



Great Falls Public Schools 2015-2016 Accomplishments



July, 2016

Dear Trustees,

I believe that in order to plan our future wisely, it is necessary that we understand and appreciate our past. To do that, I asked GFPS leaders to compile our points of pride, highlights, learning experiences, accomplishments, fait accompli, moments in time...anything worth memorializing from the previous year. The following will document those results.

You will first see district-level accomplishments followed by those generated by individual departments and then schools. No specific direction was given to format or content so each list is unique. The lists are a snapshot of our work and are not all inclusive. It is certain that not every big and little victory has been listed, but I think it provides a sense of some of the accomplishments that happened during the 2015-2016 school year. I'm impressed and hope you will be too.

Sincerely,

Tammy L. Lacey

Superintendent

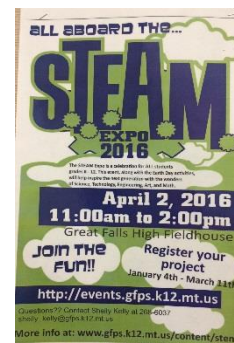
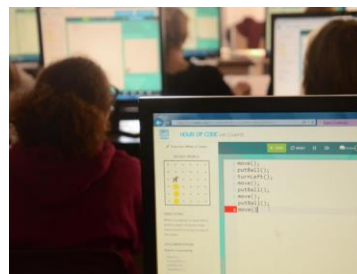
DISTRICT LEVEL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Our Kids

Academic Achievement

- Implementation of new elementary English Language Arts (ELA) materials that support the implementation of the Montana ELA Standards (K-6).
- Implementation of differentiated diplomas:
 - 108 Honors Diplomas of which 99 also received a Concentrator seal
 - 283 Concentrator Diplomas
 - 246 Comprehensive Diplomas
- HS/College Dual Enrollment: GFHS 1st in the state and CMR 2nd in the state with 2,294 college credits and a total tuition cost savings of \$498,257 to GFPS students/families.
- ACT Scores: To be reported in August.
- 69 students enrolled in computer science classes at the high schools.
- GFHS graduate tapped as a Gates Millennium Scholar.
- GFHS graduate a National Merit Scholar.
- Project-based learning:
 - War Fair, March 31, 2016
 - STEAM Expo, April 2, 2016
- 5th grade Starbase STEM program operated an entire year.
- 6th grade Starbase 2.0 afterschool program piloted.
- Attendance Matters initiative continued.
- GFHS awarded first Air Force JROTC program in Montana.



Career and Technical Education Achievements

- 2 High School Houses completed.
- 24 CNA students graduated
- Welding and Carpentry Cohorts (1 year Dual Credit Programs): 10 Welding & 1 Carpentry Graduate
- Quarterly reports widely disseminated by the CTE departments.
- State and National Conventions: FFA, HOSA, FCCLA, BPA, DECA, SKILLS, JMG



Curriculum Adoptions

- K-8 Health Physical Ed (HPE)
- PreK-12 Technology
- K-12 Counseling
- Agricultural Ed
- Geology
- Business - Part 1
- Middle School Financial Literacy
- Grade 7 Life Science



Data

- Continued refinement of student data focus via Mileposts data warehouse.
- Successful completion of Smarter Balance assessment for 3rd-8th grades.
- 1st year ACT used as state accountability assessment for 11th graders.

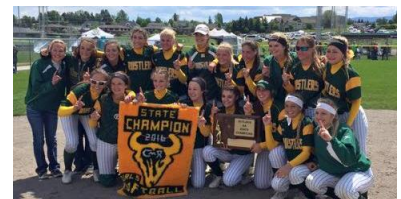
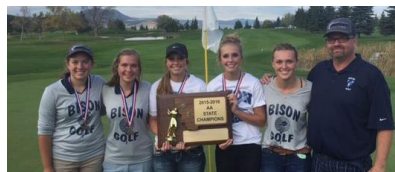
Graduation

- Continued focus on Graduation Matters bold goals.
 - Through educational opportunities for preschool-aged children and their families, Graduation Matters will increase the percentage of students who are prepared to succeed (as measured by the Boehm Test of Basic Concepts) to 80 percent.
 - To increase the percentage of proficient and advanced readers in 3rd grade to 85 percent.
 - To decrease the number of high school students who are chronically absent from school and demonstrate poor school performance.
 - Increase the number of students who graduate on-time and ready for college or career.
- Graduates: CMR 267; GFH 284; Paris 112
- 2015 On Time Graduation Rate = 84.5%
- Ready Families Ready Learners-preschool outreach accomplished the following activities:
 - Preschool Expo Fair- April, 2016
 - Daycare preschool outreach program in some areas.
 - Benchmark assessed all children entering and exiting kindergarten.
 - Community Book Drive held to collect new and gently used books for children.
 - Graduation promotion to kindergarteners.
- Student quadrant identified barriers to graduation. GFPS responded by developing a trauma-informed awareness initiative. Additional work in progress for the 2016-17 school year.
- GFPS awarded Shining Star Award by Superintendent Juneau for exemplary efforts in Graduation Matters.



High School Athletics Tops in State

- GFHS Girls' Golf State Champions
- CMR Softball State Champions
- GFHS student Gatorade Player of the Year



Professional Development for Instruction

- All elementary classroom teachers were trained to use the new ELA materials.
- All elementary teachers were trained on the writing standards.
- All teachers participated in formal EPAS (Educator Performance Appraisal System) training.
- All Special Education teachers & Student Support Services educators received multiple days of training on math vertical alignment, research-based strategies & small group intervention tools.
- 147 separate sessions of PIR staff development training was held.
- New Teacher Training held for 1st (5 days), 2nd (3 days) and 3rd year teachers (3 days).
- Managed the Montana Institute on Educational Technology which provides technology training to GFPS and Montana teachers.
- All secondary classroom teachers trained in Effective Educational Framework and a walkthrough EPAS tool.
- PIR courses offered based on a revised professional learning framework.



School Climate

- Continued focus on student attendance. Edulink program used in all schools for parental calling.
- My Voice survey given with results to generate improvement plans.
- Citywide 6th grade anti-bullying assembly held.
- Elementary Student Leadership Council was successfully deployed for the 4th year in a row.
- The Early Warning System implemented to identify students in need of intervention
- Student forums focused on developing an action plan to include relationships and engagement with faculty.
- "Trauma Informed" focus K-12 initiated. "Paper Tigers" and ACES training for leadership.

Other

- All schools met all Montana accreditation standards and received full accreditation status.
- Special Education paperwork monitor successfully completed.

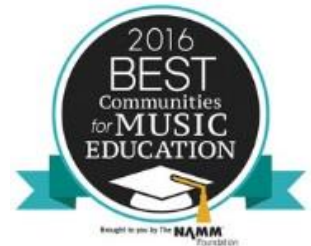


Our Community



The Arts

- Great Falls named Top 100 Best Communities for Music Education 2016...5th year in a row.
- See other arts related accomplishments in the department section.



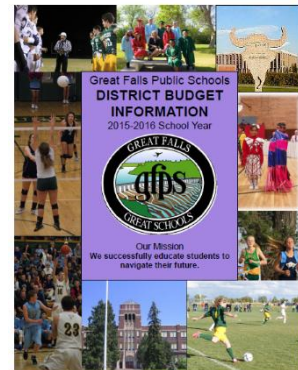
Communication

- Edulink parent attendance notification in all schools.
- Edulink parent notifications for safety issues.
- Increased use of Remind App for parent communication.
- Superintendent wrote Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday, a bi-weekly communique.
- District communications effectively and timely delivered via website, Twitter, and Facebook.
- Community Budget Meetings were held for the third consecutive year.
- Several schools and departments have started Facebook pages for communication purposes.



Finance

- In the last 15 years, the General Fund budget has increased at a rate less than inflation.
 - \$50,478,160 (2000-2001) to \$69,376,743 (2015-2016) which is a 27% increase or an average increase of 1.8% per year
 - Inflation July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2015 = 38.11% or 2.54% per year
 - (Source: http://inflationdata.com/Inflation/Inflation_Calculators/Cumulative_Inflation_Calculator.aspx)
- Workers' compensation claim amounts continued to decline resulting in decreased premiums.
- Red Flag Fraud Warning System initiated with full implementation in 2016-2017.
- All budget and audit information available on-line.
- \$54,000 in Discovery Grants were awarded by the GFPS Foundation to 24 projects district-wide.
- \$100,000 "Dream Big" grant awarded by the GFPS Foundation to the GFHS Prairie Expedition project
- Affordable Care Act reporting was flawlessly completed.



Partnerships

- Individual school PTAs raised and donated substantially to their schools. These items included such things as playground, safety and classroom equipment, and technology related purchases.
- Donations were received from various generous donors. These items included: 5 vehicles, books, a kiln, tools, engines, craft materials, computer monitors and keyboards, cameras, a drum set, physical therapy equipment, an architectural printer, and grizzly skull and paws.



- City Motor Company generously donated a 2015 Toyota RAV4 to the GFPS Foundation. The Foundation coordinated the sale of 11,490 tickets, raising over \$114,900 to help support public education in Great Falls. 48 GFPS student organizations sold raffle tickets and received 60% of their ticket sales for a total of \$61,782. The Foundation received the remaining 40% which was \$53,118. Therefore, 100% of ticket sales went to support public school students in Great Falls.
- Food Pantries and local groups worked together to reduce food insecurity.
- The Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce continued its sponsorship of Leadership High School.
- GFPS participated in the 4th of July parade for the 3rd year in a row. Passed out pencils to kids. The high school Patriot Band entertained the crowd.



- Lots of agency and community partnerships: Action for Healthy Kids, Alliance for Youth, Benefis, Bison Ford, Calumet, C. M. Russell Museum, Cascade County Extension Office, City-County Health Department, City Motors, Cruise for Kids, Delta Kappa Gamma, Early Childhood Coalition, Easter Seals, Embark Credit Union, Emergency Operations Services, Family Connections, First Church of the Nazarene, First Interstate Bank, Get Fit Great Falls, Great Falls College-MSU, Great Falls Chapter of Flyfishers Association, Great Falls Food Bank, Great Falls Police Department, Great Falls Symphony, HANDS, Indian Health Services, Kiwanis, Lifetouch, Lions Clubs, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Masons, My Student in Need, Neighborworks, Office of Public Instruction, One Montana, Optimists, Paris Gibson Square Art Museum, PLUK, Plum Creek Lumber, Rescue Mission, Rotary, Russell Country Credit Union, Sams Club, Scheels, Schultes, Target, Torgersons, Tribune, United Way, Walleyes Unlimited, Walmart, Wilderness Association, etc.
- Superintendent's Community Advisory Panel and Parent Advisory Panel
- MAFB Liaison consistently attended Board meetings.
- The Great Falls Public Schools' Job Shadow Program has been matching students with employers since 2005, and the successful relationships we have built with community partners continue to grow. See <http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/job-shadows.html> for more information.

Policies

- Board adopted 30 new or revised policies with the most significant being those for video surveillance, concussions and school-related activities and chemical use.

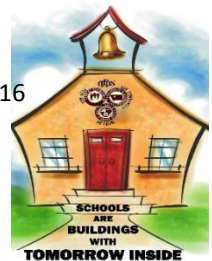


Our Future



Facilities

- See Buildings and Grounds Department list.
- Held seven Board Work Sessions regarding facilities:
 - Tuesday, July 14, 2015; Tuesday, August 4, 2015; Monday, August 17, 2015; Monday, August 31, 2015; Monday, November 2, 2015; Monday, December 21, 2015; Tuesday, January 26, 2016
- Board unanimously adopted the Facility Plan on February 22, 2016.
- Board unanimously passed resolutions on June 27, 2016 calling for a bond election on October 4, 2016.
- Held one community forum regarding facilities on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.
- Gave 48 presentations regarding the Facility Plan.



Health/Wellness

- Full compliance with Federal nutrition requirements.
- Smart Snacks guidelines communicated.
- GFPS named a Tobacco Free District of Excellence by OPI.
- The Employee Wellness Program sponsored provided for: Stop Stress This Minute PIR, the Fitness Center with before and after school hours, fitness classes

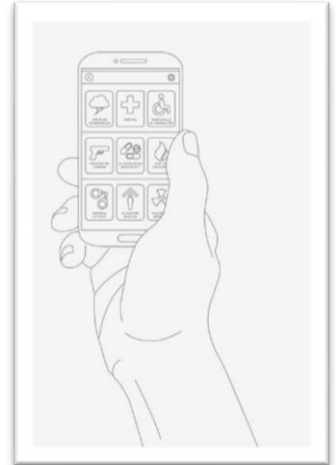


(zumba, circuit training, yoga, swimming and oula), on-site blood draws, the 35th annual Cross Town Run Around, a GFPS Activity Challenge, the Whole 30 Group activity, Poker Walk, Wellness Wednesdays and the Employee Assistance Program.



Safety

- The District Safety Plan was revised and Board approved.
- Safety protocols are now accessible on the Crisis Manager App.
- Overall SRO response to calls district-wide increased slightly from 492 in 14-15 to 550 in 15-16
- Wrote and implemented evacuation and emergency protocols for bomb threats and terrorist threats, natural disasters and hazardous material accidents.
- Refined the use of social networks for communication in safety situations.
- Edulink parent notification successfully used in safety situations.
- School Closure Protocols developed and provided to leaders in notebook and digital formats.
- Emergency Response to Armed Intruder trainings held.
- Protective Mindset workshops to all staff.
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) surveys completed at GFHS and CMR.
- Safety environmental surveys at Morningside and Riverview.
- Safety vests purchased district-wide for easy identification of staff in an emergency.
- Video surveillance equipment installed at all schools that require line of sight visibility.
- Intercom systems have all been made operational.
- Doors replaced for additional security.
- Staff badges provided by Lifetouch and guest sign-in applied for increased security.



Staff

- Implemented the new Educator Performance Appraisal System (EPAS) for teacher evaluation.
- Aesop Leave and Substitute Teacher system fully implemented.
- First time use of an on-line benefits sign-up system called PlanSource.
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counselors increased services to students.
- GFPS named Large Employer of Choice by the Great Falls Job Service.



- ***This list of accomplishments is not all inclusive. This is a sampling only.***



STAFF AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

Local, Regional, State and National Awards				
Staff Member	Building	Assignment	Award	Presenting Organization
Amanda Ferderer	CMR	Teacher	Montana Health Enhancement Teacher of the Year	MT Assoc for Health, PE, Recreation and Dance
Aubrey Smartt	GFHS	Speech and Debate Coach	Speech and Debate Coach of the Year	Montana Forensics Educators Association
Beth Thomas	GFH	Teacher	National Geographic Society Fellowship Awardee	National Geographic Society
Elizabeth Quinby	NMS	Teacher	US Top 50 Most Influential Music Director	<i>School Band and Orchestra</i> Magazine
Erica Harp	District	Nurse	School Nurse of the Year	MT Association of School Nurses
Gary DeGooyer	DOB	Athletic Director	Montana Class AA Athletic Director of the Year	MT Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association
GFPS	District	Human Resources	Employer of Choice Award	GF Job Service Employers' Committee
GFPS	District	CARE Program	Tobacco Free School District of Excellence	Office of Public Instruction
Jamie McGraw	District	Workforce Development Facilitator	Dennis R. Washington Achievement Scholarship	Washington Foundation
Julene Carter, Pamela Martinez, Bridget Perbil	RS	Food Service Staff	First Lady School Breakfast Champion Food Service Staff of the Year	First Lady Lisa Bullock's School Breakfast Champion Initiative
Katie Hurin	District	IDEA Coach	Special Recognition Award	MT Indian Education Association
Lance Boyd	SS	Principal	Deep Dive Award	NeighborWorks of Great Falls
Laurie Pipinich	EMS	Special Ed Teacher	Special Education Teacher of the Year	MT Council of Administrators of Special Education
Mary Dea	GFHS	English Teacher	Folger DC Teacher Shakespeare Institute Awardee	Folger Education/National Endowment for the Humanities
Michelle Preston	GFH	Teacher/Coach	Walter Zeller Leadership Award	MT Key Club
Ryan Anderson	CMR	Teacher	Student Council Advisor of the Year	MT Association of Student Councils
Shianne Currey and Mike Jenkins	GFH	Special Ed Teacher	Paraprofessional/Teacher Team of the Year	MT Council of Administrators of Special Education
Tammy Lacey	DOB	Superintendent	Award of Excellence for Nutrition Advocacy	MT Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
			Athena Leadership Award	GF Chamber of Commerce
State Appointments				
Staff Member	Building	Assignment	Appointment/Election	Organization
Brian Patrick	DOB	Director of Business Ops	Montana Oil and Gas Revenue Committee	Department of Revenue
Carole McKittrick	MV	Principal	Federal Relations Director	MT Association of Elem and Middle School Principals
Chris Olszweski	DOB	Director of Curriculum	Science Standards Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Appointment	Superintendent Juneau
Dale Lambert	DOB	Director of Student Services	Montana ESSA Grants Management Work Group Appointment	Superintendent Juneau
Jenifer Cline	District	Sp Ed Coordinator	MCASE Past-President	MT Council of Administrators of Special Education
Jodi Murray	CARE	CARE Prevention Specialist	Tobacco Use Prevention Advisory Board Appointment	Department of Public Health and Human Services
Jon Konen	Lincoln	Principal	Elected MAEMSP President	MT Association of Elem and Middle School Principals
Lance Boyd	SS	Principal	2nd Vice President	MT Association of Elem and Middle School Principals
Landon Stubbs	CMR	Teacher	President Elect of the Montana ACTE Executive Board	MT Association of Career and Technical Educators
Paul Furthmyre	EMS	Principal	Elected SAM President	School Administrators of Montana
Ruth Uecker	DOB	K-6 Assist Supt	Montana ESSA Consolidated Plan Work Group Appointment	Superintendent Juneau
Tammy Lacey	DOB	Superintendent	Montana Board of Public Education Appointment	Governor Bullock

DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS

Buildings and Grounds Department's Accomplishments 2015-2016

ADA

- Bleacher upgrade at CMR's Pride Field

Emergency Responses

- NMS water main
- Bomb threats
- Badger elimination

Energy Savings

- Installation of steam traps
- Adjustments to the pool mechanisms
- New boilers
- Revitalization of wells @ CMR and GFHS
- Installation of new digital controls
- Expansion of compactors
- Insulation of CMR soffits
- Increased use of LED lighting

Hazardous Materials Work

- Asbestos abatement
- Science chemical disposal
- Training
- Safety Data Sheet labeling

Indoor Air Quality

- Duct cleaning
- Moisture mitigation projects
- Added ventilation where necessary
- Ongoing monitoring

- Sacajawea bus loop completion
- DOB generator installation
- Lincoln computer lab
- GFH basement mechanical room
- CMR tennis court renovation
- GFHS window installation
- Kitchen remodels PGEC and CMR
- Parking lot repaved at Skyline Center
- Fire hydrant upgrades
- GFH technical board replacements
- Facility Plan cost-out verifications and work with consultants

Maintenance

- Painted two schools
- Use of carpet tile when replacing worn carpeting
- Upgrades to water softeners
- Provided project support to outside contractors
- Continued completion of numerous work orders
- Extensive grounds work across the district

Safety

- Installation of several new intercom systems
- Provisions for line of sight from school offices constructed
- Continued deployment of the 3M floor maintenance system
- Continuation of new door installments
- Fire alarm repairs

Major Project Completion

Fine Art Department's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- CMR Chantuer Choir performance at NW-ACDA in Seattle (March 2016)
- New OC Seltzer Art Gallery construction at CMR
- 64 All-State Musicians from GFHS and CMR
- 31 ACDA-NW Choir musicians from GFHS and CMR
- Bison Blue Man group concert
- AA Choir and AA Band Festivals hosted in GF
- Jazz Workshop event
- Rob Quist Concert/Fundraiser
- Art Shows outside of District Buildings: Colors of the Fall (4 Seasons), Ergon (GFC-MSU), YAM (Library and also display in Helena at Capitol), Young Masters (Heritage), All-City (Paris Square).
- Hundreds of Concerts, Programs, Art displays, and other performances delivered to the Community of Great Falls over the course of the year.

Food Service Department's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- Mountain View and Roosevelt began operating Community Eligibility Programs (CEP) where all students eat for free and Started Breakfast in the Classroom.
- Whittier and Longfellow started Breakfast in the Classroom.
- Increased Breakfast participation from the following :

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>2015-2016 SY</u>	<u>2014-2015 SY</u>	<u>2013-2014 SY</u>
Elementary	50	38	38
Middle Schools	10	9	9
High Schools	6	7	7
Total:		25	25

- Kitchen facility upgrades: CMR Deli Bar Redesigned for much improved for servicing students, faculty and staff.
- Received \$23K in Grants and Donations toward the purchase of our Food Service Food Trailer!
- Installed a Commercial Packaging Machine to help foodservices with productivity, food safety and limiting food waste.
- Culinary Competition with 6th Graders at Mountain View Elementary School.



Indian Education Department's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- **InterTRIBAL Strong** was industrious during the 2015-2016 school year. This is a group of American Indian students from all three district high schools coming together with these goals: 1) increase the positive view of American Indians in the Great Falls community, 2) to pay it forward and learn through helping others 3) increase the graduation rate of American Indian students to be at par with their non-Indian peers.
- Their leading accomplishment was working with outside agencies such as OPI, United Way, and local businesses to plan and implement a State-wide American Indian youth leadership conference held at Paris. There were approximately 250 American Indian students from across the state of Montana that shared their leadership skills and learned some new skills.
- **High School After-School Cultural Program** we had a "grandma" teach the juniors to bead eagle feather using peyote stitch. Much more was learned as the students and elders came together to not only bead, but share stories and culture.
- **Gates Scholar** for the second year in a row a student from InterTRIBAL Strong and Indian Education was named a Gates Scholar: KeAndre Hairston
- **Community Forums** GFPS Indian Education Department held three community forums for the American Indian Community in Great Falls. Community discussed ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience) research and made plans for future work.
- **Healthy Young Native Hearts Luncheon** GFPS American Indian Middle and High School girls and women came together to celebrate healthy lifestyles on February 12, 2016. The luncheon included speakers telling about transitions to healthy lifestyles, booths promoting healthy lifestyles and a healthy meal.
- **Young Native Men's Wellness Summit** GFPS American Indian Middle and High School boys and the male figures in their lives came together on May 20, 2016 to promote health and wellness. This day included Native Male speakers, booths promoting healthy lifestyles, and community discussion about male wellness.

Technology Department's Accomplishments 2015-2016

Data

- Assisted in set up and implementation Aesop system for new substitute tracking for Human Resources.
- Assisted in set up and implementation PlanSource for entering/tracking employee benefits.

Technology

- Submitted and was granted \$202,493 in E-Rate funding for network switches, cabinets and UPS
- 8,000 feet of cat5E and 900 feet of fiber optic cable was installed to accommodate growth in technology
- 1800 computers deployed (new & replacement, including Chromebook Pilot)
- 174 main core network switches installed/configured to replace out dated Cisco equipment
- 305 wireless access points replaced and new wireless controller installed and configured
- 8 main distribution facility wiring closets & 8 intermediate distribution facility wiring closets upgraded
- 87 cameras installed. Total cameras in district - 486
- Migrated all instances of Microsoft Server 2003 to more current versions of Windows due to end of life
- Moved to new backup system for speed/performance gains
- Migrated Microsoft Exchange 2013 as the District's email system.

Other

- Established Technology Advisory Committees
- Drafted a Technology Strategic Plan

Transportation Department's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- Crisis Manager Application Launch
 - 4 Tiers- Comprehensive Safety Plan (Cabinet, Administration, Staff, Public)
 - School Closure Plan
 - Red Dot Roster currently being compiled for each building
- District Evacuation Site Locations
 - Revision & Updates (10 Additional Sites Added Since March)
 - Specialized Plans for schools with unique situations (Terrain, Special Needs, etc.)
 - Evacuation Site Information Master Book was created and is kept in Command Center.
- Busing
 - Green Identification Cards Distributed to Drivers for New Student Passengers
 - Revision of Bus Accident Protocols
 - Student Health Care Plan Access for Medical Emergencies that occur on the bus (Master Book and Database maintained in Transportation)
 - Busing Information Master Book created and is kept in Command Center.
- Crossing Guards
 - Strobe Lights added to crossing signs for better visibility.

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SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AS PROVIDED BY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Early Learning Center's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- Completed year one of **Montana Preschool Development Grant** (MPDG) with success!
- Successfully navigated revised, comprehensive preschool curriculum (OWL).
- Implemented **Academic Parent Teacher Team** (APTT) meetings with families 3 times throughout the year in collaboration with Valley View and Lewis and Clark Elem.
- Earned GOLD recognition at MBI for sustaining early childhood positive behavior supports with fidelity.
- Recognized by Special Olympics Montana as being a Champion School with Young Athletes Program.
- Expansion from 5 to 7 full day classrooms beginning 2106-17 school year!
- GFPS released a video production highlighting the impact of GFPS Preschool and the significance of supporting early intervention.

Chief Joseph Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- Completed the last year of the Striving Readers Grant. For the final grant assessment Chief Joseph reached an 85% proficiency rate in reading according to grant assessments.
- Chief Joseph had its first get active Walk-A-Thon sponsored by the PTA.
- Chief Joseph continued to have our MAFB Lunch Buddy Program. This year we had over 15 base buddies volunteering over 30 hours.
- Chief Joseph PTA purchased a new electronic reader board for the front of the school.
- Chief Joseph continued to have a great relationship with Schulte's and celebrated 10 Students-of-the-Month.
- Chief Joseph has begun a partnership with Electric City Lions Club to help stock our food pantry.

Lewis and Clark Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- GFPS implemented EPAS Teacher Evaluation System. We implemented this at Lewis and Clark through PLCT and Coaching rounds, thinking of this as our job description.
- We refined our RTI process to improve data collection, progress monitoring, and problem-solving discussions.
- We implemented Smarter Balanced testing with smoother functioning and more reliable results.
- Safety was improved through refining our drill procedures, armed intruder overview training, and cameras were up and running.
- Facility discussions raised public awareness of the state of our buildings and directed the plans for future building decisions
- Implemented new ELA materials and Guided Reading
- Implemented Academic Parent Teacher Teams in 7 classrooms.
- Continued Partnerships with New City Church and Schulte's.
- PTA raised \$10,000 through our annual walk-a-thon and donated this amount to purchase computers for our building. This furthered our refresh and helped us maintain our footprint.
- New boiler installed and running well now.

Lincoln Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- Parent Engagement Advocate – Working with families and meeting needs outside of school, as well as in school. Held several school-wide events over the school year: Movie night, Children's museum night, Grams for Grandparents, Preschool Orientation Night
- One Class At a Time Winners – Sally Triplett, Susanne Halley
- Strong PTA – fund raising events for the school raised over \$14,000 for computers and books for the library.
- Fundraising for students with medical needs was successful. We raised over \$5000 over the school year.

- Student Service Projects – once a month students put in proposals for a student service project to help a local entity or student in need, as well as connect with community members. A biggest project was Read it Forward (See our Facebook Page for more).
- Over 1100 random acts of kindness (See our Kindness Tree on our Facebook Page).
- Almost 500 Facebook followers!

Longfellow Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- Implemented the new EPAS Evaluation system for teachers up for evaluation.
- Longfellow instituted monthly grade level meetings to include Title I covering all student data to develop ongoing plans to meet the needs of all students.
- Longfellow adjusted its coaching support to meet the individual needs of teachers and grade levels.
- RTI was reorganized and several new team members were added to meet the needs of individual students based on Customized Learning Plans (CLP).
- The Longfellow food pantry was expanded to serve more families in need. Longfellow averaged 5-7 families a week needing this support.
- Longfellow hosted a Traditional Round Dance after the Holiday Concert bringing in much community participation.
- The Back Pack Program was streamlined to serve 100 students per week meeting the nutritional needs of students over the weekends when school meals are not available.
- Expanded the Breakfast in the Classroom program this year serving 66-70% of the Longfellow students.
- Longfellow increased student opportunities after school. Native American Club, Traditional Native Dance Club, and the Drum Group were available to all students wanting to participate.
- PTA was reorganized to include new members. Fund raising for teacher and student projects increased 40% this year!
- Graduation Matters included Kindergarten this year culminating in a year end celebration.
- Hosted informational discussions and tours open to the public providing information for facility needs and plans for improvement.
- Safety! Met with and developed specific plans with outside agencies for building evacuations should the need arise.

Loy Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

The 2015-2016 has come to a close and Loy Elementary accomplished many things throughout the year. Character education, student safety and working closely with the school liaison officer (SLO) were the focuses for the year.

Character education was emphasized each month with a character word of the month. The school counselor began each month with a lesson on the character word and each day during morning announcements the word and definition was read by student volunteer. Students were honored by the adults in the building when they exhibited the character word of the month. This program will continue and be expanded upon during the 2016-2017 school year.

Student safety is always a continual focus as we want students to feel safe and welcoming in the building at all times. Through our character education program we are striving to build students of good character. Many of our assemblies at the end of the year focused on the different safety procedures that students needed to be aware of and the programs that MAFB can assist us with in the event of a natural disaster.

Monthly meetings were held with the SLO to further open communication between Loy and MAFB and work together to improve transitions for all military children. These meetings also gave way to more opportunities for the staff at Loy to learn about MAFB and the jobs that the parents of our students do on a daily basis and the hardship that families incur.

Lastly, we had several assemblies at Loy with the help of MAFB. Our first assembly was in honor of Veteran's Day and we were privileged to have Colonel Cooper and Chief Master Sergeant Stiles from Malmstrom Air Force Base as our keynote speakers for the event. At the end of the year, MAFB presented several natural disaster brief assemblies to all students these assemblies including wildfires, earthquakes, floods, and snow storms. The last assembly was the K9 unit from

MAFB came and did a demonstration for all students that really had the students appreciate the way the trainers handled the dogs. Through these assemblies it was evident that the students enjoyed when one of their parents or a friends parent presented at the assembly. These assemblies continued to build that family bond that Loy wants with MAFB.

Other events and activities:

- Weekly Indian Education Club
- STEAM Expo
- Starbase Program for 5th grade students
- Music Programs (Holiday and spring concerts)
- Geography Bee and Spelling Bee
- School and City Speech Meet
- Data Day Meetings (RTI) every 6 weeks
- DARE (drop everything and read) & Scholastic Book Fairs to promote the importance of reading
- Annual Walk-a-thon
- Various fundraisers in conjunction with PTA -the goal for the year was a digital marquee.

Meadowlark Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- **Olweus Kickoff Assembly** for Anti-bullying-Montana author Ben Michaelson presented to our students on how writing and being different influenced his life in a positive way.
- The **Meadow Lark PTA** purchased 33 computers to refresh one of our computer labs with a donation of \$8,893.50. This allowed us to use our building technology money to replace failing technology devices in our school.
- In our school, we worked to strengthen **Community Relationships** by finding ways to support others:
 - **Patriot Day Assembly** inviting parents and military members to honor dedication to keeping our country safe and remember those that lost their lives on 9/11/01. We celebrated ways we can all be heroes in our community.
 - **Giving Trees**-Parents and staff shopped, wrapped, and gave presents to support families in our community from other schools.
 - **Canned Food Collection**-Our students collected non-perishable food items and donated to GFPS school food pantries in several elementary schools.
 - **Lost and Found**-We made several donations of clothing items throughout the year to other elementary schools.
 - **Mystery Readers**-We invited many community professionals to read to our students and discuss their profession and how reading impacts their lives.
 - **Red Cross Blood Drive**-Our PTA hosted our own Blood Drive promoted by our 4th grade students as part of their science curriculum. Each adult that donated nominated a student to donate for to encourage our students to donate their own blood when they are adults.
 - **Leadership Campus Cleanup**-Every student participated in a variety of spring cleaning activities for our school. This effort was led by our Sixth Grade Student Leadership students. They were able to fill many garbage bags with trash, weeds, and branches. Our school looks amazing!
- **Graduation Matters:**
 - School-wide **National Walk to School Day** at Meadow Lark with students, families, and alumni high school students (wearing their high school logo) joining this event to encourage exercise, wellness, and graduation.
 - **Assemblies** were put on by our local high school students to encourage our students to be part of music, theatre, and sports.
 - Staff nomination for the **Great Falls Public Schools Foundation for Excellence in Education.**
- **Contest Winners:**
 - Meadow Lark student winner of the **Keep Montana Green Art Contest.**
 - Meadow Lark student winner of the **Regional Northwest Energy Arbor Day Contest** with \$5,000.00 donated to the school to purchase trees for our campus. A school-wide assembly and collaborative

event allowed each of our students to participate in planting trees with volunteers from Northwest Energy.

- **PTA Reflections:** several students participated in this program at the school, state, and national level.
- **Professional Development:**
 - Implemented school-wide behavior guidelines called **P.A.W.S.** which stands for **P**romptly following directions, **A**lways being respectful, **W**orking hard and doing our best, and **S**electing safe choices.
 - **Daily 5/Daily 3 Implementation**— our students are engaged in reading, writing, and math! Students are motivated by having choice in what they read and do for math practice.
 - **Lesson Study**—teachers collaborated to plan lessons and analyze the learning of students.

Morningside Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

First Day of School- "Saddle Up for Success!":

- Two live horses on the front lawn of the school, along with all of our staff in western attire, to celebrate the beginning of a new school year!

Amazing School Partnerships:

- Great Falls Lions Club: Two free breakfasts for students and families; food pantry donations
- Living Grace Church: Food pantry donations, clothing needs, ice cream treats on last day of school
- My Student in Need Program: Various clothing and personal need items.
- Great Falls Masons: Reading Challenge donation of 3 Kindles, and money for our library
- Agencies with Holiday Family Support: GFDP- Shop with a Cop; Meadow Lark Country Club; GFFD- Paul's Holiday Wish; Morningside Families.

Wellness:

- Health Enhancement teacher taught a Fit Kids two afternoons a week to our students
- Literacy teacher taught yoga to our students two mornings a week before school

One Fantastic PTA:

- MCT: Missoula Children's Theater production of Aladdin
- 3 Skating Parties at Hauer's Family Skate Park for our students and families
- "Barn Dance & Chili Feed" dinner (done western style to go with our "Saddle Up for Success!" theme), dance, and book fair
- "The Best in the West" PTA Carnival. Yee-haw!
- "Back to S'Cool" BBQ at Heren Park
- \$300 per classroom for class supplies; \$100 "class cash" for incentives

Mountain View Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- At Mountain View School, we have Indian Education Club weekly. We have 49 students who identify as Native American and 23 students who participated in Indian Club.
- We had 43 5th graders participate in the Star Base Program.
- All Mountain View students participated in the holiday programs and 5th and 6th graders participated in the spring program.
- Mountain View had students who participated in the City Speech Meet.
- Mountain View 6th graders participated in the second annual 6th grade cook off. 6th grade students broke into teams with a faculty advisor and created a sandwich, wrap or salad from a list of food items. There were even mystery ingredients that had to be incorporated! This year the Salad Squad took first place.
- Each quarter, first grade hosts a family fun event that centers on things first graders have learned during the quarter. Activities such as math games or science experiments that students have mastered are set up and families can come and participate.
- As an end of the year incentive, students were invited to Dunk Mrs. McKittrick! If a student did not get past level 3 in the classroom and did not get a pink slip for a week, they were awarded one toss at the dunk tank. The most students could earn was 3 tosses. Mrs. McKittrick got dunked 3 times by a 3rd grader, a 5th grader and a 6th grader.

- Kindergarten graduation was held the last week of school. The kindergarteners filed in to the piano music of Pomp and Circumstance. They prepared a song and a dance for parents. They each received a Graduation Matters T-Shirt and a certificate of completion. Cup-cakes were served and parents enjoyed the event.
- 6th grade graduation was a huge success. The sixth grade class invited the founder of My Neighbor in Need and My Student in Need, to be the guest speaker. They each shared their Motto for Life. The Presidential Academic Fitness awards, both silver and gold, were awarded. After the ceremony, students took pictures with their families and friends.
- 4th annual Mountain View Variety Show was held. 19 acts were presented by students at Mountain View. Acts included piano solos, vocal solos, comedy acts, gymnastics routines, and more.
- The Masons generosity continues as they gave away 2 bikes and a Kindle Fire tablet this year. Students could earn a chance to win by reading books. There were over 400 entries.
- For our PTA fundraiser this year, a limo ride to Pizza Hut was earned by the top sellers. Lunch included pizza a drink of choice and dessert. 27 students took part in this great event.

Riverview Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- Riverview continued to teach and encourage students to "THINK AND BE RESPONSIBLE" as they are vital to future life-long success. Riverview staff recognized students through many rewards throughout the 2015-16 school year, culminating with the dunking of staff members of each student's choice.
- Riverview continues to enhance the "code blue team" as a way to have a team of trained staff respond quickly to any medical emergency. The training and expertise has been critical as the team was called upon during the past year to address student specific needs.
- Riverview community continues to provide random school supplies for students who do not have access to their own supplies.
- Riverview PTA continues to support technology building technology initiatives and providing transportation funds for field investigations for grade levels. A high light this year was 5th grade attending the State Capitol to see government in progress.
- Riverview continues to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for several families in need over the holidays.
- Riverview delivered May Day baskets with seeds to each home in our community as a way of thanking them for their support and showing them ways the school can give back. Each classroom also cleans up trash around the area while delivering.

Roosevelt Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- Roosevelt Students were recognized by the Governor's wife as having read the most minutes of any school in the state of Montana during the 2015 summer by Scholastic. **This was our second year in a row!**
- GFPS implemented the Mileposts program which supported our data needs. This made a big difference in managing RTI CLP forms, goal setting, progress monitoring and behavior data.
- In our school we worked to strengthen community relationships, help students get their needs met, and build stronger relationships with parents with the goal of increasing student achievement—Parent Engagement Advocate
- Amazing School Partnerships:
 - New Hope Church and Crossroads Church: Food pantry donations, clothing needs, multiple volunteers to read with students, assisted with celebrations
 - My Student in Need Program: Various clothing and personal need items.
 - Great Falls Masons: Reading Challenge donation of 3 Kindles, and money for our library
- Graduation Matters/Attendance: Attendance: We really worked on getting students to school and celebrating them for being in school with extra recesses on Fridays.
- Grants:
 - 3 Roosevelt Teachers received One Class At a Time Grants
 - 3 Roosevelt Teachers received a Great Falls Public Schools Foundation Grant
 - Roosevelts' Library Received the \$2500 Masonic Foundation Literacy Grant

- Professional Development
 - Implemented a yearlong theme of building the language skills of our students.
 - Daily 5 – the amount of reading and writing I see kids doing-they love choice, they are motivated to read and write and so excited. Due to this they are growing! Stamina grew in each Daily 5 classroom.
 - Core Math teacher in each classroom 2-4 grade daily.
 - Lesson Study-building vocabulary across the curriculum.
 - Writing: examples are turned in monthly for all curricular areas

Sacajawea Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

Schoolwide Celebrations:

- **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:**
 - Rtl: Teachers communicated with parents at least 4 times/year and logged communication under Parent Communication in the CLP plan in Milepost. This communication was specifically about the students CLP plan, data, and helped parents understand what supports are in place to help their child be successful in school.
 - New Instructional Coaching Model: Sacajawea participated in the new instructional coaching model where the instructional coach was assigned to our school for two weeks at a time. We implemented lesson study, where each grade level decided the content and students to observe so it met individual teacher's needs. Teachers also had planning time with the instructional coach during lesson study weeks. Teachers invited the instructional coach into their classroom one time in the fall and one time in the spring to support an area of the teacher's choice.
- **STEWARDSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY:** Implemented EPAS Teacher Evaluation System/Goal Setting: All teachers set a goal under our new EPAS teacher evaluation system and had two opportunities to share the goal and data related to the goal. Teachers signed up to teach one component of a domain at PLCT and became the "expert" in that component.
- **HEALTHY SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS:** We used "PRIDE BADGES" to reward positive behavior and had a weekly "PRIDE BADGE" drawing to reward and acknowledge good behavior. Sacajawea focused on one social skill per month in which classroom teachers taught the social skill in their classroom and had students practice that social skill. Attendance rewards were given at the end of each semester for any student who stayed in the green zone which is 7 or less absences/tardies for the entire year. We also implemented Character Traits this year.

Grade Level Celebrations:

- **Kindergarten:** huge MAP growth in math, half of our Kindergarten students finished Kindergarten Read Well and started on First Grade Read Well, and they saved two baby chicks and nursed them back to health.
- **First Grade:** supported Operation Christmas Child, great support between school and home with homework, class projects and special events, participated in Kindness Campaign.
- **Second Grade:** community outreach and support with Flat Stanley project and school mall fundraiser with classroom donations, PTA Reflections Winner in 2nd grade, all students grew on MAP, great parent involvement with pumpkin centers, gingerbread houses, and last day of school activities.
- **Third Grade:** every single student great in MAP for both math and reading, great parent communication, major improvement in writing, used more technology in the classroom, great communication between the third grade team members.
- **Fourth Grade:** GFPS Foundation Grant for Mythology (around \$3,000), successful ski trip, wax museum, city speech and STEAM winners, students placed in school track meet, great parent participation, successful SBAC and CRT Science testing, weather rookies, good % of attendance and tardies overall, PTA classroom donations, and gold star awards to teachers.
- **Fifth Grade:** City speech meet winners, Tobacco Free Contest Winners, GF Clinic Poster Winners, Earth Day Poster Contest Winner, PTA Reflections-highest participation this year, 100% students tested SBAC, one student exited Rtl, gold star awards to teachers.
- **Sixth Grade:** half of the 6th grade made Honor Roll-hard working students, good behaviors and empathetic students, and 100% SBAC participation with no major problems.
- **Specialists:** raised more money for "Jump Rope for Heart than ever before, 45 members of our student leadership team raised money for different causes in our community, we received a grant from the Montana

Masonic Educational Foundation for \$5, 635. This allowed Sacajawea to refresh six of our nonfiction sections and purchase 300 books for our library, over 60 students participated in cross country and track, Sacajawea was well represented in the 4th grade fitness challenge, Olweus Theme “Random Acts of Kindness” was implemented.

Sunnyside Elementary School’s Accomplishments 2015-2016

- Every grade level and individual class completed a community service project during the 15-16 school year. The service projects ranged from working and supporting the Children’s Receiving Home to Camp Francis. Students also worked to support 4th grade with a tree planting project. Trees will be purchased this year and then planted in the fall to improve look of our campus.
- Sunnyside provided eleven families dinner at Thanksgiving and twenty families dinner at Christmas.
- Think Kindness- Donated and Raised money for students in Africa as well as donating over 200 pairs of shoes.
- Attendance Plans and Promotion- Students worked to keep their attendance in the green. Students that had 7 or fewer absences for the year were recognized and earned a Smoothie Party.
- Sunnyside was the proud recipient of six “One Class at A Time” Grants. Teachers used this money to support students and make learning a little easier and fun for students.
- Mr. Boyd was awarded the Neighborhood Deep Dive award for helping Neighborhood Council 6 with getting Neighborhood Watch started in our area.
- Participation with MAPRIL Cleanup during April and May- All 455 kids cleaned up our campus and areas surrounding school to support our neighbors.
- Sunnyside 4th Grade student was a Flag Essay Contest winner. We earned a flag assembly for the entire school.
- SBAC testing completed with a 95% or higher proficiency rate.
- Amazing PTA that donated \$17,000 to Sunnyside for purchase of new security camera system, money support for teachers and new technology for gym.
- New playground equipment was installed on the intermediate playground. Students loved having their first actual piece of new equipment in 30 year.
- Sunnyside students participated in annual bike-a-thon as a way to promote healthy life style choices.
- Student Leadership team was created at Sunnyside with the goal being to support students and staff with fun and healthy activities throughout the year. Students were selected by their peers and created meeting agendas for their monthly meeting with staff.

Valley View Elementary School’s Accomplishments 2015-2016

- Bringing to a close 5 years of our Striving Readers grant. We have learned much, gained valuable technology resources and knowledge, collaborated with other across the state, and impacted student achievement.
- Finishing our second year of APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Teams) implementation...this time schoolwide. This innovative parent engagement model is gaining traction around the state and we gathered new skill and insight by working with other Montana schools.
- 4 staff members were awarded Great Falls Public Schools Foundation Discovery Grants for their work with APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Teams). Two additional grants have been awarded for next year.
- 2 staff members were awarded a grant from Century Link for the purchase of Clicker 6 software that enhances learning and supports the writing skills of students,
- We have a hardworking PTA and we celebrate all their contributions of resources and time to our Valley View staff and students. We have been on the receiving end of new playground equipment, popcorn Fridays, a Back to School pool party, and multiple Family Fun Nights.
- We implemented a schoolwide fitness walking challenge designed to promote a healthy lifestyle. Students walked hundreds of miles on our track during recess.
- Our 1st Annual Jitterbug Competition was a great success with 5th and 6th graders competing in a fun contest to showcase the skills they learned in health enhancement classes.
- Work has begun to implement Youth Athletes (in conjunction with Special Olympics) and Breakfast in the Classroom for next year.

West Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- PTA purchased new playground equipment for the playground
- Partnered with Kiwanis Club to open the first "Book Nook" where students could go and listen to stories read by Kiwanis and other community members as well as trade or keep books
- Discovery Grant – 2 teachers
- One Class at a Time Grant – 3 teachers
- Big Sky Fit Kids Grant – PE Teacher
- Yoga to start the day three times a week!
- Continued grant for Free Breakfast and Lunch for all students
- Implemented after school Indian Culture Club – which included cultural activities, dancing, and tutoring
- Continued use of MILEPOSTS for weekly data collection for RtI progress monitoring and planning for specific interventions
- West Students read **108 MILLION** words, participating in our AR Reading Incentive Program, greatly surpassing their goal!
- Had 5 teachers earn their Masters in Education
- Completed another GREAT year with Great Falls Public Schools!

Whittier Elementary School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- Continued and expanded our Graduation Matters partnership with UGF this year. The Providence Formation Group has adopted 3 of our grade levels to date and will add a 4th next year. (Seniors will have been with our 3rd graders for 4 years! Juniors with our 2nd graders for 3 years, sophomores with our 1st graders for 2 years, and incoming freshman will be with our kinders starting next year.) The relationships and volunteer hours these students are logging with their adopted grade levels is incredible!
- We continue our 100% free breakfast and lunch program at Whittier and it has been very well received by our families and school community. It cuts out the paperwork and financial obligations on their end, making the family connections easier and more positive.
- Whittier also moved breakfast into the classrooms this year and nearly every student had breakfast each day. Our percentages increased dramatically from when it was offered BEFORE school.
- Student leadership worked a school store and used their proceeds to fund free yearbooks for all students again this year. The year book was a collaborative project with our librarian and many highly motivated students and they created an amazing product!
- Continuation of the STARBASE program offering a full 5 days of STEM experiences for ALL of our 5th grade students throughout the year. We have also begun STARBASE 2.0 which will be an extension opportunity for many GFPS students in 2016-2017. What a great opportunity!
- We started a "Wake-up and Walk Club" that had most of our student body and many staff members out walking each Friday before school. Laps around the playground and fun music got us going!
- Whittier kids again participated in the 9-Innings of reading with the Great Falls Voyagers. Orbit came and encouraged our kiddos to read and offered a bunch of fun incentives! Thanks Voyagers!

East Middle School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

Focused on a more balanced approach to registering and placing incoming 7th grade students. The approach focuses on the overall needs and demands of the incoming class and balances the three grade level teams to meet the needs of all students.

- Broke down all content area standards, in addition to all MCCS standards. This will help our teachers find the critical concepts in the standards to design units of instruction around.
- Began to update the library materials with more nonfiction texts to help teachers begin implementing literacy in disciplinary approach.
- Made great progress with identifying students needing intervention help by developing flowcharts that looked at multiple types of data.
- Created systems that would help intervention and RTI teams check for student progress with academics.

- Altered the way the year-end awards are presented to students by inviting all parents and family to a special awards ceremony at the close of the year.
- Celebrated student success with RAM Pride at quarterly Prestige Breakfasts.
- Received two grants from outside stakeholders to better individual classrooms at EMS.
- Housed the Education Foundation Teacher of the Year.
- Both 7th and 8th Grade won the Academic Bowl.

North Middle School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- North Middle School Students were 1st and 3rd place in the County Spelling Bee
- 13 NMS students participated in Science Olympiad at MSU Bozeman, took 3rd place for the State of Montana.
- 5 NMS students participated in the Montana/Wyoming Science Academic Bowl Competition, finished in 1st place.
- 5 NMS students traveled to Washington DC on an all-expenses paid trip to participate in the National Science Academic Bowl where they finished 17th overall.
- Our GrizBiz was recognized by Congressman Zinke for outstanding work by students.
- North implemented a new welcoming program for new students directly aimed at making the transition for military students, and students other students in transition easier.

C.M. Russell High School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- 16 students maintained a perfect 4.0 cumulative GPA during their career at CMR
- 66 students in the class of 2016 (26%) maintained a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA during their four years
- 92 students (36 %) maintained a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher during their 4 years
- 92 of our students received their four year honor roll pins for being on the honor roll all four years of their high school careers
- 74 seniors are members of National Honor Society
- Members of the Class of 2016 have earned over 2.1 million in scholarships and awards to date as reported by the students
- 18 seniors were awarded the Montana University System Honors Scholarship
- Three of our seniors were National Merit Finalists
- 73% of our seniors plan to continue on to gain additional formal education
- Three students won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in Special Olympics
- Our senior class had 7 all state band members and 30 superior ratings at district music festival
- Eight senior choir members were named to the All-State Choir
- Six senior choir members were named to the All-Northwest Choir
- The Chanteur Choir was selected as semi-finalists for The American Prize in choral performance
- The Chanteur Choir was one of five high schools in the northwest selected to perform at the Northwest Divisional Conference of the American Choral Directors' Association
- CMR Thespians were awarded the "Outstanding Overall Production-Drama" and Outstanding Thespian Troupe Award at the Montana State Thespian Festival. This is the 6th year in a row they've won a major production award
- Two of our seniors interned at the McLaughlin Research Institute
- Our Science Bowl team placed 2nd at Regionals
- Five C.M.R. football players will go on to play football at the collegiate level on a scholarship
- One C.M.R. golfer will go on to play golf at the collegiate level on a scholarship
- One C.M.R. softball player will go on to play softball at the collegiate level on a scholarship
- Three C.M.R. girls soccer players and one C.M.R. boys soccer player are playing soccer at the collegiate level on a scholarship
- One C.M.R. volleyball player will go on to play volleyball at the collegiate level on a scholarship
- Our swim teams, boys and girls, took 3rd at State and one C.M.R. girl is swimming at the collegiate level on a scholarship
- Four C.M.R. track athletes will compete at the collegiate level on a scholarship

- Four C.M.R. football players, three C.M.R. wrestlers, 13 swimmers, one cross-country runner, one golfer, and two soccer players made All-State teams
- Eleven C.M.R. senior HOSA students earned 14 gold medals and 3 bronze medals at the State HOSA Conference

C M Russell High School

Class of 2016

List of Accomplishments

- The Russellog Yearbook staff and Stampede Newspaper staff placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the Pacesetter Competition for AA Montana High School yearbooks/newspapers
- Our Key Club members won the People's Choice Award and Judge's Favorite at the Food Bank CANTastic event. They also won the GOLD Award for Project Eliminate, placed 1st in Ladder Points Award, and 1st in average number of service hours per member
- Our FFA Chapter had 11 students win State FFA degrees and four of our seniors were on the Bronze National FFA Ag Issues Team
- Eight C.M.R. students (5 seniors) earned their Eagle Scout badge
- Four Senior Business Professionals of America (BPA) members qualified for State BPA, three seniors qualified for Nationals in Boston, MA and one of those seniors placed 4th in Accounting at Nationals. Of 11 Senior DECA members, seven qualified for Nationals in Nashville, TN, and we had one finalist in Accounting Applications at Nationals.
- CMR Softball Team won the State AA Championship

Great Falls High School's Accomplishments 2015-2016

OUR KIDS

Professional Development for Instruction

- EPAS and Walkthrough alignment August PIR
- Literacy Coach, Yolanda Westerberg – focused literacy instruction through writing
- Trauma Awareness – ReMoved winter PD
- Active Engagement – Dr. Anita Archer

Data

- Completion of 5 year Montana Striving Readers Project Grant with literacy scores in improvement all 5 years.

Culture

- My Voice Focus Groups: results influencing CSIP goals and co/extra-curricular policy
- InterTRIBAL Strong! Leadership forum
- Presidents' Council Youth Leadership luncheons with community leaders
- Bison Beginnings annual kickoff for new students
- 41% of our student body is involved in extracurricular activity
- 2015 State Champions in Girls' Golf
- 2016 State Champion runner-up in Girls' Basketball
- GFHS Speech and Debate: National Qualifiers (Salt Lake City) and AA Debate Coach of the Year
- JMG: 1 National Qualifier
- BPA: 4 national qualifiers
- DECA: 3 national qualifiers
- HOSA: 5 national qualifiers; State HOSA Vice President of Chapter Excellence
- 2016 State 3rd place finish in softball.

Taking care of our own

- Bison Giving Tree
- Theater: Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat
- Yearbook "Giving Back" Campaign
- Key Club – 2015 Club of the year with 1,000 + hours of donated time to the community

- National Honor Society Tutoring campaign
- Student/Faculty Basketball Game proceeds to the Children's Receiving Home
- Herd out sickle cell t-shirt fundraiser
- Bison Food Pantry
- **Academic Achievement**
 - Mathlete contest
 - Math students collected data for the 2016 Home and Garden Show
 - WorldQuest Competition (GFHS)
 - WarFair! And STEAM
 - Principal Cup competition
 - Striving Readers Grant awarded for 5th consecutive year
 - GFHS Golf, BBB, Track, Softball all had GPA averages over 3.2
 - Beth Thomas - National Geographic Fellow Teacher selected to go Antarctica in December, 2015
 - Honors Night Scholarships (not including Gates, National Merit or Athletic scholarships) totaled \$373, 971
 - 40 student-athletes recognized as Academic All-State

Career and Technical Ed Achievement

- Bison Welding Works
- MSUGF Welding Cohort
- CDA certificate (Child Development)
- Skills USA competition
- 3 students earned C.N.A. and 4 students earned their E.M.T. national board certificates

Visual and Performing Arts Achievement

- 2 GFHS students awarded Junior Artist excellence, Western Art Show
- 2 students helped hang the Montana State Student Art Show, Helena.
- Delphian Choir commissioned and performed a seven-movement piece by Timothy Takach
- Bison BlueMan Group
- One student recognized as a Thespian Honor Scholar by the International Thespian Society

OUR COMMUNITY

Partnerships

- CARE/TEG/Threat Assessments
- Copcorn (Raises money for Bison Giving Tree)
- Dream Big Grant Winners – Bison Blue Team and the American Prairie Reserve Project. \$100,000.00
- Cascade of Talent (Embark Credit Union)
- Developing Child students at ELF Center
- GFHS Culinary Arts catering for community events and Tailgates: including a spaghetti dinner for over 525 Student Council students from across the state
- Yellowstone Field Trip
- Over 50 performances/concerts in community
- 3 theatrical productions/ plays including the 156 cast member of HairSpray!
- Buddy Walk partners – GFHS Cheer
- Student Leadership service initiative with the Rescue Mission
- Shop-With-A-Cop partnership with GFPS, fundraising initiative
- BPA "Winter Walk for Special Olympics"
- State leading: 261 students earned 1,142 credit hours for an annual savings for our families of \$237,807.00
- Construction and donation of a shed to the Great Falls Rescue Mission
- American Red Cross Blood Drive Sponsored by Student Council
- Cross Town Class partnership with Voyagers Baseball

Communication

- Crisis Team at DOB if/when needed (partnership of DOB and police)
- Task Force for Facilities Update

Innovation

- WorldQuest Team
- Bison Welding Works
- Bison Wear
- Coding classes
- Jan Mader – BNSF Teacher of the Year
- Word Meister Runner-Up Champions
- Ivanpah Solar Power Engineering Fieldtrip

OUR FUTURE

Facilities

- Window installment on second floor(library and classroom)
- CPTED Safety Landscaping
- Remodel of women's restroom in Main Campus.

Health/Wellness

- Continued low crime case rates of 111 (with 35 being assigned off property).
- Youth Diversion program.

Paris Gibson Education Center's Accomplishments 2015-2016

- State Supt of Public Instruction speaking at our awards luncheon
- Nine CNA graduates
- One hundred seven Graduates
- Six Secondary Life Skills Graduates
- One Montana Collaboration with Twin Bridges High School
- Over 6500 rides provided for students to get to school, home, work and appointments
- Almost 72% average daily attendance, up from 54% seven years ago
- Over 60 classes taken by Paris students at GFC-MSU
- Loki's Ghost was packaged and offered for sale in the fall. Sold out within one week, 200+ bottles.
- JMG students attended two competitions, winning 8 awards including, "Most Professional School"
- Over 1950 half credits awarded this year
- Two national scholarship award winners. Only twelve of these scholarships were offered nationwide and Paris received two of them.
- Approximately \$200,000 in scholarships awarded to graduating seniors
- Over 550 events occurred in our building this year; State Alternative Education Conference, Community of Practice Conference, State Home School Basketball Tournament, District Recognition of Outstanding Juniors, Seniors and Retirees and all the Native American Celebrations just to name a few
- Students had over 2000 hours of documented volunteer community service hours
- Three very successful Blood draws, meeting or exceeding quotas each time
- National Speaker, Chad Foster, came to Paris for two days to present on Life After High School, Financial Literacy, Passion Fueled Careers, and Intolerance
- Our Family Consumer Science room had a demonstration kitchen added that will be utilized by our staff, Lifelong Learning classes and the other schools
- Multiple students and staff participated in many field experiences including; Lost Lake geology trip, Slippery Ann elk viewing, U of M visitation and Play, Helena theatre, and many others
- Staff and students have begun training in becoming "Trauma Informed". This has made a significant impact at Paris and the training will continue for another two years.
- Just under 2000 half credits issued for the year, within 30 of last year with fewer students
- Successful start to having student ambassadors help orientate new students, provide tours of Paris and be representatives of Paris when speaking to community groups
- Over winter break we served lunch to and provided recreation to 12-30 students per day

This list of accomplishments is not all inclusive. This is a sampling only.