



**Great Falls Public Schools**  
**Ten “MOORE” things you need to know ....**  
**September 16, 2021**

Dear Community Member:

We are off and running with the 2021/2022 school year! Lots of events and activities are happening in and around the community that our students and staff are involved with. Although COVID-19 has obviously impacted the start to our school year, our school nurses, teachers and, administrators, students and parents are working through the challenges and complexities. Our number one goal is to keep students engaged with their teachers and classmates as much as possible this year!

1. **Honoring and Remembering 9/11... 20 years ago-** Last week our Great Falls Junior ROTC students handed out American Flags at the 9/11 Memorial Service in honor of our first responders, the fallen Americans who died that day in the plane crashes and the US Military personnel who have served our country in wars since 9/11. It was certainly a day to remember for all Americans.
2. **Meadow Lark Playground-** The Meadow Lark Elementary playground equipment has been installed and is open for use by students. The kids are enjoying the upgrades of this accessible playground. Thank you to all the committee members, donors, and volunteers for making this possible!
3. **Fall Sports Begin in Great Falls- Soccer, Golf, Volleyball & Football;** Great Falls High Football is at home Friday against Billings West, CMR is away at Billings Skyview. Cross town soccer for both girls and boys in Memorial Stadium on Thursday night, GFHS Volleyball is a Gallatin High school, CMR is at home against Bozeman on Thursday night. Both Cross Country teams are in Missoula this weekend and the Golf Teams are in Kalispell this week. For more sports information:  
<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/345>
4. **The 2021 GFPS Budgets Have Been Adopted-** The Board of Trustees adopted the 2021/2022 Budget at the Board meeting on August 23, 2021. The *District Budget Book* has a plethora of information. Thank you to Brian Patrick and his team in the GFPS Business Office! An electronic copy of the GFPS annual budget, along with other budget related items can be found here:  
<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/220>
5. **GFPS Foundation-**
  - a. The Foundation has met an exciting milestone of raising \$1 million since it began partnering with City Motors on the truck raffle in 2013. Thank you to the Oakland family for their support of this program and to all the school groups that participate. 60% of all proceeds go to the ticket-selling school groups and 40% goes to teachers grants.
  - b. Scholarship Information Nights are scheduled for seniors and parents at CMR on September 23 at 6:30 pm in the Bill Williamson Hall and at GFH on September 30 at 6:30 pm in the Davidson Family Auditorium. PGEC students are encouraged to attend either session. Over \$300k in scholarships are given each year. Don't miss your chance to learn more! Contact 406-268-6021 with any questions.
6. **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:  
<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/1569> Big Sky Bus Lines needs bus drivers as well. You can contact them at 454-1283 for more information.
7. **Food Service hits another Milestone-** Between June 8 and August 11, 2021 the GFPS Food Service Team provided over **60,420 meals** to students in Great Falls! Thank you to our awesome employees and volunteers who helped this summer... <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Domain/93>

8. **School Nurses Are Awesome!** - During this period of concern for the health and welfare of students, staff and community because of COVID-19, our 21 school nurses in Great Falls Public Schools have played a huge role preparing our schools for reopening. Lead School Nurse, Erica Harp is a great champion for healthy children in our community... thank you to her for her leadership... we are blessed to have her!
9. **American Indian Heritage Week ...September 20-24, 2021-** GFPS Indian Education staff will be facilitating traditional games across our school district with different grade levels of students. In addition, there are over 20 Tipis on school sites all over town. The staff will be conducting “Tipi-Talks” at the school sites, informing staff, students and community members about the significance of the Tipi in our Native American Heritage. For more information:  
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=great%20falls%20public%20school%20district%20indigenous%20education...>
10. **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. 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 27 with the agenda posted on September 23. Important Board information can be found here:  
<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/domain/130>

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for September 30, 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! Thanks for supporting our staff and students!  
Tom Moore  
Superintendent

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