

Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need know
September 25, 2019

Dear Community Member: 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.

1. **Olweus Bully Prevention Kick Off.** Motivational speaker Luc Swensson, founder of I Love This Life Foundation, will kick off our Olweus Bullying Prevention Program on September 27, 2019 at 2:30 PM in the Sacajawea Elementary Gym.
2. **United Way Fun Fest-** Saturday, September 28, 2019 in Lion’s Park from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Free food, games and prizes to celebrate 50 Years of community building in Great Falls! (If weather is bad, may move to Lincoln Elementary)
3. **Military Appreciation.** As a way to honor our community military members and their families, GFPS is sponsoring free admittance to any community member with a military ID at the events below. A special announcement is made during the game to recognize military contributions to our great country.
 - GFH Volleyball at GFHS, Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 pm, vs. Belgrade
 - CMR Football at Memorial Stadium, Friday, September 27, 7:00 pm, vs. Billings Skyview
 - CMR/GFH Soccer Crosstown at Memorial Stadium, Tuesday, October 8, Boys 5:00 pm and Girls 7:00 pm
 - GFH Football at Memorial Stadium, Friday, October 11, 7:00 pm, vs. Billings West
 - CMR Volleyball at CMR, Friday, October 25, 7:00 pm, vs. Bozeman
4. **Changing Weather Conditions-** September 23, 2019 marked the first day of autumn and along with that came a severe weather alert for this weekend in parts of Montana. The Great Falls Public Schools is concerned with student safety as they travel to and from school. Be sure to adhere to school zone speed limits, attend to buses with red flashing lights and watch for children at all times. Please reference some guidance on inclement weather procedures on our website <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/refrigerator-note-2019.pdf>
5. **CMR Homecoming Week:** September 30-October 4, 2019 the Rustlers will celebrate Homecoming activities which will culminate with a parade down Central Ave. at 2:00 PM and a football game against Bozeman starting at 7:00 PM in Memorial Stadium.
6. **Help Wanted.** Pass it on...GFPS is still looking to hire teacher aides, food service workers, para educators, substitutes and more. Current openings are always found here: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/employment. Big Sky Bus Lines really needs bus drivers as well. You can contact them at 454-1283 for more information.
7. **National Merit Scholars:** GFPS is proud to announce that we have four semifinalist for the National Merit Scholarship Program. They are; Gail Parambi, Jayla Mitchell and Braden Younkin from CMR High School and Turner Burchard from Great Falls High School. These academically gifted and talented students will be competing along with another 40 students across Montana for \$30M+ worth of college scholarships to be awarded next spring. <https://www.nationalmerit.org/s/1758/interior.aspx?sid=1758&gid=2&pgid=424>
8. **Federal Cards Being Sent and Due!** Each year GFPS is required to verify students and families that are federally connected via a survey form that is sent home to all families. This census allows us to receive federal Impact Aid funding in lieu of property taxes which are not assessed for federal properties. The allocation is based on a per pupil basis so it is absolutely important that every form is returned. Parents, please find that blue survey that will be sent home on Monday, October 7, 2019 (October 9 Wednesday envelope) and return it ASAP!
9. **World Homeless Day & Stand Up For Students- October 10, 2019.** Come have lunch and bring toiletries and food to donate for students in need- Sponsored by the Great Falls Realtors Association and

the GFPS Foundation. From 11:00- AM -2:00 PM at 2525 10th Ave South behind Dahlquist Realty and Joann Fabrics.

10. **Board Meetings:** The GFPS Board of Trustees meetings are typically held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of most months. Exceptions are July, August, October, December and February. 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 October 21, 2019 with the agenda posted on October 17. Important Board information can be found here: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board>.

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for October 9, 2019.

Thanks for reading! Thanks for supporting our staff and students!

Tom Moore
Superintendent

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