



## Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday September 12, 2017

- 1. Air Quality Monitoring.** In case you have been wondering about the protocols the district uses for recess, athletic practice and events, check out this chart: <http://bit.ly/2wWWVss>
- 2. CMR Groundbreaking.** You may have noticed some heavy construction equipment working around CMR. The official groundbreaking ceremony is tomorrow, Wednesday, September 13 at 2:45. The festivities will start in the gym. Come and join this community celebration as we officially start the construction of the new additions. To get you excited, check out the detailed renderings of what is to come: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/cm-russell-facility-additions>.
- 3. Bison Neighborhood Care Campaign.** GFHS classes, clubs and groups have adopted a block in the neighborhood surrounding the school for the year. Students will be out and about tidying up the public and private property near GFHS. This initiative will begin in the next two weeks with neighbors getting a note from the group who is adopting them. GFHS staff and students are "leading the stampede" in positive and productive activities throughout the year.
- 4. Constitution Day.** Sunday, September 17 is Constitution Day. GFPS classrooms will celebrate this week as students participate in various activities and events that are designed to educate, commemorate and celebrate the important document known as the United States Constitution. The Board adopted a resolution in support at last night's Board meeting.
- 5. Leadership High School.** A big shout out to the GF Area Chamber of Commerce as they kick off another year of this great program. High school students apply to be part of this leadership development opportunity. They spend one day a month learning about our community, social issues, government and its impact on youth, and the importance of community service. Many community volunteers make it all come together. Thank you to all involved for helping to build the leaders of tomorrow.
- 6. Tribune Calendar.** Each year, GFPS and the Tribune partner up to create a year-long calendar that highlights all kinds of educational information. Every family receives one as well as community members. You can access it electronically at: <http://bit.ly/2eRnTYm> but if you would like one to hang up, stop by my office at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. and we will get you one.
- 7. Student Handbook.** It is important that students, parents and the district are all on the same page regarding rules, regulations and expectations. One of the ways we work to do that is to have a written Student Handbook. All citizens have access to it at: <http://bit.ly/2ffnqzX>. Everything from attendance to wellness can be found starting on page 3.
- 8. High School House.** GFPS in conjunction with Neighborworks broke ground last week on House #40. That's the number of houses that have been built in Great Falls by high school students in Construction Tech classes over the last 21 years. GFPS Interior Design students plan the paint, carpet, tile, countertop and other interior component schemes. This year, there is only one house due to budget reductions so CMR and GFHS students will work on the house together. It is located at 2109 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Drive by over the next 9 months and watch the progress! To learn more about all GFPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, see this website: <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/cte-home.html>.
- 9. Facility Project Updates with Pictures.** You can see pictures of all the facility construction progress made this summer at this website: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/facility-project-update-pictures>. Thank you, Great Falls, for giving us this opportunity to improve our schools.
- 10. Board Meetings.** The next Board meeting is on Monday, September 25 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. Agenda items of note include decisions on naming the new elementary schools. The full agenda and supporting information will be posted on the afternoon of September 21 at this link: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board).

I hope you enjoyed my Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for September 26, 2017.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

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