



Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday November 6, 2018: Election Day

(Ballots are due by 8 pm at the Exhibition Hall at the Fairgrounds)

- 1. Community Survey for Superintendent Search.** A survey is being administered by the Montana School Boards Association on behalf of the Great Falls Board of Trustees to assist in the hiring of a new Superintendent. The results will help the Board as they review the applications for the Superintendent position. SURVEY DEADLINE: Friday, November 30, 2018, 5:00 PM. MST. The link to the survey is here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GF_Supt_Search2019.
- 2. Dracula!** The GFHS Drama Department will be presenting *Dracula* for five different showings: November 8-10 and November 15-16, all at 7:30 pm. The shows will be presented on the stage of the beautiful Great Falls High School Auditorium. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. Check out this KRTV Community Connection piece to hear about it from students: <https://bit.ly/2ztrUw3>.
- 3. Winter Weather Awareness.** Winter has arrived this week. That means we all need to be very careful driving in our neighborhoods and around our schools. The GFPS Student Safety webpage has several weather related links at www.gfps.k12.mt.us/students/safety. There's also a whole section on how GFPS handles school disruptions due to weather. There's even a Refrigerator Note that you can print off so you have the information at your fingertips. Check it out!
- 4. Good Luck, Lady Rustlers!** They will be representing the Electric City at the State Volleyball Tournament this week in Bozeman. You can check out the bracket here: <http://www.mhsa.org/page/show/2173436-post-season-tournaments>. We wish the girls, coaches, parents and fans safe travels and a great tournament!
- 5. Thank You, Veterans.** This year, Veterans Day falls on Sunday, November 11th and is therefore designated as a Federal Holiday on Monday, November 12th, 2018. All GFPS schools and offices will be open. On both days, we will remember those who have served our country in uniform. 2018 marks the Centennial Commemoration and GFPS extends its most sincere appreciation to both Veterans and Military Families. Several schools are holding special events on November 12 to honor our community's veterans and active duty members.
- 6. Truck Raffle Fundraiser a Huge Success!** The GFPS Foundation raised a total of \$119,070 to support GFPS students. \$67,077 will be presented to student groups and organizations as they receive \$6 from each ticket sold. The remaining \$51,993 is retained by the Foundation for Discovery Grants and other educational opportunities. Lucille Krajcich was the winner of the 2019 Toyota Tacoma, donated by City Motors. She purchased the ticket from a GFHS football player. The winner of the \$1,000 gift certificate donated by North40 was Mark Bruskotter. He bought his ticket from the GFHS Student Council at the Great Falls Voyagers Crosstown Clash night in August. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket!
- 7. Computer Science News.** In 2014, GFPS was able to resurrect its Computer Science course offerings due the passage of the levy that year. The program is taught by Stacey Dolderer who is helping students do some great things like:
 - Cyberpatriots.** Last Friday, two teams from both high schools competed in a CyberPatriot competition. In the competition, teams are given two virtual operating systems and are tasked with finding cybersecurity vulnerabilities. They have to harden the system while maintaining critical services. They also take a computer networking quiz. Students have been training with the CyberPatriot team at GFC-MSU for the past month. There are also two teams in the middle schools. Coaches Dolderer and Jamie Williams, along with the competitors, are waiting to hear how they scored.

- **Hour of Code.** High school students taking computer science courses will be in the middle schools this month to teach an “hour of code.” The high school students will teach topics such as building web pages, creating mobile applications for Android phones, and computer coding applications.
8. **6th Graders Get Game.** This Thursday, all GFPS 6th graders will spend their lunch time watching a University of Providence women’s basketball game at the University. While at the game, students will interact with collegiate athletes who will present their *Champions of Character* program. At halftime, high school students will present a Graduation Matters show. As some young students never have the opportunity to watch an organized sport and/or set foot onto a college campus, the experience is designed to motivate students to think about their futures and beyond. All associated costs of the field trip, including the cost of buses, were generously paid for by a private donor.
 9. **AA Choir Festival at CMR.** Just as the bands, orchestras and choirs conclude their fall concerts and start preparations for the holiday concerts, the choirs have one more event to participate in: the AA Choir Festival. CMR will host choirs from GFHS, Billings West and Skyview on Monday and Tuesday, November 12 and 13. The culmination concert will be held on Tuesday at 6 pm at CMR’s Bill Williamson Hall. The community is invited to attend this wonderful presentation of beautiful singing!
 10. **Board Meetings.** The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, November 12 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted this Thursday, November 9 at this link: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas>.

I hope you enjoyed my Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for November 20, 2018.

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

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