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## ***GREASE* is the Word at Madeira High School**

Madeira Theatre Arts presents ***GREASE: School Version*** for its 2023 spring musical.

Under the direction of Madeira Theatre Arts Director McKenna Flores, *Grease* tells the story of Chicago high schoolers, Danny (Andrew Ramos) and Sandy (Grace O'Reilly), as they navigate their feelings for each other amidst their rowdy, raucous, and sometimes racy friends. Although it was made popular by the 1978 movie adaptation, *GREASE* opened in a trolley barn in 1971 and was originally deemed an "anti-musical."

On selecting the musical for its spring production, Director McKenna Flores stated, "*Grease* is an iconic and memorable show that addresses high school themes that are still relevant today. The internal conflict between being yourself and wanting to belong is exhibited through catchy dance numbers, but also adds depth and meaning to the characters in this show."

Of the 71 Madeira High School students in the cast and crew Flores noted, "The technical needs of this production have positively challenged the program. The lighting, set design, stage movement, and props in this show have allowed us to showcase not only our performers, but our beautiful, renovated Medert Auditorium."

*GREASE* will be performed April 20, 21 at 7 pm and April 22 at 2 pm and 7 pm. Tickets are available online at [madeiracityschools.org](http://madeiracityschools.org) or by scanning the QR code on the district website's home page. Cost for adults is \$12.00, \$10.00 for students. All performances will be in Madeira High School's Medert Auditorium



Book, lyrics, and music by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.

*Pictured rehearsing are cast members (l to r): Molly Grontkowski, Caroline Horak, Kate Lex, Ava Gugino, Nolan Hemler, Andrew Ramos, Will Jenkins, Maxwell Schoen, Wes Nelson, Zimmer Combs, Hunter Hartley, Gabby DeMarco, Adrienne Stufft, and Melena Flores*