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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday May 29, 2018

- 1. Graduation Information:** The GFHS and CMR commencement exercises took place this past Sunday at the Four Seasons Arena at Expo Park. GFHS was at 3 pm and CMR was at 7 pm. The venue turned out to be very accommodating for the large gatherings.
 - GFHS congratulated 224 seniors. Since the school's opening in 1893, 37,377 seniors have graduated from GFHS.
 - CMR congratulated 287 seniors. Since its opening in 1966, 21,987 seniors have graduated from CMR.
 - The PGEC Commencement is tomorrow, Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 pm in their gymnasium.
- 2. Congratulations Retirees:** GFPS says a heartfelt farewell to 43 staff members that will be concluding their GFPS careers. This includes 1 administrator, 23 teachers and 21 classified staff members. All together they represent 1033 years of service to our kids, our community and our future. We wish them nothing but the best as they retire.
- 3. State AA & C Track & Field Meet Recap.** You may have noticed lots of buses and out-of-town license plates in Great Falls this past Friday and Saturday. That's because 82 small Class C towns as well as the other 12 AA schools from those 6 communities had student athletes participating in the track meet held at Memorial Stadium. The good weather was a bonus as I received tons of compliments about the facility from parents, athletes and guests! It is no small thing putting on a huge event like this so a big thank you to Gary DeGooyer and his staff for organizing it, as well as all of the community members and GFPS staff that volunteered to do the work! Congratulations to the all of the student athletes who trained and competed to represent their schools and communities!
- 4. Lady Bison State Champions!** Congratulations to the GFHS Lady Bison softball team for winning the State Championship last Saturday! Besides that incredible accomplishment, they are the first team in the history of AA softball to have an undefeated season! We are proud of the hard work and personal commitment these student athletes demonstrated. This kind of tenacity and grit will serve these students well in the future.
- 5. Some School Calendar Notes:** The final day of the 2017-2018 school year is this Friday, June 1. There will be an early out for all schools on that day. The 180 student days and 7 additional professional development days flew by! Next year's school calendar as well as that for the 2019-2020 school year can be found on this website: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/calendar>. The first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 29, 2018 and the last day of school is Thursday, June 7, 2019. Graduations will be held over the first weekend in June, 2019.
- 6. Summer Opportunities!**
 - **Summer Read 6!** The GFPS book trailer will be making the rounds again for the 7th anniversary of providing kids free books so they can keep reading all summer long! Check out the schedule and other details on the GFPS website: www.gfps.k12.mt.us.
 - **Summer Food Program.** In an effort to make sure kids never go hungry even in the summer, the GFPS Food Service program will once again take a food trailer stocked with meals to three parks and three schools throughout the summer. The Summer Food Trailer will be at Gibson

Park, Rhodes Park, and Lions Park, and at East Middle School, Valley View and Sunnyside Elementary Schools Monday-Friday, June 5th - August 10th with free food for all kids under the age of 18! Check out www.gfps.k12.mt.us for more info.

- **Virtual Academy Credit Accrual Courses.** High school students have the opportunity to take classes via an on-line platform during the summer. Check out details here: <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/virtual-academy.html>.
 - **Summer School for Credit Recovery.** This program provides support to high school students who, for a variety of reasons, were unable to complete courses during the school year and need extra support to recover those credits so they can graduate on time. The sessions will be held at EMS. It should be noted that the district does not offer summer school for K-8 students due to budgetary constraints.
7. **Thanks to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)!** This group created patriotic boxes for schools in the region to include Longfellow, Roosevelt and Whittier Elementary Schools. Each box contains a 313 page three-ring binder packed with American History information. The box also includes two copies of the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution, CDs with patriotic music, a portrait of George Washington suitable for framing, and information about self-governance of The People of the Long House and the Magna Carta signed in 1215, both of which contributed to informing founders of our nation. We thank this group for contributing to our U.S. history resources!
 8. **Facility Update:** NMS, PGEC and GFHS all have significant construction happening throughout the summer. This will necessitate very limited or no access to the buildings. Should you need to make contact with these buildings, please call the Assistant Superintendent's Office at 406-268-6008.
 9. **4th of July Parade:** The GFPS Patriot Band featuring our high school band students and their teachers will be entertaining the crowd again this year thanks to a generous donation from Steel Etc. Also look for the 2018 Toyota Tacoma truck donated by City Motors for the GFPS Foundation's fall raffle! They will be tossing pencils to the crowd as we say, "Happy Birthday, America!"
 10. **Board Meetings Information.** Given that the 4th Monday of May was Memorial Day, this month's second Board meeting is tonight at 5:30 at the District Office Building (DOB), 1100 4th St. S. You can review the Board packet at this link: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Online-Agenda-5-29-18.pdf>. The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, June 11 at 5:30 at the DOB. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on Thursday, June 7 at this link: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas. The other summer Board meetings will be held on June 25, July 16, August 6 and August 20 all at the DOB. The 2018-2019 budget will be set by the Board at the August 20 meeting.

I hope you enjoyed this week's Top Ten on Tuesday! This is the last issue for this school year. The next release is scheduled for August 28, 2018 but I may use the Top Ten email list for single item notifications over the summer.

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

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