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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday March 5, 2019

- 1. Respect Rally is on Wednesday!** Special Olympics is sponsoring the annual Respect Rally at 1:00 pm at the UP McLaughlin Center and you're invited. Respect and inclusion are essential in honoring the dignity and humanity of people with disabilities. That's why this year's theme is *Spread the Word Inclusion*. It's a perfect time to think how we include everyone as we prepare for the Special Olympic State Games here in Great Falls in May. To learn more about the inclusion revolution, click here: https://legacy.specialolympics.org/Sections/What_We_Do/Inclusion_Revolution.aspx.
- 2. No School on Friday.** There will be no school on Friday, March 8. District offices will be open. You can find the calendars from this year and next at this webpage: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/great-falls-public-schools-events-calendars/>.
- 3. Brain Building Preschool Expo!** Families with young preschool children are invited to an event just for them. On Saturday, March 9, from 10:00 am to noon at Paris Gibson Education Center, families can enjoy child centered, age-appropriate educational activities and receive FREE take home activities, books, and games! Spread the word!
- 4. Good Luck!** The GFHS boys' and girls' basketball teams will both be representing Great Falls at the AA boys' and girls' basketball state tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Butte. We wish them the best! Safe travels to all the parents and community members traveling to cheer them on.
- 5. Daylight Savings Time.** Prepare to "spring ahead" for Daylight Savings Time as it returns at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. You'll need to set your clocks and watches ahead an hour either before you go to bed Saturday night or when you wake on Sunday morning. Please note: The GFPS/Tribune calendar indicates daylight savings time on March 17. That is incorrect and we apologize for the error.
- 6. Budget Townhall Meeting.** You are invited to join the Board Budget Committee on Tuesday, March 12 at 5:30 pm at the District Office Building (1100 4th St. S.) as I present information regarding the 2019-2020 budget. I will discuss revenue and expense projections and answer frequently asked questions. Participants can ask additional questions and provide input. In order to prepare for the meeting, you are invited to review these websites for background information: ["School Budgeting 101"](#), ["This is Great Falls Public Schools"](#)
- 7. A Month of Months.** March is Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM), Youth Art Month (YAM) and Theatre in Our Schools Month. To see a schedule of all of the events that highlight related activities, click here: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/>. Please know that you are invited to join our students in many concerts and art shows throughout the month. There is also...
- 8. Charlie Russell Month.** Last week, Giant Springs Elementary was the site of this year's *I Love Charlie Russell Because...* Essay Contest Awards Ceremony. It was the 50th Anniversary of the annual essay contest and the co-winners from the first contest were present and spoke to the audience. Mayor Kelly also proclaimed March as Charlie Russell Month in Great Falls as we celebrate Charlie's birthday and gear up for Western Art Week. You can see more on the ceremony at this link: <https://krtv.com/news/2019/02/28/2019-c-m-russell-museums-5th-grade-essay-contest-winners-announced/>. There were so many memories shared over the course of the evening. Speaking of memories...

- 9. Lowell School Video.** Lowell Elementary used to sit on the same site that the new Giant Springs Elementary School sits today. Lowell was torn down to make way for the new school. The GFHS Video Productions program produced a video to chronicle Lowell's history. You can and should view it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhNuJ6Dl33o&feature=youtu.be>. The students did a great job with filming, editing and producing the video.
- 10. Board Meetings:** The next 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>. An agenda item of note is the presentation of the exterior renderings of the new Longfellow Elementary by LPW Architecture.

I hope you enjoyed this week's Top Ten on Tuesday! Be sure to move your clocks ahead one hour this weekend! The next release is scheduled for March 19, 2019.

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

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