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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday April 3, 2018

- 1. No More Violence Week!** This is day two of this weeklong campaign focused on raising awareness and action for prevention of child abuse and neglect here in Great Falls and Cascade County. It is a result of work undertaken by the Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect (P-CAN) Task Force. This campaign aims to share statistics and stories of current rates of child abuse and neglect, and also organize specific ways for the community to take action in preventing child abuse and neglect. See the schedule of events at this link: <https://bit.ly/2q4zjgS>.
- 2. Community Meeting About the Operational Levy.** 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. For more information about the Operational Levy including an "Asked and Answered" section, see this link: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/2018-operational-levy-information/>.
- 3. All City Art Show and Reception.** The opening for this fine display of student artwork is this Friday, April 6, 4:30-6:30 pm at the Paris Gibson Square. A brief ceremony will be held at 5:15 pm to recognize the student participants and to honor the winner of this year's Zach Culliton Merit of Distinction Award. Artwork from all schools and all grade levels in the GFPS system will be on display until May 17. Come see the creative works of our students in the professional display space of the Square! Free admission.
- 4. Thank You, Montana Masonic Foundation!** Nearly \$15,000 in grants were presented to Great Falls schools last week. The Foundation will give out \$47,000 in grants across the state. "Public education is something we greatly support because everybody is entitled to that in America. And what makes us better as Americans is to have that free education and be able to allow young minds to expand and be used for the greater good of America," said Director Frohberg. To learn more, click here: www.krtv.com/story/37829480/montana-masonic-foundation-gives-grants-to-help-schools.
- 5. 5th Grade Goes to the Symphony!** The annual field trip to attend a live performance of the Great Falls Symphony at the Mansfield Theater will occur on April 12. All 5th graders in the school district get a chance to see a professional concert in the best live music venue in the state as part of their music curriculum studies. The Symphony will be led by new Music Director Grant Harville, and will be presenting a program entitled "Discovering Beethoven" including selections from the 5th, 7th, and 9th Symphonies with musical selections from the Symphony Core Ensembles.
- 6. Outstanding Juniors Honored.** The academic departments from CMR, GFHS and PGEC each select a junior student to be recognized at a breakfast hosted by GFPS Foundation. Thirty-three students, along with their parents and teachers, will get up bright and early on the morning of April 10 to enjoy eggs and accolades. The audience will hear highlights from each students' achievements and inspirational thoughts from guest speaker Anders Blewett. The CMR Culinary Arts students will cater the breakfast.
- 7. April is Autism Awareness Month.** As our community seeks to increase our understanding and acceptance of friends and neighbors with autism, you are invited to a free viewing of "Neurotypical," a PBS documentary, on April 24, 6:30-7:30 at the CMR Bill Williamson Auditorium. For more information, click here: www.FriendsOfAutismGF.blogspot.com (be sure to scroll down).

- 8. Month of the Military Child.** April is set aside to recognize and honor the commitment, contributions and sacrifices military children and youth make to the nation through the strength they provide our soldiers and their families. On Friday, April 13, GFPS is celebrating Purple Up Day. We will wear purple as a way to thank, honor, and recognize the many contributions of our military students. Why purple? Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. Please join us!
- 9. Facility Projects Update.** The architectural renderings for the new CMR facilities are now at this link: <http://www.ctatour.com/GFCMR/>. Click on the icon on the right side and watch the 360 degree tour. Keep in mind that these are just renderings and the final finishes may differ from what is shown.
- 10. Board Meetings:** The next Board meeting is on Monday, April 9 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 April 17, 2018.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

Tammy L. Lacey
Superintendent

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