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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday April 17, 2018

- 1. Ballots Mailed Next Week.** The Cascade County Elections Office is set to mail ballots to all registered voters on Monday, April 23. If you aren't sure if you are registered to vote, you can check the Elections Office website here www.cascadecountymt.gov/departments/elections. Scroll to the bottom to the "Check Voter Registration" link. You can register to vote up to the day of the election. You can also check out the sample ballot here: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/2018-operational-levy-information/>. The ballot will include the opportunity to cast your vote regarding two trustees, the GFPS Operational Levy and the Park District.
- 2. Kiwanis Book Nooks Encourage Reading.** The Great Falls Kiwanis Club has book nooks at Roosevelt and West Elementary schools. Students can hang out with a good book in the nook where community members also hang out to read to and with the students. The Kiwanians also sponsor a book giveaway where the students get to pick a book to keep. The Club also sponsors the Bringing Up Grades (BUG) program at West Elementary where academic improvement and achievement are recognized with a ceremony, token prizes and a raffle for an Amazing Toys gift certificate. Thanks to the Great Falls Kiwanis Club for supporting and encouraging GFPS students!
- 3. 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration May 2.** GFPS will be hosting Kindergarten Registration on Wednesday, May 2, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at all elementary schools. For more information, check out the GFPS webpage: www.gfps.k12.mt.us.
- 4. Music Festival This Week.** GFPS is hosting the annual MHS District 6 Music Festival April 19-20. GFPS Bands, Choirs and Orchestras will perform Thursday afternoon and evening at GFHS, and solos and ensembles will perform on Friday at CMR from 1-9 pm. Students from Great Falls and the surrounding areas will be performing for adjudication with certified clinicians. By getting immediate feedback, students will learn how to become better musicians. An opportunity like this with authentic assessment makes for better music programs in our District. We take pride in preparing diligently for these events and using the feedback we gain to better our instruction.
- 5. GFPS Foundation Enhances Education Through Grants.** The Foundation has approved almost \$174,000 in grants for the 2018-19 school year. The Foundation's teacher initiated grant program provides opportunities for students, PreK through high school, to learn in new environments, experience creative teaching methods, and to have new social and academic encounters. To view the recipients of this cycle of funding, click here: www.gfpsfoundation.org/programs/grants/. Grant monies are provided by generous community donors. Thanks to all who make these funds available for our schools!
- 6. Native American Library Dedication.** At 3:30 pm on Wednesday, April 25, the Native American Library housed at Paris Gibson Education Center will be renamed and dedicated as the Murton McCluskey Native American Library. The public is invited to join in this celebration.
- 7. Indian Education Awards Nights!** K-12 Indian students will be recognized for outstanding citizenship and achievement at PGEC on April 25 and 26 at 5:30 each night. Wednesday night features students from CMR, NMS and their feeder schools. Thursday night features GFHS, EMS and their feeder schools. The students and their families will be honored by the GFPS Indian Education Department, GFPS staff members and the InterTRIBAL Strong teen group.

- 8. Leadership High School Concludes.** Each year, the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce joins several other sponsors in holding a year-long program that seeks to educate and motivate existing and potential high school leaders by encouraging community involvement for the betterment of the Great Falls community. 42 juniors participated this year. After a day of community service, a graduation ceremony will be held on April 26. We look for good things to come from these future leaders.
- 9. Annual Pow Wow Coming Soon!** The GFPS Indian Education Department along with the InterTRIBAL Strong student group are hosting the Annual Youth Pow Wow at Expo Park on Saturday, May 12. The Grand Entries are at 1:00 and 6:00 pm. Mark your calendars and look for more information to come.
- 10. Board Meetings:** The next Board meeting is on Monday, April 23 at 5:30 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted this Thursday afternoon 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 May 1, 2018.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

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Superintendent

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