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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday January 10, 2017

1. **Halfway There!** January 20 marks the end of the first semester and first half of the school year. High school students will have semester exams Tuesday through Thursday of that week with altered schedules. There is an early out for all students on that Friday so teachers can prepare report cards that will go out the following week. For those keeping track, the end of the 3rd quarter is Friday, March 31. The last day of school is Thursday, June 8.
2. **Martin Luther King Day:** There will be no school for students on this day of celebration on Monday, January 16. All district offices will be open, however. MLK believed in civil rights for all and service to one's community. The latter is the reason the day is set aside as the MLK Day of Service. For those of you who take advantage of the day to serve others, I thank you. Maybe I will see you at one of the several opportunities within our community that will celebrate his legacy and commitment to service!
3. **Community Help Needed!** On behalf of the GFHS and CMR speech and debate coaches and competitors, we are requesting help in judging at the *National Qualifying Speech and Debate Tournament* to be held in Great Falls February 10-11. Each AA school in the state takes turns hosting the National Qualifying meet, and this is our year to host. We need 3 judges per round per event or 200 judges for each round up to semi-final and final rounds of competition! In order to make it happen, we need the support of our community (businesses and individuals alike). See www.gfps.k12.mt.us or www.bisongfps.weebly.com/speech for information and to sign up. It's a great way to hang out with some of the state's most talented orators!
4. **2017-2018 Budget Setting Process:** The Board of Trustees continues its efforts to make the budget setting process a transparent and community-based effort. To that end, the following community meetings have been scheduled. All are 5:30-6:30 pm and are at Paris Gibson Education Center, 2400 Central Ave. More info can be found here: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/2015budget>. Please mark your calendars to join us:
 - January 17, 2017 (Tuesday): *How Much Money GFPS Gets, Where It Comes From, & How It's Spent*
 - January 30, 2017 (Monday): *How Salaries and Benefits Impact the Budget*
 - February 6, 2017 (Monday): *How Technology is Paid For and Current Needs*
 - February 21, 2017 (Tuesday): *Student Enrollment and Revenue Projections*
 - March 7, 2017 (Tuesday): *Legislative Update & Superintendent Recommendations*
 - March 21, 2017 (Tuesday): *Budget Committee Deliberates and Prepares Recommendation*
5. **Help Wanted:** Pass it on...GFPS is looking to hire substitute teachers, food service workers, paraeducators, teacher aides and other positions. Current openings are always found here: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/employment>. Bus drivers are also needed by Big Sky Bus Lines: www.bigskybuslines.com/.
6. **Artist in Residence Program & Gallery Reception.** Ashleigh McCann, a GFHS alum, is the 2016-2017 Artist in Residence (AIR). The AIR program partners GFPS with the Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art to provide artists with studio space and exhibition opportunities, and to provide students with the chance to work with a working artist from the larger art community. An exhibit of Ashleigh's

work will go on display in the GFHS Dahl Gallery starting on January 12. An opening reception will be held that day 3:15-4:45 with an artist talk at 3:45. Welcome back, Ashleigh!

7. **Military Appreciation:** As a way to honor our community military members and their families, GFPS is sponsoring free admittance to any community member with a military ID at the events below. A special announcement is made during the game to recognize military contributions to our great country.
 - GFH & CMR Wrestling Crosstown, Friday, January 27, 2017 at CMR
 - GFH & CMR Swimming Crosstown, Thursday, February 2, 2017 at GFHS
 - CMR BBB, Friday, January 20, 2017, vs Bozeman
 - GFH BBB, Saturday, January 28, vs Butte
 - CMR GBB, Friday, February 3, vs Billings Skyview
 - GFH GBB, Saturday, February 18, vs Billings West
8. **Grow, Blossom and Bloom This Spring with “Lifelong Learning” at GFC-MSU!** This division of Great Falls College offers opportunities to community members of all ages. The only requirement: a desire to learn new things. Formerly known as “Nitecap” or “Outreach”, GFPS has long been a provider and now partner with this exciting program. To see the course catalog and other information, click here: <http://gfcmsu.edu/lifelonglearning/>.
9. **Crosstown Competitions:** Great Falls enjoys a healthy rivalry between our two high schools. They will be going head to head in these upcoming events:
 - Boys’ Basketball: tonight Tuesday, January 10, CMR, 7:30
 - Girls’ Basketball: Thursday, January 12, GFHS, 7:30
 - Wrestling: Friday, January 27, CMR, 6:30
 - Swimming: Thursday, February 2, GFHS, 6:00
10. **Board Meetings:** The next Board meeting is on Monday, January 23 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted this Thursday afternoon at this link: <http://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 January 24, 2017.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

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Superintendent

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