



Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday December 6, 2016

- 1. Holiday Music is in the Air!** You can get in the holiday spirit by attending one or more of the 37 concerts performed by PK-12 students across GFPS. A full schedule of concert dates, times and places can be found here: www.gfps.k12.mt.us. High school highlights include
 - The last of two GFHS Holiday Concerts is tonight. It starts at 7 pm in the auditorium and is free to the public. Get there early to get a good seat.
 - CMR's special night is Monday, December 12 at 7 pm at the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts at the Civic Center.
- 2. Seltzer Gallery at CMR Opens:** A new art gallery donated by the Seltzer family will be dedicated on Friday, December 9 at 4 pm. The gallery is located in the breezeway between the main building and Bill Williamson Hall. The Grand Opening will feature the work of O.C Seltzer, his son, grandson and great-grandson. The Gallery will exhibit student art work after the grand opening. The gallery was designed and built by GFPS carpenters, painters and electricians. Come see this new addition to GFPS fine arts.
- 3. Hour(s) of Code in December:** December 5-11, GFPS ECS teachers will be hosting "Hour(s) of Code" in honor of Computer Science Education week. Over 200 GFPS elementary students will participate in a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. Over 100,000,000 students in 180 countries will also take part. Check out this website: <https://hourofcode.com/us>. To learn more about our ECS program, click here: <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/ecs.html>.
- 4. Superintendent's Evaluation:** The Board will be conducting my evaluation in January and is seeking community input. I believe in continuous improvement which can only happen with performance feedback from folks who witness my work. Community members are invited to comment on things I'm doing well and/or things on which I can improve. Comments are due January 3rd, 2017. You can write your comments on a piece of paper or use the form that can be found here: http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/sites/default/files/Superintendent's%20Evaluation%2016-17_0.pdf. The address for mailing your comments is at the bottom of the form. We look forward to hearing from you!
- 5. Masons Make a Difference:** GFPS thanks our local Masonic Temple for their Masonic Educational Program. Annually, they sponsor the Educators' Dinner that honors all third year teachers. They also sponsor activities that support literacy for all. These include Bikes for Books, Kindles for Kids, and grants for elementary librarians to purchase books for their school libraries. We are grateful for the support we have received from our local lodge.
- 6. New Athletic Seasons Underway:** Hundreds of GFPS students are now participating in another season of athletics. High school students just started competing in wrestling, basketball, and swimming. Middle school students will begin wrestling and volleyball after the break. Life lessons are taught through extra-curricular activities and we invite community members to come and watch the lessons in action. As a reminder, GFPS has the pleasant custom of giving free lifetime athletic passes to any Great Falls community member 62 years and older. Just stop by my office at 1100 4th St. S. to get yours today.
- 7. Midterm:** Next week already marks midterm of the 2nd quarter. It's hard to believe that 3/8 of the school year has already passed! The second quarter and first semester ends on January 20.
- 8. Facility Update:** Besides work being assigned to the firms selected to complete much of the deferred maintenance projects included in the bond levy, there are departments moving this month as well. The Environmental Education Department, currently located at the to-be-demolished Lowell building, is moving to Paris Gibson Education Center (PGECE). The CARE Program is moving from the Chief

Joseph Elementary School Annex to PGEC as well. To learn more about both of these programs, check out these links: <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/environmental-education.html> and <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/departments/care>.

9. **Holiday Break:** There will be no school for GFPS students and teachers December 22-January 2. School will resume as usual on Tuesday, January 3. District offices will be open as usual except for Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.
10. **Board Meetings:** The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, December 12 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on Thursday, December 8 at this link: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas>. There is only one regular Board meeting in December.

I hope you enjoyed my Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for December 20, 2016.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

Tammy L. Lacey
Superintendent

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