



Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday October 24, 2017

- 1. Memorial Stadium Rededication Ceremony.** On November 11, 1930, the Stadium was dedicated to the memory of ten former GFHS students who fought and died in service to our country in WWI. This Friday, nearly 87 years later at the annual crosstown football game, we will be formally rededicating the Stadium to the memory of those who served our country in time of war and paid the ultimate sacrifice for their service. We will also give special thanks to all veterans who have served the land of the free and the home of the brave. A commemorative coin will be given to all veterans who attend the game that night. Additionally, veterans are invited to assist the JROTC cadets in presenting the colors that evening. Please call 268-6008 to RSVP to this invitation. The festivities begin at 6:30. Come join us!
- 2. 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 2nd 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 three!
- 3. Golden Age Pass Tailgate Party.** The GFPS Foundation is hosting a tailgate party for all Golden Age Pass Holders tomorrow, Wednesday, October 25. 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 4th St. S. to get yours today.
- 4. It's 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 on Central Avenue, Flag Hill, Gibson Park, the Civic Center and on the Courthouse seek to remind us that "Your Future is Key So Stay Drug Free!" which is this year's theme. GFPS will be commemorating this important week by wearing red ribbons and holding dress up days like "Sock it to Drugs" (wear crazy socks today), "Too Bright for Drugs" (wear bright clothes on Thursday) and "Team Up Against Drugs" (wear your favorite team...especially since its crosstown day). 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!
- 5. End of 1st Quarter.** Friday, November 3 marks the end of the 1st quarter. The quarter started on August 30 and consisted of 45 days of school. The 2nd quarter/1st semester ends on January 19, 2018. Students attend 180 school days during the year and teachers work an additional 7 days for orientation, parent/teacher conferences and staff development. November 3 is also an early out for students as teachers 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 light green survey and return it ASAP!
- 7. Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat!** The CMR Drama Department will be collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries for the CMR Food Pantry during their annual *Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat* food drive on Saturday, October 28. Students will be in costume collecting in Great Falls neighborhoods from noon – 4 pm. The Drama classroom (Room 603 in the Bill Williamson Hall) will be open for the community to drop off donations as well.

- 8. Rampart Winds to Teach and Entertain Us!** This US Air Force band will be conducting musical clinics in our schools this week and they will also be putting on a free concert for the public on Wednesday, October 25 in the auditorium at West Elementary at 7:00 pm. The doors open at 6:15 so get there early to get a good seat as tickets are not required for entry. This is going to be great!
- 9. Facility Update: How Architects are Selected.** Given that the process for hiring architects by public entities is very different than those used by private owners, GFPS has provided a description of those processes on its website: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/facility-partnerscontractors>. It is important to note that all hiring processes are governed by Montana law which ensures that public entities hire the most qualified firm to provide the services required for the proposed project. To determine which firm is the most qualified, the following criteria are used: the qualifications of professional personnel to be assigned to the project; capability to meet time and project budget requirements; location; present and projected workloads; related experience on similar projects; and recent and current work for the agency. The Montana Codes Annotated 18-8-2 can be found here: http://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0180/chapter_0080/part_0020/section_0040/0180-0080-0020-0040.html. The sections prior and after MCA 18-8-2 are also informative.
- 10. Time to Fall Back!** Please mark Sunday, November 5 as the day to turn back the clocks one hour to end Daylight Savings Time.

I hope you enjoyed my Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for November 7, 2017.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.
Tammy L. Lacey
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