

# *Great Falls Public Schools*

## **Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday**

### August 28, 2018

Dear Community Member: You are receiving this email as part of the District's ongoing community communication efforts. If you do not wish to receive these emails, there is a place to unsubscribe at the very bottom.

1. **2018-2019 School Year Underway!** The first day of school for students is tomorrow, Wednesday, August 29, 2018. The last day of school is Friday, June 7, 2019. You can find this year's and next year's school calendars here: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/great-falls-public-schools-events-calendars/>.
2. **Giant Springs Elementary School to Open!** The first new elementary school to be built in Great Falls since 1970 will open for students on Wednesday! At the groundbreaking 412 days ago, on July 13, 2017, we said farewell to the Lowell School and anticipated a productive, safe and satisfying construction process. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: The new school was built on schedule and under budget! Come see it today! The Ribbon Cutting is at 3 pm followed by an Open House until 5 pm.
3. **Street and Road Safety.** Now that students are back to school, it is vitally important that drivers are vigilant and careful around our schools. Be sure to adhere to school zone speed limits, attend to buses with red flashing lights and watch for children at all times. More street safety information can be found here: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/street-and-road-safety-information/>.
4. **High School House Groundbreaking.** GFPS in conjunction with Neighborworks will break ground on the 41<sup>st</sup> High School House. That's 41 houses that have been built in Great Falls by high school students in Construction Tech classes over the last 20+ years of the partnership. CMR and GFHS Construction Tech students combine in this effort. GFPS Interior Design students plan the paint, carpet, tile, countertop and other interior component schemes. This year's house is at 1509 6th Ave NW. Drive by over the next 9 months and watch the progress or stop by the groundbreaking on Wednesday, September 5 at 1 pm! To learn more about all GFPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, see this website: <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/cte-home.html>.
5. **Budget.** The Board of Trustees adopted the 2018-2019 budget at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 20. The *District Budget Book* has a plethora of information. You can find it along with several other budget related items here: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/budget/>
6. **Truck Raffle.** The GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle is in full swing. The Toyota truck was donated by City Motors and all proceeds go to funding activities and programs for GFPS students. For more information, click here: <http://www.gfpsfoundation.org/> .
7. **Help Wanted.** Pass it on...GFPS is looking to hire teacher aides, food service workers, paraeducators, substitutes and more. Current openings are always found here: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/employment](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/employment). Big Sky Bus Lines is in desperate need of bus drivers. You can contact them at 454-1283 for more information.
8. **Golden Age Passes.** GFPS has the pleasant custom of giving free lifetime athletic passes to Great Falls community members 62 years and older. Just stop by the Superintendent's Office at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. to get yours today.
9. **Facility Update:** It was a busy summer of construction and upgrades in and around GFPS facilities. A current review of all projects can be found here: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/CONSTRUCTION-PROGRESS-8-20-18.pdf>.
10. **Board Meetings:** Board of Trustees meetings are typically held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of most months. Exceptions are July, August, October, December and February. These are public meetings. Agendas and supporting information are always posted the Thursday afternoon prior to the Board meetings. The next Board meeting is on September 10 with the agenda posted on September 6. Important Board information can be found here: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board>.

I hope you enjoyed this week's Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for September 11, 2018.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

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Superintendent

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