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## Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday March 7, 2017

- 1. Community Budget Meeting Today.** As the Board continues its efforts to make the general fund budget setting process a transparent and community-based effort, the fifth of six community meetings will be held today, 5:30-6:30 pm, at Paris Gibson Education Center, 2400 Central Ave. The agenda and information from previous meetings can be found here: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/2015budget](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/2015budget). The final meeting is on Tuesday, March 21, same time and place.
- 2. Theatre in Our Schools Month (TIOS):** This national emphasis points to research showing that students in all academic areas benefit from participation in school theatre. It's of national importance because there is an opportunity gap in access to high quality school theatre programs. To learn more about TIOS see this video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSvR\\_EHJ0ks&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSvR_EHJ0ks&feature=em-share_video_user). GFPS takes great pride in the drama opportunities we provide our students.
- 3. Speaking of Drama Opportunities...**there's a great one coming up at CMR as they proudly present THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (abridged) on March 16-18. This comedy review of everything Shakespeare will be presented on the Bill Williamson Hall stage at 7:30 pm nightly with a special matinee on the 18th at 2pm. For a twist, the run has two casts: one all-male and one all- female. It's a no-holds barred Shakespeare showdown battle of the sexes guaranteed to make you laugh. You'll want to come back to see the other cast! Tickets are \$8 dollars general admission/\$6 dollars for students and seniors, except they are \$5 dollars for everybody at the matinee.
- 4. Preschool Expo:** Families with children aged 2-4 are invited to a special day of fun on Saturday, March 18 from 10 am to noon. Parents and kids can participate in child-centered play and educational activities. There will also be free take-home activities, books, games, and information. It will be held at PGEC, 2400 Central Ave., and concessions will be available. Spread the word about this fun event organized by GFPS, Family Connections, United Way and the Early Childhood Coalition.
- 5. Full STEAM Ahead!** GFPS is preparing to host the annual STEAM Expo on April 1, 10:00 am to noon in the GFHS Fieldhouse. K-12 students will present projects in science, technology, engineering, arts and math. We need judges to experience our talented K-12 students showing off their knowledge and learning. Email [jeff\\_rieger@gfps.k12.mt.us](mailto:jeff_rieger@gfps.k12.mt.us) or call 268-7402 if you can help. For more information about the event, click here: <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/steam-expo.html>.
- 6. YAM is Now! Youth Art Month** is this month too! March was declared YAM in 1961. This year the dedicated GFPS visual art staff is promoting our young artists, the importance of art education and our community by displaying work at the State Capitol in Helena as well as at the Great Falls Public Library. Please stop by either to see amazing artwork!
- 7. Good Luck, Lady Rustlers and Bison Boys!** Great Falls is hosting the AA boys' and girls' basketball state tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Four Seasons Arena. There will be buses, athletes, fans, parents and community members from across Montana staying at our hotels, shopping in our stores, and eating in our restaurants. A huge thank you to the all the volunteers who make this happen. The really great thing is that two of our local teams will be competing as well! Let's go cheer them on! The action starts at 3:30 on Thursday!
- 8. The Respect Rally is Wednesday:** Special Olympics is sponsoring the annual Respect Rally at noon at the Providence Plaza at UGF. Respectful and inclusive language are essential in honoring the

dignity and humanity of people with disabilities. Previously, the Rally focused on ending the use of the r-word (retard). This year it will again focus on increasing the use of a better r-word...RESPECT! Come join in the fun! Learn more here: [www.r-word.org/](http://www.r-word.org/).

**9. No School on Monday, March 13.** All GFPS schools will be closed as this day is set aside for parent/teacher conferences. All schools complete their conferences during the evenings to make it more convenient for parents. Those evening hours are equivalent to this set aside day. District offices will be open.

**10. Board Meetings:** The next Board meeting is on Monday, March 13 at 5:30 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on the afternoon of Thursday, March 9 at this link: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas>.

I hope you enjoyed this week's Top Ten on Tuesday! Be sure to move your clocks ahead one hour this weekend! The next release is scheduled for March 21, 2017.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

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