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## Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday March 20, 2018

- 1. STEAM Expo Info!** You are invited to attend the annual STEAM Expo on Saturday, March 24, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm in the GFHS Fieldhouse. The Exposition will offer a venue for K-12 students to demonstrate the results of their STEAM studies, professionals to show how STEAM is used to better our communities, and spectators to participate in hands-on experiments. The STEAM EXPO event will connect our schools to the community, our students to professionals, and generate interest and excitement for science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. See you there!
- 2. Music is Still in the Air.** The final two weeks of Music in Our Schools Month is upon us. Here's the schedule: <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/fine-arts.html>. Of note is the Band Concert tonight at the Mansfield Theatre which will feature the top bands from both the middle and high schools, as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Band. The Orchestra Concert which will feature orchestras from both middle and high schools on March 27 at GFHS at 7:30 pm.
- 3. The GFHS "Montana Project".** This cross-curricular freshmen Expo will be held on Thursday, March 22. Students will compete for scholarship money (thank you GFPS Foundation!) by rotating through English, science/math, and history stations, all having a Montana theme. The "Montana Project" is an outstanding opportunity for students to learn in a fun and engaging format.
- 4. April is Autism Awareness Month.** As April approaches, our community seeks to increase our understanding and acceptance of friends and neighbors with autism, and to draw attention to the tens of thousands facing an autism diagnosis each year. This Saturday, March 24, 9 am to 4 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, a workshop titled "*Managing Frustrations and Anxiety, and Teaching Social Skills*" will be held. To learn more about the workshop and lots of other related information, click here: <http://friendsofautismgf.blogspot.com/>.
- 5. Operational Levy Information.** The cost of the operational levy on an average home in Great Falls is less than \$20/year or \$1.66/month. You can calculate the estimate for your home by following the directions on this website: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/school-elections-2018/>. At that same site, you can also find tax relief forms and other details. Please mark your calendars to join me for one of two information meetings for community members on April 16 at the Paris Gibson Education Center's cafeteria, 2400 Central Ave. You can come at either noon or 6:00 pm. Please join me.
- 6. Facility Projects Update.** The new Mitel phones are being installed! Three elementary schools have been completed and the process will continue throughout the school year and summer. \$750,000 of the bond levy passed in October, 2016 was dedicated to replacing 1400 phones and the phone system that was originally purchased in 1998 with a modern Voice Over IP (VOIP) system. As we try to integrate the new system with the old system, there are a few glitches we are working out. If you try to phone and something seems awry, please call my office at 268-6001 to report your difficulties.
- 7. Roosevelt Yearbook: Farewell Edition.** Roosevelt Elementary School will be closing next year as it is being replaced by the brand new Giant Springs Elementary School located at 520 32<sup>nd</sup> St. N. To commemorate 90 years of its history, Roosevelt staff and students, in conjunction with GFHS Honors English students, have produced a hardcover color yearbook complete with historical pictures and stories. The yearbook is available to alumni and the community for \$25. Contact my office at 268-6001 for more information.

- 8. Distinguished Scholars and Educators Announced.** The GFPS Foundation is once again honoring outstanding GFPS students and educators! The Foundation selected 33 Distinguished Scholars which are students from the three high schools. Each student chose an educator who influenced their education. You can view the selected students, educators, and criteria here: [www.gfpsfoundation.org/programs/excellence-in-education/](http://www.gfpsfoundation.org/programs/excellence-in-education/). The Foundation is preparing an Excellence in Education publication honoring these students and educators to be distributed through the *Great Falls Tribune* on May 5. Be sure to check it out!
- 9. Important Dates.** Friday, March 23 marks the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and it will be an early out for students so teachers can complete report cards. The quarter started on January 22 and consisted of 44 days of school. There will be no school for students and teachers Thursday, March 29 through Monday, April 2 for spring break. District offices will be open as will some of the offices at the various schools, except on Friday, March 30. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter/2<sup>nd</sup> semester/school year ends on June 1, 2018. Students attend 180 school days during the year and teachers work an additional 7 days for orientation, parent/teacher conferences and staff development.
- 10. Board Meetings:** The next Board meeting is on Monday, March 26 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 22 at this link: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas>.

I hope you enjoyed this week's Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for April 3, 2018.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.  
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Superintendent

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