



# Newsletter

An update on activities of the  
Grandview Education Foundation

## September 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Heroes for Education 5K  
Run/Walk**  
October 14, 2023

**2024 Alumni Brunch**  
April 20, 2024



We are excited to announce that the GEF annual Trivia Night will be back in person this year!

The event will be held in late January or early February of 2024, so watch your email for the date so you won't miss it!



### From the Desk of our Executive Director

With the new school year up and running, we should take just a moment to appreciate what a great position

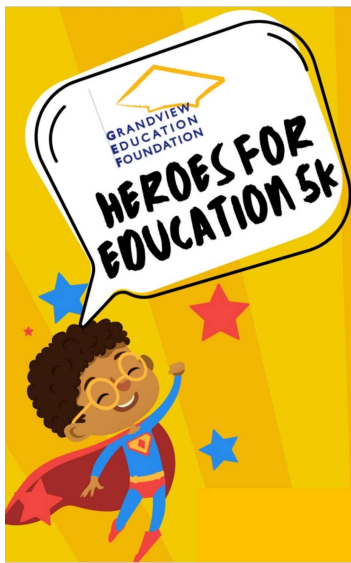
Grandview C-4 is in right now. Enrollment is up, improvements and additions have been made to facilities, job and college placement for graduating students is very high and trust among the community is strong. Less than one year into my position with GEF, I don't think I could have picked a better time to have joined this team.

We are continuing to do our part by awarding scholarships to graduates, investing in our classrooms, administering a massive summer reading program in Cover to Cover, and multiple events involving every area of our community.

Grandview Schools are strong, Grandview Education Foundation is strong and we are both getting stronger. I'm excited for our future and finding the best ways to earn your support.

Kind Regards,  
Geoff Gerling  
Executive Director

**Sign up for the Heroes for Education 5K Today**



The 2023 Heroes for Education 5K is scheduled to take place on **October 14, 2023**, so grab your favorite superhero costume and get signed up to support the Grandview Education Foundation and our efforts to help the students of the Grandview School District.

The event begins at 8am in front of the district Instructional Services Center at 13007 10th Street in Grandview. The early-bird registration cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. District staff can receive a \$5 discount by using the code *2023GSDStaff*.

Sponsorships are available. Email [director@grandviewedfoundation.com](mailto:director@grandviewedfoundation.com) for more information.

### Volunteer for the 5K

We also need volunteers for the event. If you aren't a runner, but would like to help out, you can sign up to volunteer by clicking the link below.

[Register for the 5K](#)

[Volunteer for the 5K](#)

## GEF Awards \$3,500 in Grants to Teachers



The Grandview Education Foundation awarded \$3,500 to Grandview staff at Convocation on August 14th to help kick off the 2023-24 school year. This total included \$1500 in \$100 Instagrants and \$2,000 in Innovative Teaching & Building Grants.

The following teachers received \$100 Instagrants to help offset costs for classroom needs:

- Brenda Keisker (GHS) Tabletop laminating machine
- Jennifer Joiner (GHS) Immersion blender
- Dena Isom (GHS) Biology class activities materials
- Nancy Dal Porto (GHS) Individual packets of tissues
- G. T. McDonald (BV) Hands-on supplies for math games
- Gabby Biondo (BV) Flexible seating
- Colleen Laney (BV) Classroom resources for ELD Dept.
- Maggie Arthur (CAIR) Chat and Chew Book Club books
- Raine Andrews (CW) Indoor recess games
- Evelyn Jones (GMS) Composition notebooks for ELA writing class
- Stacie Moore (BG) Birthday books for students
- Stephanie Griggs (MC) Supplies for "Create" activities
- Cindy Long (MC) Dry erase magnet board 10-frames and trays
- Nena Daily (CW) Butterfly Garden
- Melinda Sampson (CW) Classroom Reading Tools

Innovative Teaching and Building Grants are designed to enhance the learning environment, and to increase the effectiveness of instruction in the classroom. The following grant proposals were selected to be funded this year:

**\$1000 Grant – Kyla Serrano (GHS)**

A bulk order of shirts, jackets, hats, and thread will be purchased by Ms. Serrano. This supports her plan for students to be able to personalize Bulldogs sportswear to sell to make money for a self-sustaining business. Ms. Serrano will be spending up to \$1000 for this project during the 2023-24 school year.

**\$250 Grant – Stephanie Griggs (MC)**

Ms. Griggs will be purchasing materials for math and research writing projects in the classroom. Things purchased will include such things as Play Doh, Hasbro Egged On games, one liter bottles, duct tape, and tornado tubes. Ms. Griggs will be spending up to \$250 during the 2023-24 school year.

**\$250 Grant – Brenda Keisker (GHS)**

Ms. Keisker will be purchasing station organizers for her classroom. This would include organizers such as a 12-drawer rolling storage cart as seen on Amazon. Ms. Keisker will be spending up to \$250 on this project during the 2023-24 school year.

**\$250 Grant – Stacy Moore and Michelle Harris (BG)**

Ms. Moore and Ms. Harris will be purchasing products for an end of poetry writing activity. Items purchased will include tablecloth roll, punch bowl, serving trays, microphone, plates, napkins, cups, flameless candles, and balloon décor. These teachers will be spending up to \$250 on this project during the 2023-24 school year.

**\$250 Grant – Ruth Godwin (BV)**

Mrs. Godwin will be purchasing enrichment/special interest books for the Belvidere library. She will be spending up to \$250 on this project during the 2023-24 school year.

It is through the generous support of our donors that allows GEF to provide grants to teachers. If you would be interested in supporting our efforts to provide grants to teachers and staff, you can support GEF by clicking the link below.

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