

***Great Falls Public Schools***  
**Ten “MOORE” things you need to know ....**  
**October 23, 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. **Last Chance to Win a Truck!** Get your ticket today! The GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle will take place right after the halftime show performed by the GFHS and CMR marching bands at the crosstown game on Friday. The Toyota truck was donated by City Motors and all proceeds go to funding activities and programs for GFPS students. There is also a 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize of a \$1000 gift certificate to North 40. For more information, click here: <http://www.gfpsfoundation.org/support-us/truck-raffle/>. Tickets are \$10 each and you can stop by my office to purchase one or two or ten!
2. **Golden Age Pass Tailgate Party.** The GFPS Foundation is hosting a tailgate party for all Golden Age Pass Holders today, Wednesday, October 23 at CMR High School STEM Building on the northeast side of the campus. The event will begin at 5:30 PM. Pass Holders are feted to good food prepared by Culinary Arts students, speeches by the fall sports coaches, cheers from the high school cheer squads and lots of prize drawings. Any Great Falls community member 62 years and older can get a Golden Age Pass. Just stop by the Superintendent’s Office at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. to get yours today.
3. **October 28-Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> is Red Ribbon Week!** Sadly, the need to promote drug use prevention activities is greater than ever. This week’s events are designed to do just that. The red ribbons you see throughout Great Falls seek to remind us send the message to Stay Drug Free!. GFPS will be commemorating this important week by wearing red ribbons and promoting the daily themes. You can join us for the community Wear Red Wednesday. Help us share the important message of being drug-free this week and all year long! <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/blog/2019/10/10/red-ribbon-week-events/>
4. **GFPS Music and Fine Arts.** Please note that the Middle and High schools have begun their fall concerts. On Thursday, October 24, Tuesday, October 29 and Thursday, November 7 concerts will be held at various schools. Please check our website for the specific times and locations for these concerts. [http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/uploads/2/7/3/6/27366965/2019\\_fall\\_middle\\_high\\_school\\_concerts..pdf](http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/uploads/2/7/3/6/27366965/2019_fall_middle_high_school_concerts..pdf)  
The opening of the Ergon Student Art Show at GFC-MSU will be Friday, November 1 from 4:30-5:30 PM for a sampling of K-12 Visual Art.
5. **End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.** Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> marks the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The quarter started on August 28. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter/1<sup>st</sup> semester ends on January 17, 2020. Students attend 180 school days during the year and teachers work an additional 7 days for orientation, parent/teacher conferences and staff development. November 1<sup>st</sup> is also an early out for students as teacher prepare report cards that go home the following week.
6. **Federal Cards 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 salmon colored survey and return it ASAP!
7. **Time to Fall Back!** Please mark Sunday, November 3 as the day to turn back the clocks one hour to end Daylight Savings Time.
8. **Board Meetings.** The next Board meeting is on Monday, November 11 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. The full agenda and supporting information will be posted on the afternoon of November 7 at this link: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board). There will important community input meetings for our Board Budget Committee on November 7 at 5:30 PM in Giant Springs Elementary school and again on November 20 at Great Falls High School in the new Commons Area at 5:30 PM.

9. **Crosstown Football Game:** Friday, October 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM with a tailgate event beginning at 4:00 PM on the practice field to the west of Memorial Stadium.  
<https://gfps.k12.mt.us/blog/2019/10/23/crosstown-tailgate-party-football-game/>
10. **State Cross Country Meet:** Saturday, October 26 at Anaconda Hills Golf Course starting at 11:00 AM.

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for November 6, 2019.

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

Tom Moore  
Superintendent

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