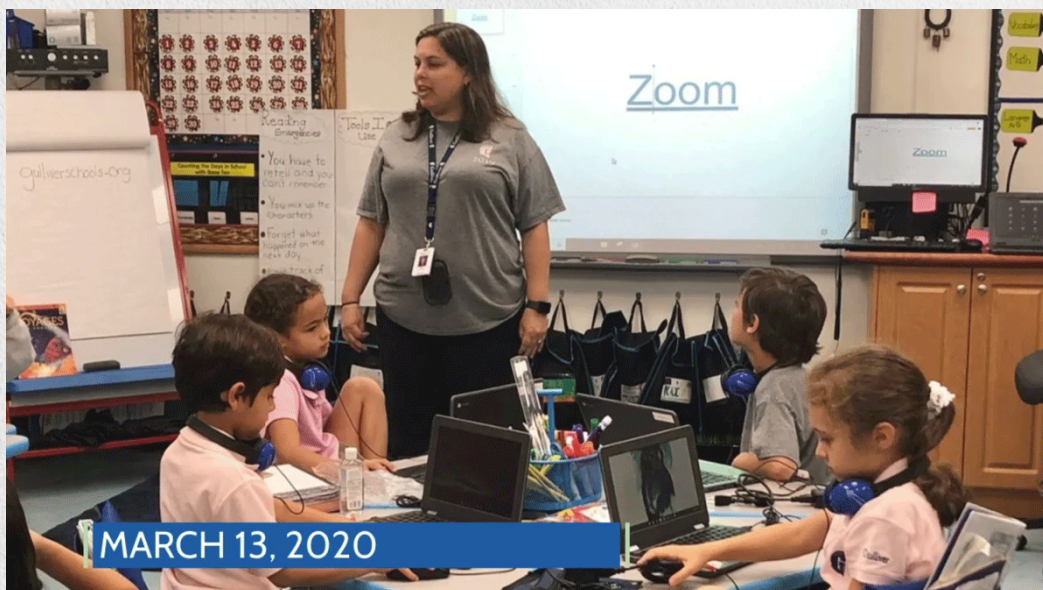


## SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

**Lower School Looks Back: One Year Later**

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus outbreak a pandemic. Soon after, Gulliver announced a school closure, as students, faculty, and staff left campus for what would become several months. This past year was a year of challenge and change, and although we spent many days apart, we grew as a family by helping and supporting one another. Click on the button to watch as Lower School students look back and reflect on the past year. *Video by Mrs. Cindy Gonzalez, Lower School Technology Faculty member.*

[Watch Here](#)**Upper School Winter Sports Wrap**

Winter sports at the Upper School came to a close on March 4 with the boys' soccer team reaching the FHSAA state title game for the second-straight year and finishing the season as state runners-up. All of our student-athletes continued to excel, even through unique and challenging times, as the Raiders captured several district titles this winter. One of the five pillars of our

**Student Spotlight: Elijah Leano '26**

On March 7, Elijah Leano '26 hosted the inaugural Move For Martell: Walk/Skate/Bike event, benefitting the T.J. Martell Foundation. Despite facing some challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 20 walkers, skaters, and bikers, and even people on stilts and pogo sticks, were in attendance, and Elijah was able to complete the marathon goal of 26.5 miles



Athletic Department is academic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of our student-athletes' academic performance, as well. The combined GPA for all varsity winter teams was an outstanding 3.55, with the girls' soccer team recording the top girls' team GPA (3.72), and the boys' soccer squad notching the top boys' team GPA (3.51). To learn more about winter sports, click on the button.

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through many different modes of transportation. Read on to learn more about how Move for Martell came to fruition, Elijah's love for music, how he found a new passion at Gulliver, and more.

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### **Sundancers Win at Contest of Champions, Students Showcase Choreography**

This month, the Upper School Dance Department hosted the 17th annual Student Choreography Showcase. Students had the opportunity to demonstrate their creative abilities in dance-making through a collaborative process that allowed each participant to have a voice in choice of music, dance genre, and costuming, all while diving into the choreographic process. Every dancer participated in-person, via video submission, or as a member of the production team. In addition, the Sundancers recently competed in the Contest of Champions Virtual Nationals, placing first in the Jazz Small Team category and second in Lyrical Small Team and National Classification Small Team. In addition to three third-place showings and a fourth-place finish as a team, five senior soloists, one junior soloist, and one duet received Superior ratings. Click on the button to watch their winning jazz piece, "Hit Me Up."

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### **Faculty/Staff Spotlight:**

#### **Ms. Donna Lee P '10**

Each week through our Faculty/Staff Spotlight series, we invite our community members to get to know Gulliver Prep teachers and staff members across every division. This week, our Spotlight features Ms. Donna Lee P '10, Upper School Assistant





Principal. Click on the button to learn about the women she admires, what Women's History Month means to her, her go-to commute soundtrack, and more.

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### Senior Week: Class of 2021

Last week, the Upper School celebrated Senior Week, recognizing our seniors and all their achievements. All week long, the Parents' Association handed out fun give-aways, Gulliver swag, delicious treats, and special lunches. We are so excited to celebrate the Class of 2021! Thank you to the PA for creating a memorable week.



### Women's History Month on RSN

The Middle School's Raider Student Network (RSN) is celebrating Women's History Month by featuring influential women across the globe and at Gulliver. This week, student anchor Isabella Egea '25 spotlighted Ms. Maria Gonzalez, a Middle School English teacher who has been teaching at Gulliver for more than 30 years. To watch, click on the button.

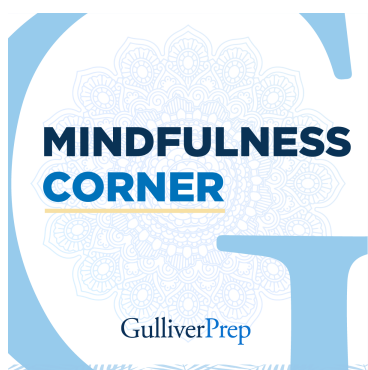
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### Strengthening Fine Motor, Academic Skills

PK students are using sensory gel bags to strengthen their fine motor skills while simultaneously working on academic concepts such as math and literacy. The activity

provides a different sense of learning as students are able to feel and manipulate various objects and textures. The sensory bags feature different manipulatives based on a theme or holiday. For example, last month's Valentine's Day sensory bags had acrylic hearts and a "spoonful of love" for students to determine how many hearts could fit on the spoon.



## 6 Mindfulness Activities You Can Do as a Family

*Courtesy of parents.com*

Mindfulness has so many benefits that it's increasingly being taught in schools. But even better, it's something you can do with your own family. Click on the button for family-friendly mindfulness activities that are both fun and powerful. Try one (or all!) of them the next time you need some calm in your lives.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Tuesday, March 16**

Varsity Baseball vs. Keys Gate, 4:00 p.m., Baseball Field, PK-8 Campus

Varsity Girls' Lacrosse vs. Miami Country Day, 4:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

### **Wednesday, March 17**

*Primary/Lower School Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2:25-4:00 p.m., Virtual*

Varsity Boys' & Girls' Track & Field vs. Ransom Everglades/Quad Meet, 3:00 p.m., Coral Gables High School

Varsity Boys' & Girls' Tennis vs. LaSalle, 3:00 p.m., Crandon Park

Varsity Boys' Weightlifting vs. Marathon, Coral Shores, Key West, & Pinecrest (Senior Day), 5:30 p.m., Virtual

### **Thursday, March 18**

Varsity Baseball vs. Brito, 4:00 p.m., Baseball Field, PK-8 Campus

Varsity Boys' Lacrosse vs. Palmer Trinity (Senior Day), 5:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

### **Friday, March 19**

*Teacher Work Day, No Classes*

*Primary/Lower School Parent-Teacher Conferences, 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Virtual*

Varsity Softball vs. Westminster Academy, 4:30 p.m., Softball Field, Upper School Campus

### **Friday, March 19-Saturday, March 20**

Varsity Boys' & Girls' Water Polo - Gulliver Invitational, 8:00 a.m., Aquatic Center, Upper School Campus



**Saturday, March 20**

JV Boys' Lacrosse vs. Belen Jesuit/Ransom Everglades, 10:00 a.m./2:30 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

**Monday, March 22**

NCAA Signing Day, 3:30 p.m., Virtual/Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

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