



***Great Falls Public Schools***  
**Ten “MOORE” things you need to know ....**  
**February 4, 2021**

Dear Community Member:

As the first semester of classes comes to an end and we reach the halfway mark in this school year here is what is happening across the School District;

1. **COVID-19 Protocols still in place - Vaccines started** -The District will continue to require safety and health protocols to remain in place to prevent and slow the spread COVID-19 in our schools. Some of our GFPS staff who qualified under the Tier 1a and 1b criteria have been vaccinated. The majority of school staff will not be offered the vaccines until we move into Tier 1c. For more information on Vaccines; <https://www.cascadecountymt.gov/462/COVID-19-Vaccination>
2. **Winter Sports updates** - This weekend our CMR Girls’ Basketball team will be playing Belgrade at home, GFHS Girls will be playing Billings Senior at Home. The CMR Boys will be playing Belgrade in Belgrade and GFHS Boys will be in Billings playing Senior High . Our GFHS Wrestlers will be at Belgrade this weekend and the CMR Boys will be in Billings wrestling Senior High. The Great Falls Swim teams will be holding a virtual meets, The Stacey Frey Memorial is on Friday at 5:00. For more information: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=345>
3. **Career and Technical Education Month** - GFPS is celebrating National Career & Technical Education (CTE) month. Our high schools offer 89 Career and Technical Education courses at Great Falls High School, C.M. Russell High School and Paris Gibson Education Center in the following areas: Business and Computer Science, Family and Consumer Science, Health Sciences, and Industrial Technology. For more information about Career and Tech Education <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Domain/89>
4. **School Counselor Appreciation Week, February 1-5** - We appreciate our **30** GFPS School Counselors. Happy School Counselor Week (February 1-5)! They are amazing folks who wear many hats in our schools. <https://www.facebook.com/GreatFallsPublicSchools/photos/a.370738539641591/3583755035006576>
5. **Child Find** - Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, Great Falls Public Schools will not be hosting traditional preschool screenings as we have in previous years in neighborhood schools and MAFB. We will return to this practice as soon as possible when circumstances allow this. If you are concerned and believe that a child ages 3-5 years should be screened to determine if they have a disability or a significant level of delay in development, please contact: GFPS Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Colette Getten Early Learning Family Center located at Skyline. Call 268-6438 to set up an appointment.

6. **Nation School Board Appreciation Next Week:** We appreciate our wonderful GFPS Trustees: Jan Cahill, Jeff Gray, Bill Bronson, Mark Finnicum, Gordon Johnson, Teresa Schreiner and Kim Skornogoski. They give countless hours to GFPS as they share their passion with our students. They empower our students to dream, believe and achieve.
7. **We Need Your Help! GFPS Positions Open** - This spring GFPS is looking to hire teachers in several areas, 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 needs bus drivers as well. You can contact them at 454-1283 for more information.
8. **Legislative Session in Full Swing** - Several Bills are being presented and heard before the State Legislature this week and next that effect school funding. For daily information on this Legislative Session visit: <https://leg.mt.gov/session/>
9. **School Trustee Elections** - There is currently one, three-year term on the District School Board that is expiring. Individuals who are interested in running must file a DECLARATION OF INTENT AND OATH OF CANDIDACY FOR TRUSTEE CANDIDATES with the County Elections Office. This office is located at 325 2nd Ave North, Great Falls. The filing period to do this is December 10, 2020 through March 25, 2021. Candidates must report campaign expenditures to the Montana Commissioner of Political Practices. [School Elections / School Elections 2021 \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/SchoolElections)
10. **Changing Weather Conditions** - It look as if we might see a return to winter weather in the next week or two! Great Falls Public Schools are 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://mt50000605.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/Domain/108/REFRIGERATOR-NOTE-2020.pdf>

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for February 18, 2021. 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 thank you for supporting our staff and students!

Sincerely,

Tom Moore

Superintendent

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(<https://www.facebook.com/GreatFallsPublicSchools>), and on our webpage ([www.gfps.k12.mt.us](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us)). Please check-in often.

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