



## Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday December 5, 2017

- 1. Holiday Music is in the Air!** You can get in the holiday spirit by attending one or more of the remaining 35 concerts performed by K-12 students across GFPS. A full schedule of concert dates, times and places can be found here: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us](http://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 GFHS auditorium and is free to the public. Get there early to get a good seat. It was packed last night!
  - CMR's special night is Monday, December 11 at 7 pm at the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts at the Civic Center.
- 2. Classic Thriller Comes to Life at CMR!** The CMR Drama Department presents *WAIT UNTIL DARK* December 7-9 in the Bill Williamson Auditorium on the CMR campus. *WAIT UNTIL DARK* is a tense thriller where a sinister con man and two ex-convicts meet their match in a blind housewife. It is best suited for ages 13 and up. The group will accept donations for "Shop with a Cop" in unwrapped gifts for children, and non-perishable food items for the CMR Food Pantry. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. The box office will open at 7 pm & the show begins at 7:30 pm nightly.
- 3. Hour(s) of Code in December:** December 4-10 is Computer Science Education Week. Several of our teachers will be participating in the Hour of Code during this week. This is an annual celebration of computer science and the movement to expand opportunity. Students will take part in one-hour activities for both beginners and experienced coders. GFPS has adopted the Code.org program in its Technology Curriculum standards at the elementary level. Check out this website: <https://hourofcode.com/us>.
- 4. 'Twas the Night Before Christmas!** Thanks to the Early Childhood Coalition and Central Montana Radio's KMON 560 AM, you can listen to this traditional holiday classic every evening at 6:55. Community members including Governor Bullock, Senator Daines, Mayor Kelly, Board Chair Cahill, myself and 27 others have financially sponsored a reading with all funds going toward enrolling more children in our "First Books for Preschoolers" program. Children receive one book every month from birth until their 5th birthday. You can view the line-up here: [www.560kmon.com/twas-the-night-before-christmas-readers/](http://www.560kmon.com/twas-the-night-before-christmas-readers/). To donate to the project, please contact my office at 268-6001.
- 5. Boundary Adjustment Community Meeting Next Week.** A planning team of 20 citizens has been studying the ins and outs of adjusting some of the attendance boundaries within the school district. This has not been done in many, many years so it has prompted excellent conversations. The team will have some options they would like the community to ponder. To that end, come join the team in the cafeteria at Paris Gibson Education Center, 2400 Central Ave., 6:00-7:30 pm. You can check out all the information in advance at [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/boundary-adjustmentredistricting-information](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/boundary-adjustmentredistricting-information).
- 6. Trustee Filing Window Now Open:** The three-year term of Trustee Bob Moretti is expiring and the position most recently filled by Kim Skornogoski are open for election on May 8, 2018. In order to be named on the ballot, candidates must file a Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy with the County Elections Office between December 14 and March 29, 2018. Candidates must report campaign expenditures to the Montana Commissioner of Political Practices. Contact the Cascade County Elections Office for more information.
- 7. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. 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%2017-18.pdf>. The address for mailing your comments is at the bottom of the form. We look forward to hearing from you!

- 8. 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 in January. 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 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. to get your GOLDEN AGE PASS today.
- 9. Holiday Break:** There will be no school for GFPS students and teachers December 23-January 1. School will resume as usual on Tuesday, January 2. District offices will be open as usual except for Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1.
- 10. Board Meetings.** The next regular Board meeting is on Monday, December 18 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on Thursday, December 14 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 19, 2017.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.  
Tammy L. Lacey  
Superintendent

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