



Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
May 1, 2023

Dear Community Member:

The “90 Days of May” or “MAYHEM” is upon us. Plenty of activities to look forward to this month in the School District;

1. **Trustee Elections Tuesday, May 2 until 8:00 PM:** If you haven’t voted for our GFPS Trustee Election yet, you can still do so. Monday, May 1st until 5:00 PM at the Cascade County Elections Office or Tuesday, May 2, 2023, from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM at the Expo. Park at the Fair Grounds. There are three trustee seats open and five candidates running. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=208838868534701> or <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/ModuleInstance/4882/Important%20Dates%20for%20the%20May%20202.pdf>
2. **Celebration of the Facilities Completion, Open Houses Monday, May 1, 2023: 5:30 PM @ GFHS and 7:00 PM @CMR:** We will be celebrating the end of the \$99 Million 2016 Facilities Bond Projects- **Thank you** to the voters, donors, staff, contractors, and design teams! There will be short presentations in the auditoriums at each school with a guided tour to follow. Please come see how your tax dollars have been used! For more info: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/Domain/4/School%20Open%20House%20invite.jpg>
3. **Excellence in Education- Wednesday, May 3rd:** The GFPS Foundation will be celebrating distinguished scholars and educators this Wednesday at its annual Excellence in Education event. Thirty-three graduating seniors from GFH, CMR, and PGEC will be recognized along with the teachers who helped them along the way. A big congratulations goes out to these committed students and educators!
4. **High School House Ribbon Cutting:** Please join us for a celebration of the completion and Grand Opening of the 45th GFPS /NeighborWorks High School House on May 18, 2023, at 11:00AM. The home is located at 512 6th AVE. South, in Great Falls.
5. **Spring Sports:** The weather this spring has not been our friend when it comes to high school athletics! However, we are enjoying some more favorable weather this week! There will be several opportunities this week and next week to see our Rustler and Bison Track, Tennis and Softball Athletes compete here in Great Falls- check out their schedules: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/Page/345>
6. **Congratulations- Purple Star Award Winners!: April was the Month of the Military Child.** On Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the Early Learning Family Center in Skyline School, parents, students, GFPS staff, Military representatives and Superintendent Elsie Arntzen celebrated this year’s Purple Star Award winners from Great Falls. Five schools received awards for their work in supporting Military associated children and their families. These schools are Chief Joseph Elementary, Meadowlark Elementary, Great Falls High School, Early Learning Family Center and the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. In addition, three individuals received Purple Star Awards as well. They are; Colonel Chris Karns, MAFB, Lt. Colonel (retired) Brian Holbein, and

Msgt.(Retired) Mike Wonch, Instructors from the GFHS JROTC Unit. More Information:
<https://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/news/2023/04/27/great-falls-month-of-the-military-child-ceremony-recognizes-community/70160299007/>

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. **Music Programs** - There are plenty of music concerts to attend this spring across the District! In conjunction with many of these concerts will be open houses to show the newly completed and updated facilities as a result of our 2016 Bond Elections. For more information:
<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=683617143770000&set=a.265767145555004>
9. **Kindergarten Early Registration Opens May 3, 2023:** Registration hours are from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM on May 3rd and each school day thereafter, in all area elementary schools. If you are living within the Riverview or Meadowlark attendance area, two forms of proof of residency are required. Please bring Birth Certificates and shot records. For More Info;
<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/Domain/4/23.24%20Kinder%20Reg.pdf>
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 May 8, 2023 at 5:30 PM with the agenda posted on May 4, 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 the week of May 29, 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.

Tom Moore
Superintendent

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