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## **Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday** **February 5, 2019**

- 1. Congratulations, Superintendent Moore!** After an intense and thorough process, Mr. Tom Moore will take over the District's reins on July 1. As I prepare to ride off into the sunset, I have complete confidence in his abilities. I look forward to a smooth and exciting transition, and all the good things that are to come for GFPS under Mr. Moore's leadership!
- 2. Winter Graduation.** This Wednesday, GFPS is hosting its annual Winter Graduation Ceremony at PGEC at 6:30 in the Cafeteria. Students from Paris Gibson and GFHS will be honored as they receive their diplomas. Some of the students are graduating early as they seek opportunities beyond high school on a fast track and others are graduating after needing a bit more time. Either way, we are celebrating this important accomplishment! Congratulations to the students and their families!
- 3. Read 2 Me Challenge.** February 5-6, volunteers supported by United Way will visit all 2nd grade classrooms. The volunteers, to include those from the GF Fire Department, Orbit, and our local news reporters, will read to the students and give them each a brand new book. They will also talk with students about the annual Read 2 Me Challenge where families will be encouraged to have their 2nd grader read for at least 20 minutes every day for 2 weeks. Every 20 minutes equals an entry into a drawing for a gift card to Barnes & Noble. Last year our students read 65,000 minutes! Thanks to our community for advancing literacy success!
- 4. GFHS "Topping Out" Ceremony.** Sletten Construction has organized this age-old ceremony which celebrates the last beam being placed on top of a new building. This significant milestone is to be celebrated at the new hub building at GFHS on Wednesday, February 13 at 2:00 pm, weather permitting. Community members are invited to join in the celebration and signing. As the day and time are tentative, be sure to watch for more details on our website: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us).
- 5. GFPS Holiday.** There is no school for students and staff on Monday, February 18 due to Presidents' Day. All schools and district offices will be closed.
- 6. State Athletic Events.** Good luck to the 30 GFPS wrestlers who will be representing us at the State Wrestling Meet in Billings this week! We also wish our 52 GFPS swimmers good luck as they participate in the All-Class State Swim Meet to be held in Bozeman this Friday and Saturday! We are cheering for wins and safe travels!
- 7. Science and Engineering Fair Coming Soon!** 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 (northern portion), Fergus, Glacier, Toole, Pondera, and Cascade Counties. To learn more, check out this website: <http://www.gfcmdu.edu/sciencefair/>.
- 8. Golden Age Pass Tailgate Party:** The GFPS Foundation is hosting a tailgate party for all Golden Age Pass Holders on February 20. Pass Holders are feted to dinner prepared by the Culinary Arts students, speeches by the winter and spring activity coaches, an update on fine arts, cheers from the high school cheer squads, and awesome prize drawings (t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.). There is also a 50/50 drawing and other fun activities. Any Great Falls community member 62 years and older can get a Golden Age Pass. Just stop by the Superintendent's Office at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. to get yours today.
- 9. Girls in STEM!** Approximately 400 middle school girls have the unique opportunity to visit with women in our local community about their careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

(STEM) on Friday, February 15. North Middle School girls will be bussed in the morning to the new CMR STEM Center which is sponsored by D.A. Davidson Companies and East will follow in the afternoon. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will discover the fun side of STEM careers as their time will be packed with hands-on demonstrations led by women in STEM fields. The women will also share their stories of success in getting to where they are today, including the educational background needed for their careers. Thanks to the community leaders for sharing their expertise with our girls and to Northrup Grumman who awarded GFPS a grant to promote STEM learning in our schools!

**10. Board Meetings.** The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, February 11 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, February 7 at this link: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas>. There is only one regular Board meeting in February.

I hope you enjoyed this week's Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for February 19, 2019.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

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Superintendent

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