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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday February 19, 2019

- 1. *Converge: E Pluribus Unum This Week!*** This original play is based on interviews with GFPS youth and educators who shared stories of struggle, loss, triumph and hope. Audience members can expect a dynamic, moving and heartfelt evening at the theatre. This city-wide, collaborative production features a cast of student performers from all three GFPS high schools. A string quartet from the GF Youth Orchestra will accompany the play and feature original compositions by GF Symphony Music Director, Grant Harville. The play is written and directed by Seattle-based theatre director and playwright, Sarah Butts and assistant directed by GFHS drama teacher, Krystina Thiel. Tim Ljunggren, a local filmmaker and Episcopal priest, is creating a film documenting the process, to be released this spring. Performances are on Feb. 20, 21 and 22, at 7 p.m. in the GFHS Auditorium. They are free and open to the public. Viewer discretion is advised for children 10 and under.
- 2. *Science and Engineering Fair Needs Judges!*** Sign up is open to elementary, middle and high school students for the Montana Region II Science and Engineering Fair to be held on March 7 and 8 at GFC-MSU. Region II encompasses Teton, Judith Basin, Fergus, Glacier, Toole, Pondera, and Cascade Counties. Judges are also needed for this event. Please visit the link below if you are interested in analyzing the work of some great young scientific minds: <http://gfcmsu.edu/sciencefair/judges.html>.
- 3. *Electric City FFA Turns 10 Years Old!*** The members of this Career and Technical Student Organization, along with their alumni, advisors and community supporters will celebrate the past decade of achievement at their 6th Annual Boots and Bowties Dinner Celebration this coming Friday night at the Elks Club. I am looking forward to the program speakers and the auction which will generate funds for the many outstanding FFA student opportunities. To learn more about FFA, check out their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/electricCityffa/> or at this webpage: <http://electriccityffa.theaet.com/aethome.aspx?ID=23722>.
- 4. *MIOSM!*** March is Music in Our Schools Month and there are a ton of events celebrating the arts in Great Falls! A full schedule of events can be found on the website: www.gfps.k12.mt.us. You are cordially invited to attend one or more of the opportunities where youth talent will be showcased.
- 5. *Youth Art Month Too!*** As Mayor Kelly and the City Commissioners have declared March as Youth Art Month, be sure to check out a variety of events to include the GFPS Student Art Show at the Public Library. An Open House will be held on Friday, March 1 starting at 4:00 pm with an opening ceremony at 5:00 pm.
- 6. *And Theatre in Our School Month!*** This national emphasis points to research showing that students in all academic areas benefit from participation in school theatre. It's of national importance because there is an opportunity gap in access to high quality school theatre programs. GFPS takes great pride in the drama opportunities we provide our students to include *Converge* this week and the CMR Drama Department's upcoming production of *26 Pebbles* March 28-30 showing at 7:30 pm each night in the Bill Williamson Hall at CMR. Mark your calendars today!
- 7. *CMR and GF to Host AA Divisional Basketball Tournament.*** There will be a lot of guests in GF February 28-March 2 as we host the AA Eastern Division Girls' and Boys' Basketball Tournaments. Teams from Billings Senior, Billings Skyview, Billings West, Bozeman, Butte, GFHS and CMR will be competing to see who gets to go to State in Butte the week following. Most of the games will be held in

the CMR Fieldhouse. As our teams compete this final week prior to postseason, we wish them the best of luck!

- 8. GFPS Hosts Cascade County Spelling Bee.** On Monday, February 25, 9:30 am in the West Elementary School Auditorium, elementary and middle school spellers from across Cascade County will compete for top honors. GFPS organizes and hosts the competition to determine the winner who goes on to compete with sixty-four other Montana contestants for more than \$3,000 in prizes, and the chance to represent Montana at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. Spelling bees have been held at all 15 elementary and 2 middle schools to determine who competes at the County Bee. Good luck to our GFPS spellers!
- 9. The 66th Montana Legislature and School Funding.** On Monday, March 4 at 5:30 pm at the District Office Building (1100 4th St. S.) you are invited to join the GFPS administration and Board of Trustees in an update from your local legislators regarding the education bills that have been considered thus far. This is during the transmittal break so it is a perfect time to review so the Board can begin to make budgetary decisions for the 2019-2020 school year. Come join in the conversation!
- 10. Board Meetings:** The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, March 11 at 5:30 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on the afternoon of Thursday, March 7 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 March 5, 2019.

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

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