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## Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday January 22, 2019

1. **Superintendent Search Continues.** The Board of Trustees will convene again on Thursday at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. The public is invited to attend and there is always a time for public comment.
2. ***The Outsiders.*** The GFHS Drama Department will be presenting the play adapted from the novel by S.E Hinton. It is set in 1965 in Tulsa, OK which is divided in two along social lines. The youths of each side form gangs in line with these two camps: the working class Greasers and the wealthier South Side gang, the Socs. The friction between the two groups escalates and is the topic of the play. The remaining shows are at 7:30 pm on January 24-26. Tickets are \$8 and available at the door. All performances are held in the GFHS Auditorium.
3. **Good Luck to Speech and Debate Participants!** The State AA Speech and Debate Tournament is in Kalispell this Thursday and Friday. 35 GFPS students (22 from GFHS and 13 from CMR) will be participating in a variety of events to include extemporaneous, expository, interpretive, memorized and impromptu speeches, and policy, Lincoln Douglas and public forum debates. To learn more about speech and debate competitions, check out this information from the Montana High School Association: [www.mhsa.org/Speech](http://www.mhsa.org/Speech). Good luck!
4. **Celebrate Today ~ Own Tomorrow!** For the second year, GFPS is celebrating National CTE (Career & Technical Education) Month: a public awareness campaign to acknowledge the value of CTE and the accomplishments of our CTE programs. Our CTE students will receive a Proclamation from Mayor Kelly at the City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, February 5th to recognize our career opportunities including job shadows and internships. We will continue throughout the month highlighting various programs in culinary, health, construction (high school house), welding, agriculture and business. To learn more about our CTE programs or to offer your business as a job shadow or internship location, please call our CTE office: 268-6024.
5. **Strive 4 Success and iGraduate Grant Focus on Graduation Success.** The new program, developed by GFPS, Montana Talent Search, United Way, and GFC-MSU, pairs students with community members who share similar interests and who will act as a mentor to the student for 4 years. Students and mentors have been recruited as it kicks off with the hope that the students will achieve their desired college and/or career pathway goals. Upon high school graduation, the students will receive a \$500 reward that can be applied to college and career expenses. The students will meet their mentors on February 7. A big thank you to the mentors who have committed to this work for 4 years and to Washington Foundation for helping to fund the iGraduate grants! Please contact United Way if you would like to be a mentor: 727-3400.
6. **Thank a Board Member This Week.** January is National School Board Appreciation Month and I want to take the opportunity to say thanks to the GFPS Board members Jason Brantley, Jan Cahill (Chair), Jeff Gray (Vice Chair), Ann Janikula, Teresa Schreiner, Kim Skornogoski, and Laura Vukasin. They selflessly give back with their service to our kids, our community and our future. School board members are volunteers who give countless hours each month with little thanks. Please join me in thanking these dedicated leaders!

7. **GFPS Students Engage With Ag.** The future of agriculture was showcased last week in Great Falls at the MAGIE and the Chamber's annual Agriculture Celebration Banquet and GFPS students were there! PGEC Culinary Arts students prepared and served the appetizers at the Chamber's Business After Hours MAGIE reception on Thursday and the CMR Culinary Arts students prepared and served 400 desserts for vendors/guests at the MAGIE dinner also on Thursday. Electric City FFA students were the welcoming committee, the cake servers and speakers at the Chamber's Ag Celebration Banquet on Friday. They also competed on Saturday at the MAGIE.
8. **Public Preview of K-6 Science Textbook and Resources.** The Board will review and take action at the March Board meetings regarding a new locally developed K-6 science curriculum that describes what our students will know, understand and do (also known as KUDs) to fulfill the Next Generation Science Standards. They will also take action to select the textbook and resources that will support the curriculum. Community members can review the KUD draft crafted by a committee of GFPS elementary teachers via this webpage (<https://gfps.k12.mt.us/curriculum-drafts-in-progress/>) and can view the textbooks and resources from two different companies at the GF Public Library. The materials will be at the Library starting on Friday, January 25 through February 5. Public comment sheets will be available at the Library.
9. **Obsolete Equipment Sale.** GFPS has already done some spring cleaning which has resulted in a collection of items that are obsolete and therefore no longer needed for educational purposes. Over the years, a stockpile of file cabinets (because we store more stuff digitally), teacher desks (because we have fewer teachers), assorted tables (because we use classroom space differently) and a bunch of other items has accumulated. We also have classroom furniture from Longfellow and Roosevelt that will be replaced with new as it was at Giant Springs. The public is invited to peruse and purchase at a sale to be held on Friday, February 1 (1:00 am to 5:00 pm) and on Saturday, February 2 (8:00 am to noon) at Longfellow Elementary. Please use the doors on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets South.
10. **Board Meetings.** The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, January 28 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted the afternoon of Thursday, January 24 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 February 5, 2019.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

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