



Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday October 23, 2018

- 1. Last Chance to Win a Truck!** Get your ticket today! The GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle will take place right after the halftime show performed by the GFHS and CMR marching bands at the crosstown game on Friday. The Toyota truck was donated by City Motors and all proceeds go to funding activities and programs for GFPS students. There is also a 2nd place prize of a \$1000 gift certificate to North 40. For more information, click here: <http://www.gfpsfoundation.org/support-us/truck-raffle/>. Tickets are \$10 each and you can stop by my office to purchase one or two or ten!
- 2. Facility Updates.**
 - The new CMR facilities (gym, fitness center, track/field and STEM classrooms) will officially open tomorrow! The community is invited to a ribbon cutting and tours starting at 2:45 in the new gym. Following that ceremony, participants will transition over to the STEM building for a ribbon cutting and refreshments there. We are so excited to showcase these major improvements to CMR!
 - Longfellow is the next big facility project that we are focusing on. We are interviewing firms for the General Contractor/Construction Manager (GCCM) selection on November 2. The students and staff are slated to move to Roosevelt Elementary over spring break in order to start the demolition work on Longfellow in the spring. The fall of 2020 is the target for the new school to open. From there, we will begin the process of selling the Roosevelt building.
- 3. Golden Age Pass Tailgate Party.** The GFPS Foundation is hosting a tailgate party for all Golden Age Pass Holders tomorrow, Wednesday, October 24. Pass Holders are feted to good food prepared by Culinary Arts students, speeches by the fall sports coaches, cheers from the high school cheer squads and lots of prize drawings. Any Great Falls community member 62 years and older can get a Golden Age Pass. Just stop by the Superintendent's Office at 1100 4th St. S. to get yours today.
- 4. It's Red Ribbon Week!** Sadly, the need to promote drug use prevention activities is greater than ever. This week's events are designed to do just that. The red ribbons you see throughout Great Falls seek to remind us that "Life is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free!" which is this year's theme. GFPS will be commemorating this important week by wearing red ribbons and holding dress up days like "Too Bright for Drugs" (wear bright clothes today), "Don't Let Drugs Mix You Up" (wear mixed up clothing on Thursday), and "Team Up Against Drugs" on Friday (wear your favorite team...especially since its crosstown day). You can join us for the community Wear Red Wednesday. Help us share the important message of being drug-free this week and all year long!
- 5. Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat!** The CMR Drama Department will be collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries for the CMR Food Pantry during their annual *Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat* food drive on Saturday, October 27. Students will be in costume collecting in Great Falls neighborhoods from noon – 4 pm. The Drama classroom (Room 603 in the Bill Williamson Hall) will be open for the community to drop off donations as well.
- 6. GFPS Fine Arts.** For some art for your ears, please note that the middle schools will each have their fall concerts on Tuesday, October 30 at 7:30 pm. The East concert will be held in their gym and the North concert will be held in the West Elementary Auditorium. You can enjoy some art for your eyes at the Colors of Fall Art Show this Saturday, October 27 at the Heritage Inn. GFPS high school students are showing their work with awards and recognitions at 2:00 pm. The opening of Ergon Student Art Show at GFC-MSU is on Friday, November 2 at 4:30 for a sampling of K-12 visual art.
- 7. End of 1st Quarter.** Friday, November 2 marks the end of the 1st quarter. The quarter started on August 29 and consisted of 45 days of school. The 2nd quarter/1st semester ends on January 18, 2019.

Students attend 180 school days during the year and teachers work an additional 7 days for orientation, parent/teacher conferences and staff development. November 2 is also an early out for students as teachers prepare report cards that go home the following week.

- 8. Federal Cards Sent and Due!** Each year GFPS is required to verify students and families that are federally connected via a survey form that is sent home to all families. This census allows us to receive federal Impact Aid funding in lieu of property taxes which are not assessed for federal properties. The allocation is based on a per pupil basis so it is absolutely important that every form is returned. Parents, please find that blue survey and return it ASAP!
- 9. Time to Fall Back!** Please mark Sunday, November 4 as the day to turn back the clocks one hour to end Daylight Savings Time.
- 10. Board Meetings.** The next Board meeting is on Monday, November 12 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The full agenda and supporting information will be posted on the afternoon of November 8 at this link: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board.

I hope you enjoyed my Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for November 6, 2018.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

Tammy L. Lacey
Superintendent

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