



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
April 28, 2021

Dear Community Members:

As we approach the month of May, or as we call it “Mayhem” also known as the “90 days of May”, here is what is happening across the School District:

1. **COVID-19 Update:** As of April 1st all who need and want the COVID-19 vaccines should be able to access them. For more information: <https://www.cascadecountymt.gov/462/COVID-19-Vaccination>
GFPS has experienced a tremendous decline in the number of COVID-19 infections and people in quarantine this past month! GFPS is maintaining the current Health and Safety standards. We are thankful for that good news.
2. **Sports Updates:** Our Spring sports teams are in the second part of their seasons. This week Tennis teams play Havre here at home on Tuesday and in Missoula on Thursday, CMR Track hosts Gallatin on Friday and GFHS is at Billings West on Saturday. GFHS and CMR Girls’ Softball host Gallatin on Tuesday and both teams travel to Billings on Saturday. Good luck this week to all of our student athletes. For more information: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=345>
3. **Music and Art- GFPS Top Schools for Music Education- Congratulations!** The NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation has recognized our GFPS Music Department for its outstanding efforts of teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who are making music part of a well-rounded education for every child in their communities **For more information;** <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vSMSxPay67VM1xmxWdDB4k8NZ0iIMcvdNUankV37mhCnd7-gfjGHSbbbK7M3BDeCuZkOzK35CEnYvb3/pub?start=true&loop=false&delayms=5000>
4. **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week:** Teacher Appreciation Week is next week **May 3-7, 2021**. We are so thankful for the hard work and resilience of our teachers and staff members. First Interstate Bank and the GFPS Foundation have partnered up to make this week extra special. Thanks to First Interstate Bank’s financial contribution, each PTA has received \$100 that can be used towards efforts to honor GFPS teachers. Thank you, First Interstate Bank, for your continued support!
5. **Great Falls Public Schools Foundation:** With Teacher Appreciation Week quickly approaching, the GFPS Foundation encourages community members to recognize the hard work of their favorite GFPS teacher and/or staff member with a Gold Star Award. For a donation of *any* amount, the Foundation will recognize the employee in the company of students and/or coworkers and present them with a card that includes the donor’s name and personal note. The school principal will be notified, and the individual’s name will appear in the GFPS Foundation’s annual report. Plus, all funds go towards teachers grants that are awarded each year. Visit <https://gfpsfoundation.org/gold-star-recognition-form/>.
6. **School Nurses Day:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 is National School Nurse Day! We honor more than 95,000 school nurses in the United States who make a difference in the lives of children every day. In

Great Falls Public Schools we are blessed to have a team of 21 school nurses who have served our students and faculty throughout this past year with expertise and compassion! We are thankful to you all for the great work you daily in our schools! For more information:

<https://www.nasn.org/advocacy/school-nurse-day#:~:text=School%20Nurse%20Day%20is%20May%2012%2C%202021.>

7. **We Are Recruiting New Teachers and Other Critical Employees for Next Year!** We need to hire some outstanding teachers to serve at several grade levels and specific content areas! In addition, we need great teacher aides, food service workers, Para educators, substitutes and more. If you would like to come to work for a great organization call us at 268- 6010 or check out our current openings here: <https://www.applitrack.com/greatfalls/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1>. Big Sky Bus Lines is also in need of bus drivers. You can contact them at 454-1283 for more information.
8. **Legislative Session in Final Days:** The final day scheduled for 67th session of the Montana Legislature is probably April 30, 2021. For more information on the Legislative Session visit: <https://leg.mt.gov/session/>
9. **GFPS Board of Trustee Election:** Ballots are due to elections office by May 4, 2021. NEW ELECTION LAW There are eight candidates who have filed for one open seat on the Board of Trustees for this election. You can find out more about these candidates by reading the **Electric** at <https://theelectricgf.com/2021/04/20/school-board-candidates-take-questions-in-forum-by-the-electric/> or on the **Great Falls Tribune's** website: <https://www.greatfallstribune.com/news/>
10. **Thank You Teresa Schreiner!** GFPS Trustee Teresa Schreiner was elected to the school board in May of 2018. She is a parent of two children in the school district and she is business women in the community. She has been a strong advocate for early childhood education, special education and our teachers and staff in Great Falls Public Schools during her tenure on the Board of Trustees. Thank you for your service to our community and to the students, staff, parents and partners of our School District.

Plus One "Moore": Congratulations Jeff Newton! Jeff has been named as the new Chief of Police for the Great Falls Police department. Recently, Captain Jeff Newton has been the supervisor of our School Resource Officers in his leadership of the Investigative Services Division of the GFPD.

I hope "Moore" information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for May 12, 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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