

Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
March 4, 2020

1. **Free Preschool Brain Building Expo- Co-Sponsored by Family Connections of Great Falls;** Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 10:00 am -12:00 Noon at Paris Gibson Education Center- **for more information;** <https://familyconnectionsmt.org/news/preschool-brain-building-expo/>
2. **AA Basketball Divisional Playoff-** Billings, March 5, 6 & 7 on Thursday; GFHS Girls at 2:00, CMR Girls at 5:00 and GFHS vs CMR at 6:30. For more Information; <https://www.mhsa.org/bbpostseason>
3. **Special Olympics of Montana Respect Rally-** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 12:00-1:00 pm in the University of Providence University Center to celebrate, respect and give dignity to people with intellectual disabilities. For more information: <https://www.somt.org/respect-rally/>
4. **Now Open.** The three-year terms of Trustees Jason Brantley, Jan Cahill and Kim Skornogoski are expiring and are therefore open for election on May 5, 2020. Citizens wishing to be a candidate and named on the ballot, must file a Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy with the County Elections Office between now and March 26, 2020. Candidates must report campaign expenditures to the Montana Commissioner of Political Practices.
5. **Charlie Russell 5th Grade Essay Contest & Proclamation -** Thursday March 5, 2020, 5:30 pm at West Elementary. Info https://cmrussell.org/?event=proclamation-ceremony&event_date=2020-03-05
6. **Art Show and Proclamation of Youth Art Month-** Friday, March 6, 4:00-6:00 pm will be the Youth Art Show at the Great Falls Public Library, 301 2nd Ave. North. GFPS student art work will be on display kicking off Youth Art Month. For more information; <https://www.greatfallslibrary.org/upcoming-events/>
7. **LEVY Information and Education-** The GFPS Board of Trustees voted on November 25th to ask the citizens of Great Falls to support an Elementary Operational Mill Levy. Ballots will go out on April 15 and the election will occur on May 5, 2020. **If your organization would like a presentation on the school levy, please contact our District office at 406-268-6001,** or for more information please refer to the Budget section of our website at: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/budget/>
 - a. DON'T Forget to Register to Vote in Cascade County; <https://www.cascadecountymt.gov/doc/voterregistrationapplication.pdf>
8. **Community Week of Compassion-** March 1-7, 2020 sponsored by local churches and community organizations. All proceeds go to support the Great Falls Rescue Mission, where many of our homeless students in Great Falls reside throughout the school year. For more information: <http://gfrm.org/news/week-community-compassion-fast>
9. **Board Meetings.** The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at this link: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas.
10. **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) FACTS-** The District is in close communication with the City-County Health Department, the Montana Office of Public Instruction, and Montana School Boards Association on the safety and health protocols dealing with the **Coronavirus.** Health officials are recommending that schools follow the same precautions that we normally take during the Influenza season; <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Keep-Your-School-Healthy.01.20docx.pdf> If people (Staff and Students) are sick with respiratory ailments they should stay home and contact their Health Care provider. For more information; <https://www.cchdmt.org/2020/02/coronavirus-covid-19-facts/>

*****We need your input*****

Community input is needed on the proposed GFPS school calendar for the **2021-2022-School Year.** Please take a few minutes and give us your input, it is appreciated!
Click here for a brief survey; <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/blog/2020/03/02/52318/>

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for March 18, 2020.
Thanks for reading!

Tom Moore
Superintendent

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