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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday March 6, 2018

- 1. Respect Rally is on Wednesday!** Special Olympics is sponsoring the annual Respect Rally at noon at the University of Providence Plaza. Respectful and inclusive language are essential in honoring the dignity and humanity of people with disabilities. It's a perfect time to practice showing respect to everyone as we prepare for the Special Olympic State Games here in Great Falls in May. Come join in the fun! Learn more here: www.r-word.org/. Pledge your respect through your actions and words!
- 2. Daylight Savings Time.** Prepare to "spring ahead" for Daylight Saving Time as it returns at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 11. You'll need to set your clocks and watches ahead an hour either before you go to bed Saturday night or when you wake on Sunday morning. Please note: The GFPS/Tribune calendar indicates daylight savings time on March 18. That is incorrect and we apologize for the error.
- 3. Preschool Expo:** Families with children aged 2-4 are invited to a special day of fun on Saturday, March 17 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.
- 4. Input Needed for the 2019-2020 School Calendar.** A committee of staff, parents and community members have developed four options and they are seeking feedback from community members, employees and students. Please click on this link to view the options and to tell us which calendar you prefer: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GFPS-2019-2020>. The deadline is Monday, March 12, 2018.
- 5. Good Luck!** The CMR and GFHS boys' basketball teams and the CMR girls' basketball team will all be representing Great Falls at the AA boys' and girls' basketball state tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Billings. We wish them the best! Safe travels to all the parents and community members traveling to Billings to cheer them on.
- 6. Board Votes for Operational Levy.** At a special Board meeting on February 22, the Trustees unanimously voted to exercise its responsibility to fund our public schools via the vehicle allowed by State law: a levy election. They voted to ask our community to come together in unity to provide continued educational opportunity for our students. Thus our theme for the upcoming election campaign: *Community. Unity. Opportunity.* We are planning community informational meetings, so watch for invitations. Material is being prepared for the website which will contain several informational features. You can find it at: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/school-elections-2018/>.
- 7. A Month of Months.** March is Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM), Youth Art Month (YAM) and Theatre in Our Schools Month. To see a schedule of all of the events that highlight related activities, click here: http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/uploads/2/7/3/6/27366965/march_and_april_memo_2018.jpg. Please know that you are invited to join our students in many concerts and art shows throughout the month.
- 8. Facility Update.** Despite the weather, construction is continuing to make headway at Giant Springs Elementary and at CMR. Check out the progress pictures at this link: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/facility-project-update-with-pictures/>. You are invited to "Coffee with Guy" (Guy is the Sletten job superintendent at Giant Springs) on Wednesday, March 28 at 9:00 am. Please use the northeast entrance closest to the job site trailer.

- 9. Spring Break & Other Calendar News.** There will be no school for students and teachers Thursday, March 29 through Monday, April 2. District offices will be open as will some of the offices at the various schools, except on Friday, March 30. The end of the 3rd quarter is March 23 which is also an early-out day so teachers can prepare report cards that afternoon. The end of the 4th quarter and last day of school is Friday, June 1.
- 10. Board Meetings:** The next Board meeting is on Monday, March 12 at 5:30 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on the afternoon of Thursday, March 8 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 20, 2018.

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

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