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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday May 2, 2017

- 1. School Election Ballots Due TODAY.** Registered voters residing in the GFPS District have received ballots for Trustee and Tech Levy elections. They are due today, Tuesday, May 2. You must hand deliver them to the Elections Office at 325 2nd Ave. N. or at Expo Park at the Fairgrounds. The hours are 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at both locations. New registrations or replacement ballots can be accessed at the Fairgrounds.
- 2. Redistricting Process Underway.** Given the future construction of two elementary schools, it is an ideal time to study the possibilities of redistricting. Redistricting is the process of changing school attendance boundaries within a school district. See this website for additional information: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/redistricting>. Community members interested in being part of the process may apply to serve on the Study Team. The electronic application is available on the website link above.
- 3. Thanks to School Board Student Representatives.** At the first Board meeting of each month, students from the three high schools report on happenings in their schools. These ambassadors can also weigh in on matters of the Board. The Board has been very impressed with the professional and thorough presentations given this year. Thank you to: CMR's Trevor Funseth, Mackenzie George and Max Sechena; GFHS's Jennie Gresham, Sean Robinson, and Kody Torgerson; and PGEC's Rosie Beisecker, Alyssa Johns and Sabia Reiche.
- 4. GFPS Foundation Publication.** Please look for the Foundation's magazine-like publication in Saturday's Tribune. It will highlight the top 33 GFPS seniors and the teachers they chose to recognize for contributing to their success. It also includes the Foundation's Annual Report. Be sure to find it in your paper and take a look. Get ready to be impressed!
- 5. Art and Music News.** Artwork from all schools and all grade levels in the GFPS system will be on display until May 29 at the Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art. Admission is free! Come see the creative works of our students in the professional display space of the Square! The wonderful musical talents of our GFPS students can be enjoyed at 28 concerts between now and the last day of school. A full schedule of concert dates, times and places can be found here: www.gfps.k12.mt.us.
- 6. 2017-2018 Kindergarten Registration.** Parents of next year's kindergarten students may register their child at their neighborhood elementary school on Wednesday, May 3 anytime between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. For more details, check out the flier on the website: www.gfps.k12.mt.us.
- 7. Lions Clubs Help Others See:** The three Lions Clubs in GF are committed to projects designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health and eye care for children in our schools. Lions Club International also provides treatment funding for cataracts, torn retinas and eye surgeries. Applications to the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation for this kind of help must be supported by a local club. To access a club go to www.lionsclubs.org and click on the "Club Locator" which will allow you to email the President of that club. For more information about vision support or for how to join a Lions Club, email Jack Beckman at jtbeckman@bresnan.net
- 8. GFPS Drama Departments Perform For You:**
 - Almost Maine:** The GFHS Drama Department will present John Cariani's work which is made up of nine short plays that run concurrently, and explore love and loss in a remote, mythical

almost-town. The evening shows are at 7:30 pm on May 4-6 and May 11-12. There's also a matinee performance at 2 pm on May 13. Tickets are \$7 available at the door. All performances are held in the GFHS Auditorium.

- **Stuff 5.0:** The CMR Drama Department will be presenting a variety of sketches May 4-6 at 7:30 pm each evening in CMR's Bill Williamson Hall. The cost is \$8 for general admission, and \$6 students and senior citizens.

9. Facility Plan Update: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/facility-action>

- Roosevelt Replacement School:
 - LPW Architects and Sletten Construction are preparing for the mid-June demolition of Lowell School to be followed by the start of construction on the new school.
 - A written history of Lowell School has been prepared by an architectural historian. You can read it here: <http://bit.ly/2qowDZS>. A video history is being prepared by the GFHS Video Productions class.
- CMR Multipurpose Addition/STEM Addition/Track & Field Upgrades:
 - CTA Architects and Talcott Construction are working on plan designs and construction details. Alumni/community meetings to discuss plans will be held this spring.
- Little Russell Rejuvenation Project:
 - Nelson Architects and Sletten Construction are preparing construction documents.
 - A thorough website has been developed: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/little-russell-site>
- Bid Awards: A variety of bids have been let and approved. See this webpage for a listing: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/other-projects-underway>.

10. School Board Meetings: The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, May 8 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted this Thursday, May 4 at this link: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas. There will also be a reorganizational meeting at noon on Wednesday, May 17 in the usual place. This short meeting is required to be held by law to seat the trustees that are elected today.

I hope you enjoyed this week's Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for May 16, 2017.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

Tammy L. Lacey
Superintendent

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