



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
February 16, 2023

Dear Community Member:

The month of February is winding down and spring is on the horizon! Here is what is happening currently in the school district:

1. **Career and Technical Education Month** - February is Career and Technical Education Month. In Great Falls Public Schools, we offer over 47 high school courses in 6 primary career clusters: Business, Family & Consumer Sciences, Industrial Technology, Medical and Health Sciences, Video Production and Stagecraft, Education & Teacher Preparation. The district works closely with community business and industry partners to provide work-based learning opportunities in the form of apprenticeships and internships for our students. For more information on our courses and programs; <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/169> and at the CCRC <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/GFCCRC>
2. **Music and the Arts** - Music in Our Schools Month will kick off in March. In addition, a variety of spring concerts will be happening across the District through the month of May! This week, the CMR Band is traveling to Washington State to compete in the All Northwest Music Educators Conference. For more information : <https://www.krtv.com/news/great-falls-news/cmr-high-school-symphonic-band-invited-to-perform-at-northwest-music-educators-conference>
3. **Winter Sports** - Basketball, Swimming and Wrestling are wrapping up! The CMR and GFHS wrestling teams competed last weekend in Billings, MT at the State tournament. Congratulations to both teams who sent several wrestlers from each school. Bison wrestlers Brandon Lockhart and Irish Furthmyre took 1st Place State Championships. The State AA Swim Meet was held here in Great Falls on Saturday with teams competing from across the state. Congratulations to both of our swim teams and our coaches for a successful season, once again! The Bison girls took 1st place, and the Lady Rustlers took 2nd place in the State meet this year! Basketball is winding down with both teams having games this week against Bozeman. The AA State basketball tournament will be in Butte beginning on March 9, 2023. For more sports information and updates, check out: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/345>
4. **We Appreciate Our School Resource Officers** - The past month we recognized our four Great Falls Police Department detectives who serve in our schools. Officers Houston, Rosteck, Kinsey, and McAdam are assigned to protect and serve in the 21 schools of our District. They do an incredible job of working with our students, staff, and parents to keep our schools safe and secure. Individually and collectively, they are helping students be successful in school and in our community. Their work with our young people to educate, inform and prevent problems from occurring is an effective outcome of their presence in our schools. We are blessed and thankful to them for their good work! <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=558315592994161&set=pcb.558322856326768>
5. **GFPS Community Forums** - Join us for Great Falls Public School Community Forums in March. On Tuesday, March 7th at 5:30 PM the District will be hosting a Legislator forum with our local elected representatives during the mid-way point in the legislative session. The public is invited to join our trustees and administration in conversations with our elected officials on issues that will potentially impact education in Great Falls. We hope to see you Tuesday, March 7, 2023, in the Aspen Room at

the District Office Building, 1100 4th Street South. More information coming soon on our website about how join us via Zoom.

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6. **High Voltage Weekend in Great Falls** - On February 10-12, 2023, GFPS hosted the 2nd annual teacher recruiting event at the Dark Horse in the Celtic Cowboy. It was a huge success with over 30 students from teacher preparation colleges across Montana, who came to Great Falls to participate in this event. Local business supported this event with donations and access to their establishments. Thank you to Opportunity Bank, Dascoulias Realty, Staybridge Suites, The Celtic Cowboy, 5th and Wine, Leader One Financial Services, Broke AXE Throwing, Brush Crazy and Becky Nelson for sponsoring this event. On Saturday, nearly half of the students in attendance were interviewed and many received or will receive offers from the District for teaching positions for the upcoming school year. In addition, several of the students are being invited to do their student teaching with the District starting in the fall. For more information about this event check out our web page:
<https://www.facebook.com/GreatFallsPublicSchools/posts/pfbid037pBFYTyg6eNY6EKacTQSJkDAyhjtwLXwnthCoCDZz3DKhUHHrr9t8kfhc8GUEI>
7. **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.
8. **GFPS Foundation** - The Excellence in Education program from the GFPS Foundation recently announced this year's group of distinguished scholars. These graduating seniors from C.M. Russell High School, Great Falls High School, and Paris Gibson Education Center have demonstrated a strong commitment to academics and rigorous coursework. Each student will have the opportunity to pay that recognition forward by selecting one high school teacher and one K-8 teacher who significantly impacted his/her educational experience. Check out the GFPS Foundation Facebook page this week for a full listing of these impressive students. Well done, distinguished scholars! <https://www.facebook.com/GFPSFoundation/>
9. **Community Partners Are Very Generous!** - Three private schools; Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes and Central Catholic High School adopted GFPS Food Pantries for a project during Catholic School Week. Six donation barrels were placed at these schools for donations of food items by parents, students, and staff. The results were overwhelming! The food will be distributed to the GFPS food pantries with the highest needs. Thank you to our friends in the Catholic School system for helping your neighbors!
10. **Board Meetings:** The GFPS Board of Trustees meetings are typically held the 2nd and 4th 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 February 27, 2023, at 5:30 PM with the agenda posted on February 23, 2023. 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 March 16, 2023. 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.

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