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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday May 30, 2017

- 1. Graduation Information:** I know there are a lot of seniors and their families getting very excited as we approach the important traditions of high school graduation. As a community, this is a time of celebration as we wish our graduates well. Their diplomas open doors to the future. Graduation matters!
 - **GFHS Baccalaureate:** Wednesday, May 31, 7:00 pm, GFHS Auditorium
 - **CMR Baccalaureate:** Wednesday, May 31, 7:00 pm, CMR Bill Williamson Hall
 - **GFHS Commencement:** Friday, June 2, 7:00 pm, GFHS Field House
 - **CMR Commencement:** Saturday, June 3, 7:00 pm, CMR Field House
 - **PGEC Commencement:** Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 pm, PGEC Gym
- 2. Some School Calendar Notes:** The final day of the 2016-2017 school year is next Thursday, June 8. There will be an early out for all schools on that day. The 180 student days and 7 additional professional development days flew by! Next year's school calendar as well as that for the 2018-2019 school year can be found on this website: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/calendar>. The first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 30, 2017 and the last day of school is Thursday, June 1, 2018. Graduations will be on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend in 2018.
- 3. School Boundary Adjustment Process Underway:** Given the future construction of two elementary schools, it is an ideal time to study the possibilities of changing school attendance boundaries. We need community members to participate in this process. See this website for additional information as to how to apply to be part of the Study Team: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/boundary>.
- 4. Summer Food Program:** In an effort to make sure kids never go hungry even in the summer, the GFPS Food Service program will once again take a food trailer stocked with meals to three parks and one school throughout the summer. The Summer Food Trailer will be at Gibson Park, Rhodes Park, Lewis & Clark Elementary School, and Lions Park, Monday-Friday, June 12th - August 11th with fun activities (provided by Park Pals) and free food for all kids under the age of 18! Check out www.gfps.k12.mt.us for more info. You can check out the trailer at the kick-off on June 14, 9:30- 11:15 am at Gibson Park.
- 5. Summer Learning Opportunities:** GFPS provides educational choice and opportunities for students even in the summer. Here's a snapshot of what is happening this summer:
 - **Summer Read 6!** The GFPS book trailer will be making the rounds again for the 6th anniversary of providing kids free books so they can keep reading all summer long! Check out the schedule and other details on the GFPS website: www.gfps.k12.mt.us.
 - **Virtual Academy Credit Accrual Courses:** High school students have the opportunity to take classes via an on-line platform during the summer. Check out details here: <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/virtual-academy.html>.
 - **Summer School for Credit Recovery:** This program provides support to high school students who, for a variety of reasons, were unable to complete courses during the school year and need extra support to recover those credits so they can graduate on time. In the past, summer school has been held at PGEC but this year it will be at GFHS due to construction happening at PGEC

this summer. It should be noted that the district does not offer summer school for K-8 students due to budgetary constraints.

6. Facility Update:

- **Roosevelt Replacement School:** Be sure to check out the architectural renderings at this website: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/sites/default/files/RS%20no%20video.pdf>.
- **CMR Upgrades:** After Tuesday, June 6, check out this website to see the architectural renderings of the CMR upgrades: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/cm-russell-multiuse-facility-and-stem-classroom-additions>.
- **New Phone System:** The current phone system was purchased in 1998 and has reached its end-of-life. As part of the bond levy, a new phone system will be purchased and installed district-wide. The Request for Proposals from qualified vendors are due this week from which a vendor will be selected. To find out more about the RFP, see this website: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/phone-system>.
- **Memorial Stadium:** FieldTurf has been chosen as the company that will oversee the Memorial Stadium renovations. More information here: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/memorial-stadium>.

7. **4th of July Parade:** If the 4th of July parade is held, be sure to look for the GFPS contingency. We hope to be right behind the GFPS Patriot Band featuring our high school students. The uncertainty of the parade this year has made it a challenge for student participation. Look for teachers and other staff to be passing out pencils to the kids along the route thanks to the GFPS Foundation. The 2018 Toyota Tacoma truck donated by City Motors for the Foundation's fall raffle will be in the parade too! We hope this wonderful community event happens as we say, "Happy Birthday, America!"
8. **Last Issue:** This will be the last issue of the Top Ten for this school year. I will resume these bi-weekly updates starting on August 29. I may use the Top Ten email list for single item notifications over the summer.
9. **Regular School Board Meetings:** The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, June 12 at 5:30 at the District Office Building (DOB), 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on Thursday, June 8 at this link: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas. The other summer Board meetings will be held on June 26, July 17, August 7 and August 21 all at 5:30 at the DOB. The 2017-2018 budget will be set by the Board at the August 21 meeting.
10. **Special Board Meeting:** There is a special Board meeting scheduled for noon on Tuesday, June 6. The main agenda item consists of a report regarding the preliminary architectural renderings for the CMR improvements to include new multi-purpose and STEM additions, and upgrades to the track and field. There may be other items on the agenda which will be posted by this Friday at this website: 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 August 29, 2017.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

Tammy L. Lacey
Superintendent

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