



# THE GRANDVIEW Connection

Summer '22

**Congrats  
Class of '22!**

**Welcoming  
New Faculty**

Grandview is growing,  
and so is our faculty!

**Moments Worth  
Celebrating**

**Good Luck  
Graduates!**

**Newsies**

Live and in-person for  
the first time since  
2019!

**Celebrating  
25 Years**

**Champion  
School: *Gold***

Cover photo:  
Candle Lighting



# Moments Worth Celebrating

## Commencement

### The Gift of Becoming Real

...Before you leave our campus tonight, I hope you realize your power to make things real. Your life will be so much more than where you go to college or the career you choose. The journey of becoming real is one you've already started. As portrayed in the story of the Velveteen Rabbit, becoming real happens slowly. It is something you become while navigating the different paths of life. It happens joyfully and sometimes painfully. As the story emphasizes, the most beautiful gift about being real, is once you become it, you can't become unreal again. It lasts for always. Your *real* life will be about falling in love with yourself and courageously falling in love with others.

*An excerpt from the commencement address, written and presented by Head of School, Jackie Westerfield.*

"Instead of holding on to meaningless numbers and rankings, I hope we all leave Grandview with the ability to 1) reach out selflessly, 2) be yourself, and 3) "keep it Simple Silly."

Megan Enriquez '22  
Valedictorian

Gene & Carolyn Ehlers Carpe  
Diem Award Recipient

Rice University







**Madeleine MacNeille**  
Salutatorian  
Pride Award  
University of California, San Diego

"Learn to find happiness in what it takes to get to the finish line because from my experience, you'll spend 99% of your time trying to get there, and if you are lucky, ONLY if you are lucky, will you get to spend 1% of your time basking in your glory."



**Thea Dahl-Pederson & Family**  
Grandview Family Service Award

Grandview was thrilled to honor the Dahl-Pedersen Family at Commencement for their dedication and service to our school over the past four years. They were an integral part of our community contributing to GAP and many signature Grandview events. They will be sorely missed as they relocate back home to Norway.



**Jenny Gershon**  
**Andrew Cohen**  
2022 Service Awards

There's nothing more rewarding than giving back and making a positive difference in the lives of those in your community. Both Jenny & Andrew have dedicated much of their time to doing so and we are happy to recognize both of them for their service.



**Steven Brookman.-Jones**  
Grandview Association of  
Parents Award

The GAP award recognizes a student who embodies the Grandview mission and is always happy to lend a hand if needed. Steven was not only willing to help with anything asked of him, but also to rally his peers to make GPS student life extra special.



Congratulations to our  
students on signing their  
official letters of intent!  
*Some not pictured*





# Newsies

*Directed by Carrie Furman and Stephanie Held*

Grandview's 2022 Spring Musical production of Disney's Newsies was held April 8-9 live and in-person for the first time since 2019! Held at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, performing arts students showcased their talents over two action-packed shows.





# Moments Worth Celebrating

## *Kindergarten Graduation*



**You are all shining stars! You have not only grown in height, and weight; but you have grown in your minds with new knowledge and experience.**

**You are all reading, writing, adding, and subtracting. You've learned about plants and animals and even hatched your own chicks! Together, we watched caterpillars emerge into butterflies, just like all of you. You came into kindergarten as caterpillars and you are now emerging into first grade as beautiful butterflies.**

*An excerpt from Kindergarten Graduation, presented by Sharon Michael and Jill Youngswick.*





# Let's Dance!

Grandview students showcased their performing prowess at Grandview's 2022 Dance Concert titled: Little Rainbows. Hosted at the Mizner Park Amphitheater for an audience of 450+, our community was treated to a preview of Newsies and colorful choreography from all grades.





# Moments Worth Celebrating *Moving Up*

## They did it!

Grandview's 5th Grade class is officially ready for Middle School after moving up at a special ceremony on May 19th.

Our 5th graders courageously took the stage where they led their families in the school creed, recited a poem, sang "What a Wonderful World," and received their certificates. We can't wait to see all the ways these students will continue to grow in Middle School.





# Everglades Champion School: *Gold*

Grandview was the only school in Palm Beach County to earn Gold Level status during the 21-22 school year. Our Science Department continues to engage our students in one of the best Everglades Literacy programs in South Florida.

GRADES K-5 2021-2022

EVERGLADES CHAMPIONS  
GOLD LEVEL

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| <b>BROWARD COUNTY</b><br>Surf Skate Science/<br>Colossal Academy         | <b>MARTIN COUNTY</b><br>Palm City Elementary    | <b>MIAMI-DADE COUNTY</b><br>AcadeMir Charter School West<br>Advanced Achievers Academy<br>Lake Stevens Elementary<br>North Hialeah Elementary<br>Pinecrest Elementary |
| <b>MONROE COUNTY</b><br>Key Largo School<br>Ocean Studies Charter School | <b>ORANGE COUNTY</b><br>Blankner K-8 School     |   |
| <b>PALM BEACH COUNTY</b><br>Grandview Preparatory<br>School              | <b>PASCO COUNTY</b><br>Wesley Chapel Elementary |   |

 EVERGLADES LITERACY

EvergladesLiteracy.org

5th grade students exploring the Everglades.





Congratulations to Poonyapat Nantsupawat on signing his letter of intent to play Division I Golf at Towson University. Poon was also 1 of 2 Pride Award recipients during the 21-22 school year.





# Moments Worth Celebrating

## *Eighth Grade Graduation*

### Introducing the class of 2026!

Through the years, we have seen these middle school students navigate the natural complexities that middle school brings. From balancing changing social dynamics and learning to prioritize a variety of classes and teacher expectations, these students have grown in ways we cannot express in words. We are incredibly proud of these students and look forward to their leadership in Upper School.





# Stories Worth Sharing

## *Candle Lighting*



Candle Lighting is one of the most sacred traditions we have at Grandview, and it is one that upperclassmen, teachers, and parents look forward to as a rite of passage for our students.

As each graduating senior passes their light from their candle to the junior coming up behind them, the symbolism of passing the torch of knowledge and responsibility is unmistakable. For the past year, the Class of 2022 has been the standard-bearers of Grandview's mission and creed. Each thought, each act, each moment is important. Especially during these uncertain and trying times.

As our Juniors accept the light from each Senior, it comes with the responsibility of leadership and the expectation to model the values Grandview was built upon 25 years ago.

**Carpe Diem!**

*An excerpt from Candle Lighting,  
presented by Alan Stob, Head of ETA  
Campus*



# Our Community of Learners is Growing

## Mollie Small Head of Lower School

Mollie Small will be joining GPS as the Head of Lower School next fall as Tiffany Macliuewicz, Director of Personalized Learning, will focus on personalization for our entire K-12 student body.

Mrs. Small began her career in education in Virginia as both a Kindergarten and Grade 2 teacher. In 2012, she was selected to participate in the LEAD Program, where she served as an assistant principal in two different elementary schools during the 2012-2013 school year and later became an assistant principal within Fairfax County Public Schools.

Mrs. Small served as the K-8 Vice Principal at Hoboken Charter School, then as the



Assistant Head of School at Fisher Island Day School in Miami, and most recently as the Executive Director at Space of Mind in Delray Beach.

Mrs. Small received her B.S. from Pennsylvania State University in Kindergarten and Elementary Education and her Master's in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in Educational Leadership and endorsement in Administration from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.



**Keren Young**  
Director of Dance



**David Cleason**  
Lower School Faculty



**Sjef Otten**  
Upper School Faculty



**Christina Giannetos**  
Art Teacher



**Tasman Rosenfeld**  
Upper School Faculty, *Adjunct*



**Melissa Feingold**  
Lower School Faculty  
Volleyball Coach



**Brett Hartnagel**  
Director of College Counseling





Early Childhood student, Duncan D. and Upper School student, Landon W. bonding during our monthly CONNECT activity.





## Ways to Give

SPONSOR A  
CLASSROOM  
RENOVATION

MAKE A  
MAJOR GIFT

SPONSOR  
EXPANSION OF  
OUTDOOR  
LEARNING  
SPACES

MAKE A GIFT TO  
THE ANNUAL  
FUND

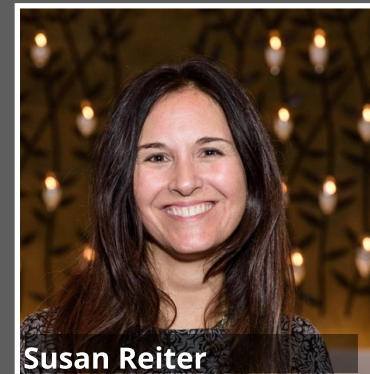
Dear Grandview families and friends,

Our goal as a Board of Trustees is to guide Grandview to its best future. We are beyond proud of our school's successes this past year, culminating with glowing accreditation reports this spring from both the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). Among many strengths, we wanted to highlight the following:

- *The Visiting Team commends and offers its thanks to the staff, faculty, families, and students of Grandview for their very obvious sense of respect, belonging, and pride in their school and for the welcome extended to the Visiting Team.*
- *The Visiting Team commends the faculty whose knowledge, warmth, and commitment to the students are felt by all of Grandview's community.*
- *The Visiting Team commends the school for living out Grandview's distinctive mission with great focus and fidelity.*

As a Board, we could not be more excited about celebrating these accomplishments in addition to Grandview's 25th anniversary.

Carpe Diem,  
Susan Reiter  
Chair of the Board of Trustees



Susan Reiter



Sunny Sharma



Steven Sherman



Tiffany Wycoff





# Thank You, Parents!

**From breakfasts to prom, from focus groups to accreditation, a resounding thank you to all of our PARENTS for your engagement, support, and compassion this school year. Our faculty, staff and administration are beyond grateful for all that you give to the Grandview community.**



A word cloud featuring the phrases "Thank You" and "GAP" in various sizes and colors (gray, red, white) on a dark background. The words are arranged in a way that they appear to be floating or falling, with some overlapping. The colors used are primarily gray, red, and white. The background is dark, possibly black or dark gray, with some faint, lighter-colored patterns or textures visible. The overall effect is a dense, layered composition of the two phrases.



# Community Reminders

**JUN**

**24**

Orientation Packet Sent

**AUG**

**1**

All Documents Due

**15-16**

Orientation

**17**

First Day of School

**31**

Community Breakfast

*Preparing students for college and life beyond...*

**Julia Acioly**

Florida Atlantic University

**Sebastian Aranda**

Florida Atlantic University

**Caroline Bittner**

Gonzaga University

**Dominique Blandon-Iandoli**

Florida International University

**Vera Blitz Lovstedt**

Stockholm School of Economics

**Steven Brookman-Jones**

American Musical and Dramatic Academy

**Jill Cafaro**

Molloy College

**Enrico Carraro**

The University of Tampa

**Andrew Cohen**

University of Miami

**Nathan Cox**

Vanderbilt University

**Thea Dahl-Pedersen**

The New School Parsons School of Design

**Stella Dinov**

American University

**Zachary DiRenzo**

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach

**Jeremiah Elien**

Lynn University

**Megan Enriquez**

Rice University

**Ricardo Fakhoury**

Merrimack College

**Jenny Gershon**

TBD

**Ilan Hirschman**

Valencia College

**Victoria Kaseta**

New York University

**Jason Keezer**

American University

**Parker Kern**

Florida Atlantic University

**Madeleine MacNeille**

University of California, San Diego

**Grant Meltzer**

High Point University

**Alexandra Milkovich**

Lynn University

**Andrew Nabal**

Broward College

**Poonypat Nantsupawat**

Towson University

**Brooke Sage**

Clemson University

**Taylor Sutton**

TBD

**Peter Tracy**

Emory University

**Nicole Vivas**

George Mason University

*Good Luck Graduates*



# Excelsior Ad Augusta

"Ever Upward to Honor"

Together we build our future  
one thought,  
one act,  
one moment at a time.

We believe knowledge is freedom,  
freedom is choice, and  
choice is responsibility.  
We understand we must choose wisely.

We must choose  
compassion over apathy,  
wisdom above ignorance,  
sacrifice over selfishness, and  
dedication above indifference.

For we know our future rests in this moment,  
this place,  
this act,  
this thought.

It is our choice to give to one another this moment.  
In this gift,  
there is honor  
now and forever.

Carpe Diem!

