up. Students from the interior design classes submitted design boards, and the winning design is used in the home. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 1301 3rd Ave S on Thursday, May 23 at 11 a.m., in conjunction with our partners at NeighborWorks of Great Falls, for the 46th High School House completion.
5. **Summer Food Program** – Free summer meals are available at various locations across the district from June 12th through August 16th, through GFPS Food Service and partners, to anyone under the age of 18. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=952505450214500&set=a.265767172221668>
6. **GFPS celebrates our 2024 Graduates!** This year we will see well over 725 graduates from all three of our high schools walk across the stage with their diplomas proudly in hand. In addition, there will be approximately 100 graduates from our High School Equivalency program this year at the Great Falls College – MSU Readiness Center. We salute this year’s graduates and their parents for their hard work and accomplishments. In addition, we say thank you to the teachers, support staff, and

administrators who have helped to educate each of the students along their way to success! The Graduation Schedule: Friday, May 31st College and Career Readiness and Paris Gibson Education Center; Saturday, June 1st C.M. Russell High School and Great Falls High School. Contact your schools for more information.

7. **Great Falls High School Alumni Walk of Fame** – The Great Falls High School Alumni and memorial walk is coming to fruition. Check out Facebook Post; <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=950099837121728&set=a.265767172221668>
If you would like to order a brick inscribed with the name of an alumni, you can order from the GFHS office; or for more information: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/GFHS>
8. **More Camps for Kids this Summer?** Check out the GFPS website all summer long for community activities and events, including summer camps for kids. <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/domain/197>
9. **Indigenous Education Bison Harvest** – On May 10th Dugan Coburn and the Indigenous Education staff from Great Falls Public Schools conducted a wonderful field experience for students and staff from GFPS and other schools in Montana. The group assembled in Choteau and headed to a bison ranch on Deep Creek along the Rock Mountain Front. Dugan and elders from the Blackfoot tribe described the cultural significance of the Bison Harvest to the people of this region for centuries. A bison was selected by the ranch manager and the animal was harvested and processed on sight by the students and staff. If you would like more information on this experiential learning opportunity, please contact our Indigenous Education office at 406-268-6003.
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10. **Final Edition of “TEN MOORE THINGS”**- Over the past five years it has been a pleasure to serve as the superintendent of Great Falls Public Schools. I feel like I have had the best job in town. It has been awesome to watch our students learn, grow, compete, struggle, overcome and excel despite the hardships of the Pandemic and other issues that many of them have faced. However, the best parts of the job are all of you! I have lived and worked in three different communities over the course of the last 43 years of my career. By far, Great Falls has been my favorite and the one we have felt most connected to. I believe the School District is in great hands with our current leaders, teachers, support staff and community partners. We have a lot of challenges ahead, but that is what refines our character and strengthens us as a community. My prayer is that our children in Great Falls will continue to have the best opportunities we can offer them, in safe, nurturing, and secure schools.

I hope “Ten Moore Things” about GFPS was helpful information for you! 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.

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

Sincerely,

Tom Moore

Superintendent

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