



***“Some changes look negative on the surface but you will soon realize that space is being created in your life for something new to emerge” -Tolle***

Dear Grand View Families,

*I have officially taken the helm at Grand View this week. Rhonda has passed the torch and charged me with the lofty task of taking care of the school she has dearly loved. I am humbled with the honor and my heart has been warmed by so many welcoming gestures from the Grand View staff and community. Special thanks to each and every one who has reached out to me, to the incredible PTA for their time and generosity and to Andrea and Michael Zislis for opening up **Shade** for our meet and greet this coming Friday.*

*A little bit about me: Originally from the Chicago area, I come from a long line of educators. A proud Berkeley and UCLA graduate, I have a myriad of experiences as a classroom teacher and administrator, including two years as Grand View’s assistant principal/TOSA. Living in Manhattan Beach for over 25 years, my husband Patrick and I have raised two beautiful sons in this wonderful community. I have such fond memories of my time at Grand View and find it serendipitous to call it home again.*

*While we were all thrown a curve ball this summer, I am grateful to be able to put life into perspective and draw upon the resiliency of this amazing community. We have been given an opportunity that will make us stronger, more aware and more appreciative. If you can, take a moment to watch the inspiring story/video of Rich and Mary Templeton. You won’t be sorry. This moving commencement speech was given at my oldest son’s college graduation from SMU in May. Their simple message rings so true and reminds me to live each day with more purpose and more gratitude. Click [here](#) to view this inspiring video now.*

*As we embark on a new school year, I ask you to join me in enthusiastically rallying behind Grand View’s extraordinary teachers and staff whose daily resilience and unconditional care for children make them our everyday heroes. Thank you for appreciating their tangible and intangible efforts and for partnering with us to develop compassionate thinkers and voracious readers in all children. Together we will begin the year by crafting a safe, comfortable and creative nest for our precious cargo to take risks, dream big and imagine possibilities.*

*Especially in today’s world, our work is bigger and more important than ever and much more than just building skills. It is imperative that we nurture tomorrow’s leaders to use knowledge and imagination to be empathetic and kind toward each other and inspire courageous actions that make a positive impact.*

*In closing, I also ask you to make sure to read the communication we diligently provide you. A special edition “Back to School Gazette” will arrive this Wednesday with critical information and key dates. Visit the GV [website](#) for ongoing information.*

*Please join us at the [meet and greet](#) on **August 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-7PM at Shade, Pride Day on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 9AM - 1PM** and finally save the date for our first all school assembly **“Proud to be American” on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM!** We will create a memorable space with the changes and celebrate Grand View’s learning community together.*

*With a warm hello and great appreciation for your support,  
Mrs. Doyle*