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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday February 7, 2017

- 1. Great Falls Welcomes DECA and FFA!** GF is so lucky to host two major Career and Technical Education state conferences in the near future! The DECA Career Development Conference is here February 12-14. They are in need of community members to help judge their business related competitions. If you want to support this effort, please sign up on-line: www.mtdeca.com/judging. The FFA State Convention will be in GF March 22-25. We look forward to welcoming this large group of students to our community as well. By the way, we still need judges for the *National Qualifying Speech and Debate Tournament* to be held in Great Falls February 10-11: www.bisongfps.weebly.com/speech.
- 2. State Swim Meet Also in Great Falls.** Due to issues at the Hardin pool, Great Falls has the privilege of hosting AA, A and B schools at the GFHS Pool February 10-11 for the state competition. To learn more, click on this link: <http://www.mhsa.org/page/show/2173433-post-season-tournaments>. Good luck Bison! Good luck Rustlers!
- 3. GFPS Holiday.** There is no school for students and staff on Monday, February 20 due to Presidents' Day. All district offices will also be closed.
- 4. Uecker Honored by Elementary Principals.** GFPS K-6 Assistant Superintendent Ruth Uecker was awarded the highest recognition given by the Montana Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals, the Adrian Langstaff Award, at their recent statewide conference. Mr. Langstaff was a Montana principal leader whose life was cut short in a tragic accident. Mrs. Uecker was recognized for her outstanding contributions to our schools and for her leadership in our community. She is very deserving of this award. Congratulations, Ruth!
- 5. Facility Project Update:** LPW Architects of Great Falls has been selected as the designer for the Roosevelt replacement school to be built at 3117 5th Ave. N. They will be working with school staff, parents and neighborhood residents to design the first new elementary school built in Great Falls since 1970. The District has received an A+ bond rating and is conducting the bond sale today. The CMR multipurpose and STEM projects will be the next to be assigned a design team. All the facility information can be found here: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/facility-action.
- 6. Full STEAM Ahead!** GFPS is preparing to host the annual STEAM Expo on April 1, 10:00 am to noon in the GFHS Fieldhouse. K-12 students will present projects in **s**cience, **t**echnology, **e**ngineering, **a**rts and **m**ath. We need judges to experience our talented K-12 students showing off their knowledge and learning. Email jeff_rieger@gfps.k12.mt.us or call 268-7402 if you are interested in volunteering. For more information about the event, click here: <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/steam-expo.html>.
- 7. Read 2 Me Challenge.** February 7-8, volunteers supported by United Way will visit all 2nd grade classrooms. The volunteers will read to the students and give them each a brand new book. The books are from a popular historical fiction series (<http://isurvived.scholastic.com/>). They will also talk with students about the annual Read 2 Me Challenge where families will be encouraged to have their 2nd grader read for at least 20 minutes every day for 2 weeks. Every 20 minutes equals an entry into a drawing for a gift card to Barnes & Noble. Thanks to our community for advancing literacy success!
- 8. Students Helping Other Students.** The Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) group is doing a fundraiser for the Jaydn Fred Foundation which helps Montana families and children with medical expenses or special needs. The fundraiser will take place this Friday before and during the

crosstown girls' basketball game at CMR. The fundraising efforts will include raffle baskets, dinner before the game in the CMR cafeteria, and T-shirts. See you at the game!

- 9. Business Professionals of America (BPA) News.** The BPA Regional Leadership Conference was held at CMR on January 16. Twenty-five high schools and approximately 300 students from around the region competed in various business competitions. CMR had 9 students who qualified to attend state with three first place trophies in Accounting, Med Prep, and Financial Analyst Team. GFHS had 26 state qualifiers with 10 first place trophies in Broadcast News Production, Computer Programming, Economic Research, Financial Math and Analysis, Economic Research Team, Fundamentals of Web Design, Information Technology, Presentation Management Individual, Small Business Management Team, and Website Design Team. The State Leadership Conference will be held in Billings March 12-14.
- 10. Board Meetings:** The next Board meeting is on Monday, February 13 at 5:30 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on the afternoon of Thursday, February 9 at this link: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas>. This is the only Board meeting in February.

I hope you enjoyed this week's Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for February 21, 2017.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.
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Superintendent

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