



Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday October 25, 2016

- 1. General Election Ballots:** You should have received your general election ballots by now. If you haven't and you think you are a registered voter, be sure to call the Elections Office. If you are not a registered voter, it's still not too late. You can still register at the Elections Office located at 325 2nd Ave. N. I am paying close attention to the State Superintendent of Schools, Governor and Congressional races as the decisions they make directly impact education.
- 2. Crosstown Football Festivities!** This Friday is the annual crosstown football game. It will start at 7 pm but be sure to get there early as there are lots of pregame activities. The drum lines from each school will have a fun drumming competition starting at 6:15 on the east side of the stadium. The GFHS JROTC program will be presenting the colors, and the senior football players from both schools will be announced, along with the winner of the Foundation's Crosstown Clash. Halftime will feature the marching bands from both schools and the drawing will be held for the Foundation's Truck and North Forty Raffle. GFPS is also sponsoring a crosstown book drive so you can bring new or gently used children's books that will support literacy in our community. Go Bison! Go Rustlers!
- 3. Facility Update--Request for Qualifications Posted.** Professionals in the design disciplines of Architects, Civil Engineers, Electrical Engineers, Geotechnical Engineers, Hazardous Material Designers/Inspectors, Mechanical Engineers, Roofing and Building Envelope Specialists, Special Systems Designers, and Structural Engineers are requested to submit information in order to be selected for projects of limited size and scope during the years of the GFPS bond projects. The detailed information for each is posted on the GFPS webpage: www.gfps.k12.mt.us. Pass this along to anyone you know who might be qualified.
- 4. End of 1st Quarter:** Friday, November 4 marks the end of the 1st quarter. The quarter started on August 31 and consisted of 45 days of school. The 2nd quarter/1st semester ends on January 20, 2017. Students attend 180 school days during the year and teachers work an additional 7 days for orientation, parent/teacher conferences and staff development. November 4 is also an early out for students as teacher prepare the report cards.
- 5. Golden Age Pass Tailgate Party:** The GFPS Foundation is hosting a tailgate party for all Golden Age Pass Holders tomorrow, Wednesday, October 26. Pass Holders are feted to good food prepared by the culinary arts students, speeches by the fall sports coaches, cheers from the high school cheer squads and lots of prize drawings. Any Great Falls community member 62 years and older can get a Golden Age Pass. Just stop by the Superintendent's Office at 1100 4th St. S. to get yours today.
- 6. College Application Week (CAW):** CAW is a statewide initiative where high schools across Montana and all 50 states will conduct events during the week of October 31- November 4. The goal is to provide every graduating high school senior with the opportunity to apply to college. Through a fun spirited week, our schools will build excitement and awareness surrounding the college exploration and application process. Join us by wearing your favorite college or university attire on Friday, November 4. More information here: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/sites/default/files/CollegeWeekLink.pdf.
- 7. Halloween Safety Tips.** Next Monday night is Halloween. While I know students have so much fun trick-or-treating on our streets, we must remember to be safe. Check out this link to Halloween Safety Information put out last year (that's why the day is noted as Saturday) by GFPS and the GFPD: http://gfps.k12.mt.us/sites/default/files/Press%20Release%20-%20Halloween%20Safety%20Tips_.pdf.
- 8. Impact Aid Cards are Due!** Each year GFPS is required to verify students and families that are federally connected via a survey form that is sent home to all families. This census allows us to receive federal Impact Aid funding in lieu of property taxes which is not assessed for federal properties. The

allocation is based on a per pupil basis so it is absolutely important that every form is returned. Parents...find that yellow survey and return it today, please!

- 9. Time to Fall Back!** Please mark Sunday, November 6 as the day to turn back the clocks one hour to end Daylight Savings Time.
- 10. Board Meetings:** The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, November 14 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on Thursday, November 10 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 8, 2016.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.
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