



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
May 26, 2021

Dear Community Members:

Here is what is happening across the School District:

1. **Congratulations to our GFPS “She-ros & He-ros”!!!** I would like to thank each and every one of the 1,370+ employees of the Great Falls School District for the outstanding job that you have done since March of 2020!! Taking care of our students, supporting each other on a daily basis, providing support of our parents who were dealing with students at home, monitoring your own health, taking care of the sanitation and hygiene issues in our facilities, being willing and courageous to come to work in the midst of all the uncertainty of this Pandemic.... As your leader, I am thankful for the chance to serve in this District with you. I believe we are blessed to have each one of you working on behalf of our kids. Have a healthy, safe and enjoyable summer!
2. **Sports Updates:** State AA tournaments and track meets are taking place this week as our student athletes finish their spring sports seasons. GFHS Girls’ Softball play in Kalispell beginning at 2:00 on Thursday. Our Tennis teams will play here as we host the State AA tournament beginning on Thursday morning. Finally, our track athletes will begin their state finals in Missoula on Friday morning. Good luck to all of our student athletes as they round out their 2021 athletic seasons!!! For more info;
<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=345>
3. **Music and Art:** Our renowned Summer Music Program will be back this year! It will be held June 7-18 at East and North Middle Schools. See your instrumental teachers for registration or call the Music and Art office at 268-6079 for more info. Or click this link for more info and scroll to the bottom of the page: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/303>
4. **Community Appreciation: Great Falls Clinic, Pepsi of Great Falls, and Local Restaurants Feed GFPS School Staff!** This year the staff members at 15 of the District’s schools received a catered lunch courtesy of some generous business in Great Falls. The effort was spearheaded by Vicki Newmiller at the Great Falls Clinic. She said that on behalf of the healthcare workers at the Clinic, this was a way to say thank you to our teachers for taking good care of the kids so their parents could go to work! Pepsi of Great Falls was a co-sponsor along with the following restaurants: Big Mouth BBQ, Teriyaki Madness, Jimmy Johns, The Block, and 5 on Black. This team of donors will resume their efforts next fall and provide a lunch for the remaining school staff members. Thanks again to our community supporters!!!
5. **Great Falls Public Schools Foundation Celebrates Dave Crum:** The Foundation and the School District is celebrating the retirement of its founding Executive Director Dave Crum on Thursday, May 27th at 5:00 pm in the Great Falls High School Hub. Under Dave’s leadership, the Foundation now donates over \$100,000 in classroom grants each year, administers some 85 scholarships for graduating seniors, assists disadvantaged students and has facilitated over \$4 million in school building enhancements through private donations. Please join us to celebrate all his hard work over the past ten years. His last day in the office will be June 30th.

6. **We Want YOU to Work for Great Falls Public Schools!!** If you want to make a difference in the lives of children AND get all the perks of a “school year” schedule, we are the employer for you. We are looking for teachers, 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.
7. **GFPS Feeds Students During the Summer Food Program:** The School District’s summer food program begins providing meals on June 9-August 11 at eight different sites across the community. For locations and times of the scheduled distribution click here: <https://mt50000605.schoolwires.net/Domain/93>
8. **High School Graduations:** Great Falls Public Schools’ graduations will be held this year in the Four Seasons Arena at the Fair Grounds over the Memorial Day weekend. Paris Gibson Education Center’s Graduation will begin at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 30. Great Falls High School’s Graduation will take place beginning at 5:00 PM on Sunday, May 30th. CM Russell High School’s Graduation will begin at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 31, 2021. All graduates will be given 15 family and friends passes. Health and safety protocols for all guests will be in place at all ceremonies and communicated to the graduates and their families well in advance of the events. Congratulations to all of our area High School Graduates, their families and their teachers for all of your dedication and hard work. We are looking forward to celebrating this event you all!
9. **High School House Ribbon Cutting:** Please join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of the GFPS construction students from Great Falls High School and CMR High School in completing the 43rd High School House in Great Falls! The Open House and Ribbon Cutting for the completed house: Thursday, June 3, 2021, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. High School House location: 1509 3rd Avenue NW. Thank you NeighborWorks of Great Falls for their partnership with Great Falls Public Schools to make this project possible for families in our community.
10. **Eagle Feather Ceremonies:** Graduating seniors from CMR High School were honored on Tuesday, May 25 with eagle feathers and Mr. Parsons was gifted a drum painted by students in honor of his retirement! It was a wonderful evening to celebrate the accomplishments of everyone. Congratulations to all. Looking forward to extending the same honor to Paris Gibson Education Center and Great Falls High School students over the next few days. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/gfpsindianed/posts/3949094891810284>

GFPS Technology & Textbook Return. If you know anyone who has a student computer or textbooks at home from this past year, please remind them to return these items to their local schools by June 4, 2021. Thank you!

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The Final Edition is scheduled for June 9, 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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