



Newsletter

An update on activities of the
Grandview Education Foundation

November 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trivia Night - In Person
February 1, 2024

Major Saver Campaign
April 9 - 23, 2024

**Distinguished Alumni
Brunch**
April 20, 2024

Honors Night
April 30, 2024

Cover to Cover Distribution
May, 2024

GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

**Help us Raise \$30,000 for books
for the Cover to Cover Reading
Program**

As the holiday season approaches, our hearts are filled with gratitude and the spirit of giving. This year, we invite you to join us in making a meaningful impact on education by supporting the Grandview Education Foundation's **Cover to Cover Reading Program** on Giving Tuesday.

Cover to Cover is a program designed to help prevent a summer decline in Grandview students' reading skills and promote a lifelong love of reading. **In 2023 nearly 15,000 books were distributed** to all students at the district's five elementary schools and early childhood center to take home and keep forever.

As with everything, the cost of books has gone up tremendously and we need your help to raise \$30,000 to be able to purchase books for the 2024 program.

[Donate to GEF for Giving Tuesday](#)

In-Person Trivia Night Is Back



Get ready for an unforgettable evening of brain-bending questions, laughter, and camaraderie! The Grandview Education Foundation is thrilled to invite you back in person to our Trivia Night Fundraiser, taking place on February 1, 2024, at St. Thomas More in More Hall.

Teams will go head-to-head in a battle of wits and wisdom. Whether you're a trivia buff or just looking for a night of entertainment, this event is perfect for everyone! Gather your friends, family, or colleagues and form a team to compete for prizes and, most importantly, support a great cause.

By attending our Trivia Night Fundraiser, you're not just having a blast – you're also making a positive impact on education. All proceeds from the event will go directly to the Grandview Education Foundation, supporting our mission to enhance educational opportunities for students and staff in the Grandview School District. Join us in making a difference and investing in the future.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to have fun, challenge your intellect, and contribute to a meaningful cause. You can sign your team up using the link below. The cost is \$100 for a team of eight.

Mark your calendars, assemble your team, and get ready for a night of trivia, laughter, and community spirit at the Grandview Education Foundation Trivia Night Fundraiser. We can't wait to see you there!

[Sign Up Your Team or Sponsor Now](#)

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GEF Hosts Another Successful Heroes for Education 5K

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the runners and volunteers whose dedication contributed to the success of the Heroes for Education 5K on October 14, 2023. Commencing at 8 a.m. at the Grandview Amphitheater, the event unfolded under the pleasant backdrop of cool weather.

Taking the lead was Grandview's own Nick Ransom, crossing the finish line with an impressive time of 21.24. Following closely behind was the second-place finisher, Jeff Grasher of Kansas City, with a time of 21.37. Heidi Taylor of Blue Springs claimed the title of the first woman to complete the race, finishing at 24.24.



Noteworthy performances also included Superintendent Kenny Rodriquez, finishing in 8th place, and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction Prissy LeMay, who completed the race with a time of 36.35. For a comprehensive list of all participants, click [here](#).

In recognition of their outstanding participation, Grandview High School and the Physical Education Department were awarded \$500 and a Bulldog trophy from the Grandview Education Foundation. Principal Dr. VaShawn Smith expressed gratitude and mentioned that the funds could be allocated towards acquiring a new portable volleyball net.

A huge **Thank You** to the sponsors of the 5K.



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Nominations Now Being Accepted for the Jane Bryan Distinguished Alumni Award



The Grandview Education Foundation extends an invitation for nominations for the Jane Bryan Distinguished Alumni Award. This prestigious accolade recognizes individuals whose actions and character exemplify exceptional achievement in their life's endeavors and/or dedicated service to their communities. The recipients' unwavering spirit and leadership have garnered admiration and gratitude from their peers.

The awards ceremony will take place at the Distinguished Alumni Brunch on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at the Armacost Car Museum. Eligibility criteria dictate that

recipients of the Grandview High School Distinguished Alumni Award must be graduates of Grandview High School. Only GHS Alumni who have graduated a minimum of 10 years ago are eligible for consideration.

All nominations must be submitted by February 23, 2024.

[Make a Nomination](#)



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