

NHS Expansion



Superintendent's Message
Dr. David Daigneault

The four guiding “pillars of excellence” for the prestigious student leadership program National Honor Society (NHS) are scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

These are all traits we encourage in students at Grenada High School, so we were thrilled to see membership in the local NHS chapter more than double this year.

Until recently, only GHS juniors were eligible to apply for NHS membership with a GPA of 92 or above, as well as extracurricular participation, volunteer work, and teacher recommendations. (Committee members look for NHS students who can balance a rigorous course load and community service while maintaining a strong GPA.)

This year, the chapter advisers decided younger students who have established themselves in high school and demonstrated a sense of community service should be eligible to join, so they opened membership to sophomores. At the recent induction ceremony, 84 new members joined the 58 existing seniors in the GHS chapter.

NHS is all about service, and opening membership to sophomores gives students the opportunity to accrue even more service hours. While existing members will finish their term with 46 hours of service work by their senior year, entering sophomores will end up with 90 hours or more when they finish their senior year.

Service work includes work that students do in the community for which they receive no payment. That includes visiting elderly patients in nursing homes, volunteering with the Special Olympics, conducting litter clean-up campaigns, and clothing drives, among various other volunteer projects.

The service initiative of NHS gives members a platform to develop and exercise team-building and leadership skills. It also helps bolster their college resumes and sets them up nicely for scholarships. Most importantly, it promotes a service ethic that will likely continue well into college and beyond, making them stronger workers, leaders, and parents.

Faculty advisers Tracy Aldridge, Chantel Chandler, and Melanie Hopper preside over GHS’s program. They facilitate and help organize the chapter but leave the management to student leaders.

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GSD Show Choirs Shine



Among the members of the GHS show choir Visions who performed their award-winning show *Mona Lisa: The Story Behind the Smile* at five regional competitions this winter were (l to r) Avery Zangri, Russell Reid, Hallie Kerr, Ian Cook, Ella Brooke Horan, Kayla Herrington, Anna Hurd, and Mia Parker.

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Visions and Entertainers, two of Grenada School District’s show choirs, enhanced the program’s reputation around the state and region with hard-working seasons and a pair of competition shows that explored the theme of love.

The high school’s Visions show choir performed their 2020 show at five competitions in January and February. Their show, *Mona Lisa: The Story Behind the Smile*, imagines a love triangle among Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci (Ian Cook), his real-world muse (Alexa Simko),

and the subject of his most famous painting, Mona Lisa (Anna Hurd).

Director Jenni Winter says she recently changed the way the shows were designed, putting more focus on quality contemporary music that students and audiences enjoy. She also plays to the strengths of the choir, which included two stand-out solo performances from Hurd and Simko.

“This year we had good musical choices,” Winter said. “That’s why the crowd likes the show.”

With a team of former Visions members — Claire Sanford, Matthew Murphy, and Trip McCrory — Winter builds the season’s song list and tries to challenge the

choir with technically difficult songs and elaborate choreography.

Rather than a traditional revue-style show, Visions opts for grander themes with theatrical flourishes. Winter said this approach sets Visions apart from most other high school show choirs in the region.

To tell their historic story, this year’s show uses contemporary songs from Billie Eilish, Ariana Grande, and the Jonas Brothers, along with artists like Queen, Nirvana, and Celine Dion.

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Students Celebrate Around the World at Kidzeum



First graders Steel Fly (left) and Landyn Tidwell (right) designed their own festival as part of the current Kidzeum exhibit, “Celebrations.” With the help of their teacher, Amanda Bowen (center), they created a comic book to tell the story. This creative project, part of their visit to the new Kidz Tech room, was designed to strengthen their reading and writing skills.

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

This semester, visitors to the Kidzeum at Grenada Elementary PreK-3 are journeying around the world in a series of exhibits that introduce students to the celebrations of different cultures.

For the new exhibit, “Celebrations,” Kidzeum director Melanie Williams and her staff reconfigured one of the school museum’s previous units. They built new props and decorations, updated the material, and added a few new twists to make

it fresh.

The exhibit kicked off in January. “We started out talking about things we celebrate, like birthdays and anniversaries,” Williams said.

Students traveled to Asia to hear about the Chinese New Year, or Spring Festival. They learned how to eat with chopsticks and how to play Chinese jump rope. They listened to traditional Chinese music and learned how to write the numbers one through five in Chinese characters, using special brushes and ink.

The Chinese New Year celebrates the

start of the culture’s lunar calendar, and each year it’s named for an animal. This year marks the Year of the Rat. Students used the year in which they were born to determine which animal represented them.

Williams said the students’ favorite part of the entire exhibit was learning about the Chinese Lantern Festival, which marks the end of the 15-day new year celebration. Students pretended to light and release lanterns into the air.

“Some of them made the connection to our softball team’s Strike Out Cancer event,” she said. “They noticed that they used the same types of lanterns in the Chinese celebration.”

The exhibit changed in February, and students returned to experience two new cultural celebrations.

First, students traveled to India to learn about the celebration of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. The five-day celebration consists of lighting diyas (lamps or candles), making rangoli decorations, and sampling traditional Indian naan bread.

Next they moved on to Hawaii to learn about Lantern Floating Hawaii, a Memorial Day celebration in which islanders launch lanterns with prayers and remembrances of loved ones who served their country. Students wrote their own messages to place in lanterns on the museum’s floating pool.

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AmeriCorps Member of the Month

By Gwen Woodson
AmeriCorps Director



“Helping kids is what I was born to do,” says Crystal Hendricks, a full-time AmeriCorps member for Grenada School District. Her focus is tutoring 28 second- and third-grade students in math and reading at Grenada Lower Elementary School, Hendricks is committed to helping her students excel.

“I wanted to join AmeriCorps because I realized in college that I had a calling in my life and a passion to help young people,” said Hendricks. “This program has inspired me to walk in my purpose and become a teacher or maybe even a school counselor. I plan to use the education award to go back to college to do just that.”

Hendricks graduated with honors from Grenada High in 2015. She volunteered at a local nursing home while at GHS. She said she grew close to the residents and learned so much from them. In 2018, Hendricks graduated with highest honors from Holmes Community College with an associate degree in early child development.

“Since joining AmeriCorps, I have learned the importance of helping the community,” Hendricks said. “Also I am now aware of what I want out of life and have become more open to people. You

can say that I have found the true Crystal Hendricks.”

Crystal is one of those quiet members who focuses on results and works hard to ensure that her students have academic gains. I have seen so much growth in her since starting this program. Her enthusiasm, creativity, and hard work have enabled her to be a strong and productive member.

In her spare time, she absolutely loves everything about art, drawing, and painting. She has always enjoyed art since she was a little girl, and now she has created a business making customized door hangers, wreaths, porch signs, etc. The business is called Simply Krafty. “It

is something I do on a small scale right now, but someday I would like to take it to the next level,” Hendricks said.

Her advice for those interested in joining the AmeriCorps program is to be aware that it may be difficult at times, but it’s worth it in the end. “I believe it takes patience and a heart of service to

want to help children,” she said.

For more information about the Grenada School District AmeriCorps program, contact program director Gwen Woodson at gwoodson@grenadak12.com. For more information about AmeriCorps, visit www.americorps.gov

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Members split into groups of 7-10. Members elect their own officers who lead groups in a monthly service project. Groups meet before school on the first Wednesday of each month. Officers run the meetings, organize project details, coordinate with members, and even hold their peers accountable for committing to their service hour goals.

In addition to the stole worn by NHS members at graduation, officers wear a special medallion. They are also invited to attend the annual NHS conference in Washington, D.C., where they split with their fellow school members and partner

with student officers from other schools. It’s a great opportunity for students to gather new ideas, to network with other student leaders, and to represent Grenada on a national stage.

NHS inducts one million members each year, and the national organization turns 99 years old this month. We are proud to represent the organization with such a robust chapter in Grenada. By providing a place for academically engaged and motivated students to work with their peers on projects in the community, we’re fostering the next generation of leaders in our town.

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GHS Varsity Softball



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(front, l to r) Aikema Spencer, Brooke Little, (middle, l to r) Chloe Gillis, Layla Spires, Amelia Taylor, AshLynn Crosby, Lora Ryals, Greenlee Mosconi, Sydney Allbritton, Hilary Beckwith, Olivia Fulgham, (back, l to r) Coach Leslie Lancaster, Kate Blankenship, Rylee Murphree, Kira Finkley, Leah Kinard, Madelyn Anthony, Lauren Dungan, and Coach Collin Ray

“Visions”

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In its month-long competition run, Visions took home Grand Champion trophies at their first two events, the Jackson Prep School Choir Master and Jackson Academy Show Choir International. The choir was also cited for best vocals, best visuals, and best show design at Jackson Prep, and at Jackson Academy the choir was awarded best vocal, best choreography, and best soloist honors for Hurd.

Visions went on to capture second place finishes at Northeast Jones Classic and West Jones Invitational. At the latter competition, the choir finished a close second to Clinton’s Attaché, a group regarded as one of the nation’s top show choirs.

Hurd won another outstanding performance honor at that event.

Visions ended its season at the Auburn Show Choir Showdown in Auburn, Alabama, with a third-place trophy and an award for best crew. Winter said she received multiple commendations from other school choir members, thanking Visions for their positivity and generosity, which was “better than any trophy we got all season.”

Winters also directs the middle school competition show choir, Entertainers, which is comprised of seventh and eighth graders.

Entertainers traveled to three events to perform their show, entitled “Do You Love Me?” The

show explores how Cupid finds love and incorporates popular classics such as “I Saw Her Standing There” and “Do You Love Me” with more contemporary songs by Bruno Mars and Shawn Mendes.

In the middle school division, Entertainers captured first place in their tier at Jackson Academy, fourth place at Northeast Jones, and third place with an excellent rating at West Jones.

Members of the community will have one more opportunity to see both choirs perform their competition shows in two spring performances April 23-24.

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GCTC Hosts Reality Fair

The Grenada Career & Technical Center hosted a “reality fair” in connection with the MSU Extension office and Ms. Jan Walton. Students were presented scenarios that determined if they were married, had kids, and their occupation. They visited twelve booths, set up in the automotive shop, and were given a hypothetical salary, which they had to budget for child care, auto, groceries, housing, furniture, and other real-life expenses. Students were able to see first-hand how wages will affect their daily lives. Organizers said it was an effective way for teenagers to see how their occupations will shape the way they live. GCTC welding instructor David Robinson (far left) talked to students (l to r) Donnell Bolden, Faith McKellar, Cha’Nicyah Burden, and Aubreanna Miller about budgeting for furniture.



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GES Green Top Principals' Breakfast



(Photo top) Students at Grenada Elementary Green Top were honored for good or improved behavior with an invitation to have breakfast with the principals. Students selected for February include (front, l to r) Dela Rupp, Logan Bridges, Madison Ivy, Charlie Harrison, Chrisalyn Whitt, Addyson Rosamond, (back, l to r) Principal Carol Tharpe, Khameron Washington, Gamari Govan, Corey Hawkins, Mary Grace Klinck, Madison Lott, Shundria Cole, and Assistant Principal John Daves.

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(Photo bottom) (front, l to r) Chase Chamblee, Jayden Iley, Christian Clay, Tucker Hood, Robert Woodard, (back, l to r) Principal Carol Tharpe, Ja'Quan Kennedy, Nicholas Wilson, Luke Viner, Brysen Arbuckle, Jashaun Winfrey, Gabby Lawson, and Assistant Principal John Daves.

Photo by Kayla Henson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April</h1>			<p>1</p> <p>1. ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CONTINUES TO BE OPEN FOR ALL GRADES!!!</p> <p>2. ALL NEW GSD STUDENTS MUST GO TO THE SCHOOL TO START REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR</p> <p>Band: In Auditorium Band: WGI Color Guard in Dayton, OH GHS: Thespians Stargirl in GHS Auditorium (5:30pm call time; 7:00 dress tech; 9:00 finish) GNS: Baseball vs. Lafayette (Home) 5:00 & 7:00 LAS Links ELPT (ELL Students) Testing NSBA-Chicago, IL Prom Decorating-GSD Armory 7:00am - 11:45pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 8:00pm GHS: JV/V Fastpitch at West Point 5:00pm GHS: Golf at Dogwoods Golf Course (18 holes) Host School - Grenada 10:30am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Band: WGI Color Guard in Dayton, OH GHS: Baseball at New Hope JV - 4:00; V - 6:00 GHS: Fastpitch at Southaven TNT (4 Games) GHS: Thespians Stargirl in GHS Auditorium (5:30pm call time; 7:00 show; 9:00 finish) LAS Links ELPT (ELL Students) Testing NSBA-Chicago, IL Prom Decorating-GSD Armory 7:00am - 11:45pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 8:00pm GHS: JV/V Fastpitch at West Point 5:00pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Band: WGI Color Guard in Dayton, OH GHS: Baseball vs. Bayou Academy (Home) JV - 5:00; V - 7:00 GHS: Fastpitch at Southaven TNT (4 Games) GHS: Thespians Stargirl in GHS Auditorium (5:30pm call time; 7:00 show; 9:00 finish) LAS Links ELPT (ELL Students) Testing NSBA-Chicago, IL Prom Decorating-GSD Armory 7:00am - 11:45pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Band: WGI Color Guard in Dayton, OH GHS: Baseball vs. Bayou Academy (Home) JV - 5:00; V - 7:00 GHS: Fastpitch at Southaven TNT (4 Games) GHS: Thespians Stargirl in GHS Auditorium (5:30pm call time; 7:00 show; 9:00 finish) NIROTC: State PT Meet NSBA-Chicago, IL Prom Decorating-GSD Armory 7:00am - 11:45pm</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Palm Sunday GHS: Thespians Stargirl in GHS Auditorium (12:30pm call time; 2:00 show; 4:00 strike; 4:30 finish) NSBA-Chicago, IL Prom Decorating-GSD Armory 7:00am - 11:45pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Band: Symphonic Winds rehearsal 3:30-5:15 GHS Choir in GHS Auditorium GMS: Baseball vs. Kosciusko (Home) 5:00 & 7:00 LAS Links ELPT (ELL Students) Testing NSBA-Chicago, IL Prom Decorating-GSD Armory 7:00am - 11:45pm GNS Choir in GHS Cafeteria 3:30pm - 6:00pm GMS: DH Fastpitch at Cleveland Central 4:30pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 6:00pm - 8:00pm GHS: V Fastpitch at Cleveland Central 6:45pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Band: GHS Sym. Winds in MHSAA State Comp - Tupelo GHS: Baseball at Columbus JV - 4:00; V - 6:00 GNS Choir in GHS Auditorium LAS Links ELPT (ELL Students) Testing Prom Decorating-GSD Armory 7:00am - 11:45pm GHS: Golf at Koscusko (18 holes) Host School - Koscusko 9:30am GNS Choir in GHS Cafeteria 3:30pm - 6:00pm GHS: V Fastpitch at Starkville 5:00pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>GHS Choir in GHS Auditorium LAS Links ELPT (ELL Students) Testing MS Career Planning Assessment Prom Decorating-GSD Armory 7:00am - 11:45pm GHS Choir in GHS Cafeteria 3:30pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Maunder Thursday GHS: Baseball at West Point JV - 4:00; V - 6:00 GHS: Fastpitch vs. South Panola (Middle - 4:00; JV - 5:15; V - 6:20) Strike Out Cancer GNS Choir in GHS Auditorium GMS: Baseball vs. Houston (Home) 5:00 & 7:00 LAS Links ELPT (ELL Students) Testing MS Career Planning Assessment Prom Decorating-GSD Armory 7:00am - 11:45pm GNS Choir in GHS Cafeteria 3:30pm - 6:00pm GHS Senior Prom-GSD Armory 6:00pm - 12:00am Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 6:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Good Friday GHS: Baseball vs. Oxford (Home) JV - 12:00; V - 2:00 GNS Choir in GHS Auditorium Holiday!!! LAS Links ELPT (ELL Students) Testing MS Career Planning Assessment GNS Choir in GHS Cafeteria 3:30pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>GNS Choir in GHS Auditorium MAPQSL Class - "B" Building, Room 23A 7:30am - 5:00pm GNS Choir in GHS Cafeteria 3:30pm - 6:00pm</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Easter Sunday GNS Choir in GHS Auditorium GNS Choir in GHS Cafeteria 3:30pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>GNS Choir in GHS Auditorium Holiday!!! MAAP-EOC English II, Algebra II, Biology and US History MS Career Planning Assessment GNS Choir in GHS Cafeteria 3:30pm - 6:00pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 6:30pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Band: GMS/GHS Guard Training 3:40-5:15 Band: Percussion Try Outs 3:30-5:30 GHS: Baseball vs. New Hope (Home) JV - 4:00; V - 6:00 MAAP-EOC English II, Algebra II, Biology and US History MS Career Planning Assessment Special Education Testing & Makeup Testing Superintendent's Breakfast (Grades 2-3) GES Cafe. GHS: Golf at Dogwoods Golf Course (18 holes) Host School - Grenada 10:00am GNS Choir Show for School 2:30pm - 3:30pm GHS: JV/V Fastpitch vs. New Hope (Moms Night) 5:00pm School Board Meeting-Central Office 6:00pm GNS Choir Spring Show 7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Band: GMS/GHS Guard Training 3:40-5:15 Band: Percussion Try Outs 3:30-5:30 GES: 3rd Grade MS Academic Assessment ELA MAAP-EOC English II, Algebra II, Biology and US History MS Career Planning Assessment Special Education Testing & Makeup Testing Visions in GHS Auditorium Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 3:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Band: GMS/GHS Guard Training 3:40-5:15 Band: Percussion Try Outs 3:30-5:30 GES: 3rd Grade MS Academic Assessment ELA GMS: Baseball at Houston 5:00 & 7:00 MS Career Planning Assessment Special Education Testing & Makeup Testing Superintendent's Breakfast (Grades 4-12) GES Cafe. Visions in GHS Auditorium GHS: Golf at Mallard Pointe Golf Course (18 holes) Host School - South Panola 12:00pm SPED: Professional Development 3:30pm - 4:30pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 8:00pm GHS: JV/V Fastpitch at West Point 5:00pm GMS: DH Fastpitch vs. Lafayette 5:00pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Band: High School Guard Tryouts 3:40-until in GHS Gym Band: Percussion Try Outs 3:30-5:30 GES: 3rd Grade MS Academic Assessment ELA GHS: Fastpitch vs. South Panola (JV - 5:15; V - 6:20) MS Career Planning Assessment Special Education Testing & Makeup Testing Visions in GHS Auditorium SPED: Professional Development 3:30pm - 4:30pm GMS: Fastpitch vs. South Panola (Home) Strike Out Cancer Game 4:00pm.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>GHS: Baseball vs. Olive Branch (Home) JV - 1:00; V - 1:00 GHS: V/DH Fastpitch at Hernando (Hernando - 11:00; Corinth - 1:00) NIROTC: Christmas in April (Community Service) Visions in GHS Auditorium</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Visions in GHS Auditorium</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Band: High School Drum Major Training 3:40-5:15 GES: Kindergarten Readiness Assessment - Final (PK-K) GHS: Golf District Tourney TBD MS Career Planning Assessment National Certification Visions in GHS Auditorium Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Band: High School Drum Major Training 3:40-5:15 GES 4-5: ELA Reading Testing GES: Kindergarten Readiness Assessment - Final (PK-K) GHS: Baseball at Cleveland Central JV - 4:00; V - 6:00 Visions in GHS Auditorium MS Career Planning Assessment National Certification 3:00pm - 5:00pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 8:30pm GHS: V Fastpitch vs. Starkville (Senior Night) 5:00pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Band: High School Drum Major Training 3:40-5:15 English II Testing GES 4-5: ELA Writing Testing GES: Kindergarten Readiness Assessment - Final (PK-K) Visions in GHS Auditorium MS Career Planning Assessment National Certification 3:00pm - 5:00pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Band: High School Drum Major Training 3:40-5:15 English II Testing GES: Kindergarten Readiness Assessment - Final (PK-K) Visions in GHS Auditorium MS Career Planning Assessment National Certification 3:00pm - 5:00pm Visions Spring Show 7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Band: High School Drum Major Auditions GES: Kindergarten Readiness Assessment - Final (PK-K) GHS: Baseball vs. Cleveland Central (Home) JV - 4:00; V - 6:00 GHS: Fastpitch Region TNT Visions in GHS Auditorium MS Career Planning Assessment National Certification 3:00pm - 5:00pm Visions Spring Show 7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>GHS: Fastpitch Region TNT NIROTC: Columbus Air Show Thunderbirds (50 Cadets at most)</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Band: In Auditorium GHS: Fastpitch 1st Round MS Career Planning Assessment National Certification 3:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Band: In Auditorium GHS: Fastpitch 1st Round GHS: Golf Girls State TBD US History Testing MS Career Planning Assessment National Certification 3:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Band: In Auditorium GES 4-5: Math Testing GHS: Fastpitch 1st Round GHS: Golf Girls State TBD US History Testing MS Career Planning Assessment National Certification 3:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Band: In Auditorium GES 4-5: Math Testing GES: 3rd Grade MS Academic Assessment Math GHS: Golf Girls State TBD GMS: MAAP Science 8th Grade Testing MS Career Planning Assessment National Certification 3:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Band: Band Boosters Meeting to elect officers 6:00 in Band Hall; POPS Concert GHS Auditorium 7:00 Biology Testing GES: 3rd Grade MS Academic Assessment Math GHS: Baseball 1st Round Playoffs MS Career Planning Assessment National Certification 3:00pm - 5:00pm</p>		

GES 4-5 Science Fair



Animal Sciences

(front) 1st place - Cadence Vanstory; 2nd place - Jeff David Milner; 3rd place - Remington Skeen; (back) Honorable Mention - Vivienne Prescott and Alana Perry



Behavioral & Social Science

(front) 1st place - Larkin Logan; 2nd place - Keeton Patton; 3rd place - Devin Bailey; (back) Honorable Mention - Easton Cook



Biochemistry

(front) 1st place - James Self; 2nd place - Ethan Cooley; 3rd place - Lauren Calhoun; 4th place - Alex Clevenger; 5th place - Remington Roberts; (back) Honorable Mention - Anna Kate Tipton, Garan Edwards, and Brayden Smith



Biomedical and Health Science

(front) 1st place - Charlie Williams; 2nd place - Kaleb Parker; 3rd place - Emma Grace Rocha; (back) Honorable Mention - Jordyn Davis, Maverick Fowler, and Kylie Anders



Earth and Environmental Science

(front) 1st place - Micah Samples; 2nd place - Charlie Harrison; 3rd place - Nolan Hollingsworth; 4th place - Khameron Washington; (back) Honorable Mention - Ella Byford and Ethan Dukes



Robotics & Intelligent Design

(front) 1st place - Zoe Beane; 2nd place - Kara Cockrum; 3rd place - Parker Chapman; (back) Honorable Mention - Savannah Melton



Engineering Mechanics

(front) 1st place - Eli Housel; 2nd place - Hayden Bridges; 3rd place - Nathan Hilmus; (not pictured) 4th place - Caroline Harrison; (back) Honorable Mention - Branden Jones



Organic Chemistry

(front) 1st place - Olivia Foster; 2nd place - Heston Hatcher; 3rd place - Lily Beth Williams; 4th place - Haley Fancher; 5th place - Amelia Bennett; (back) Honorable Mention - Dakota Barksdale, Nevaeh Wolfe, Dawsyn Grantham, Jax White, and Noelani Steele



Inorganic Chemistry

(front) 1st place - Jalah Forrest; 2nd place - Tucker Hood; 3rd place - Lila Makamson; (back) Honorable Mention - Olivia Lee and Chrishawn Harris



Microbiology

(front) 1st place - Devin Lawson; 2nd place - Ruby Kornegay; 3rd place - Gabby Lawson; 4th place - Keri Harris; 5th place - Bentley Shriver; (back) Honorable Mention - Emma Pitcock, Jayla Gholston, Allye Corollo, and Shakida Clay



Plant Science

(front) 1st place - Luke Viner; 2nd place - Rhyann Watson; Tristan Davenport; (back) Honorable Mention - Calaysiah Williams



Physics & Astronomy

(front) 1st place - Marcus Mallet; 2nd place - McKenzie Austin; 3rd place - Daniel Hopper; 4th place - Fletcher Harges; (back) Honorable Mention - Jasmyne Phillips, Aubrey Hicks, Joel Boler, and Mary Grace Klink



(Photo left, l to r)

Best of Fair
Zoe Beane

Runner Up
Best of Fair
Eli Housel



“Kidzeum”

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They also learned how to hula dance and heard the sound made by blowing a conch shell. Most exciting of all was learning about volcanoes and watching steam rise from the Kidzeum’s giant model volcano. They ended in the kitch-

en with an exciting chemistry experiment that demonstrated a volcanic eruption.

Each visit to “Celebrations” includes a stop at Kidz Tech, a new feature that opened in September. Students use Legos, iPads, and other gadgets to ex-

pound on classroom standards. This visit, students came up with their own celebrations. They brought their games to life by programing Legos to move and by writing their story in the form of a comic book.

After only a few visits, students are already comfortable using the new equipment, said Williams. “A lot of times I didn’t even have to tell them what to do. It’s fun to see their creativity and the experiences they bring into their own writing.”

The Kidzeum will host a third visit for “Celebrations.” The exhibit will focus on other festivities from different continents, including Spain’s running of the bulls. It all leads up to a brand-new Kidzeum unit on the Olympics, opening later this spring in time for the Summer Games in Tokyo.

“If you’re traveling the world for celebrations,” Williams said, “what better way to end than at the greatest of all worldwide celebrations?”

Taking Down Tobacco One Butt at a Time

25 years of a Kick Butts Day transitions to 365-day focus

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids has been a leading force in the fight to reduce tobacco use and its deadly toll in the United States and around the world since 1996 via Kick Butts Day. The National Kick Butts Day, a day of anti-smoking activism has helped teachers, kids, youth leaders, and health advocates come together and organize events that raise awareness of the problem of tobacco use in their communities, encourage kids to stay tobacco-free, and try to get anti-tobacco legislation passed.

Take Down Tobacco is a fresh take on Kick Butts Day. It will now be the signature platform for empowering people to stand up and speak out against the tobacco industry. This program is a 365 day a year effort that culminates every March with the Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action. This year’s day of action will be held on March 18, 2020.

“Remarkable progress has been made to dramatically reduce the number of Mississippians that use tobacco products,” said Amy Winter, Director of the Office of

Tobacco Control at the Mississippi State Department of Health. “But even though youth smoking rates are on a downward trend and at an all-time low, skyrocketing youth e-cigarette rates are reversing the progress that has been made toward achieving the first tobacco-free generation.”

“From cigarettes and cigars to smokeless tobacco to e-cigarettes, the tobacco industry peddles a wide range of addictive and dangerous products that put kids at risk across the globe,” said Sue Mashburne, Director of the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition of Grenada, Yalobusha, and Calhoun counties. “This definitely poses a threat that needs to be looked at daily, especially as we continue to receive more research that shows potential harm from e-cigarette use.”

For more information and resources about the dangers of e-cigarettes or tobacco products, visit www.healthymss.com/tobacco. For help with quitting visit www.quitlinems.com, or call the Mississippi

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GES 4-5 Future Problem Solving State Bowl



Fourth and fifth graders from Grenada Elementary School who attended the state bowl for Future Problem Solving in Madison, Mississippi, Feb 28-29 include (front row, l. to r.) Lani Mabry, Emma Pitcock, Zoe Beane, Mary Grace Klinck, Amelia Bennett, Tamira Pass, Hailey Fancher, Anna Tipton, Emma Rocha, Shelby Harper, Gracie Mitchell, Lexi Mabry, Olivia Foster, Remington Roberson, Remington Skeene, Jeff David Milner, Keri Harris, Charlie Harrison, Charlee Williams, (back row, l. to r.) Klayton Roberts, Nolan Hollingsworth, LEAP teacher/FPS coach Frankie Fortier, Ella Byford, Kaylen Griffin, Aubrey Hicks, Camille Lipsey, Jasmyne Phillips, Noelani Steele, Joel Boler, Caroline Harrison, Ruby Kornegay, Dacey Yawn, Eli Housel, Devin Bailey, Brysen Arbuckle, Maverick Fowler, and Mason Marter. Not pictured are James and Hanna Self.

by Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Thirty-eight 4th and 5th graders from the Green Top's LEAP program recently attended the Future Problem Solvers (FPS) state affiliate bowl at Germantown Middle School in Madison, Miss.

LEAP instructor and FPS coach Frankie Fortier said it's the largest group they've taken to group to compete in the five years since the Green Top introduced Future Problem Solving curriculum into the school's LEAP gifted classes.

Future Problem Solving Program International is a non-profit educational course that "looks at current technological, geopolitical, and societal trends and projects those trends 20-30 years into

the future in order to train students to develop solutions to the challenges they may face as adults."

Students in FPS classes learn a six-step process to identify problems in a hypothetical scenario and develop meaningful solutions.

"They've never been asked to think like this," said Fortier. "They're making inferences not about one thing but sometimes 16 different things. That's huge for a fourth grader. But when they wrap their mind around it, they get it."

After practicing the problem-solving process, students compete in teams to see who develops the most creative, workable solutions to a set of hypothetical future problems, known as a "future scene." The result is part-writing and

part-performance as they research, document, and present their work in the form of a skit and booklet.

Fortier said the class can be daunting at first, especially to fourth graders who have not studied the six processes. But after a few weeks, "the light bulbs begin to go off," she said.

Grenada's fourth- and fifth-grade students, who competed as individuals and teams, swept the junior division. Seven students qualified to attend the Future Problem Solving Program International competition this summer in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Winners from Grenada included: Individual — 1st place: Olivia Foster; 2nd place: Hailey Fancher; 3rd place: Lexi Mabry.

Team (Novice Division) — 1st place: Joel Boler, Caroline Harrison, Keri Harris; 2nd place: Ella Byford, Anna Tipton, Charlie Harrison, Remington Skeene; 3rd place: Gracie Mitchell, Aubrey Hicks, Clayton Roberts, Nolan Hollingsworth.

Team (Junior Division) — 1st place: Hanna Self, Dacey Yawn, Jasmyne Phillips, Noelani Steele; 2nd place: Mary Grace Klinck, Emma Pitcock, Zoe Beane, Lani Mabry; 3rd place: Bryson Arbuckle, Eli Housel, Maverick Fowler.

Presentation of Action Plan (skit) — 1st place: Ruby Kornegay, Emma Rocha, James Self, Shelby Harper; 2nd place: Hanna Self, Dacey Yawn, Jasmyne Phillips, Noelani Steele; and 3rd place: Mary Grace Klinck, Zoe Beane, Emma Pitcock, Lani Mabry.

GHS Varsity Baseball



Photo by Stephanie Raper

(front, l to r) Jaden Johnson, Remington Smith, Abbott Hankins, Emmanuel Forbes, Salathiel Hemphill, Christian Wortham, Mason Blankenship, Thomas Kuhn, (middle, l to r) Dawson Carnathan, R.J. Merriman, Landon Waters, McCarron Clausel, Hayden Hobbs, Houston Snyder, Bo Cox, Lane Lemley, Jayson Swinford, Reid Cannon, Jaylan Mathis, (back, l to r) Lane Goss, Ryan Logan, Jacob Yarborough, Richard Flautt, Ryan Wood, Garrett Miller, Dawson Clark, and Amari Conley

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GMS Students of the Month



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Sixth grade February Students of the Month are, (l to r) Shamarion Graham, Katelyn Bloodworth, Fisher Jackson, Frederick Jefferson, (back, l to r) Brayden Trusty, Makaiya Wilson, Chloe Cannon, Kendall Scallions, Pablo Ramirez, and Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison.



Photo by Lisa Holland

Seventh Grade February Students of the Month are, (front, l to r) Jamarion Ammons, Trenese Hale, Tristin Wilson, (back, l to r) Zaniya Spearman, Gilton Scott, Gabbie Willis, and Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison.



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Eighth Grade February Students of the Month are, (front, l to r) Chloe White, Matthew Bardo, Nyarius Medcafe, Kymberlie Benefield, and Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison.

Volleyball comes to GHS



ied the sport in college and has watched many matches. He has become an avid student of the sport since the announcement, studying strategies and talking to other program directors

“Volleyball will be a growing experience for all of us,” Ray said. “But if we’re going to do this at Grenada, we’re going to do it right.”

During a recent meeting in his classroom to judge interest in the sport, Ray said the room quickly filled to capacity, and the meeting had to be moved to the cafeteria. Over 150 girls in grades 9-11 showed up to express their interest in joining the first GHS volleyball team.

Ray said a winnowing process is necessary since only six players take the court at one time. With so much interest, he believed they would have enough players to fill a varsity and junior varsity squad.

Tryouts will be held this May, according to Ray. In the interest of assembling the best players and spotting hidden talent, he plans to bring in an expert to assist with the try-out process. Before trying out for the team, Ray said, students must fill out paperwork and take a physical. Though a try-out date has yet to be set, permission forms can be acquired at the high school or through Coach Ray. Summer volleyball practices will be held Tuesdays through Thursdays. Ray said players will undergo workout and conditioning at the softball field, followed by court play in the high school gym.

Ray is currently building the first season’s schedule and has nearly 20 matches already on the books. “We’ll play some experienced teams and some teams like us who are just starting their program,” he said. Among the volleyball programs GHS will be facing in the fall are New Hope, Columbus, Winona, and Horn Lake.

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

After Grenada’s numerous slow-pitch softball state championship titles in recent years, the sport is officially dead at GHS.

The good news: girls’ volleyball is coming to take its place.

The Mississippi High School Activities Association announced it would no longer sanction the sport after last year’s season due to dwindling participation. The sport, it seems, was being edged out by the rising popularity of volleyball.

GSD Athletic Director Lyle Williams believes volleyball may be the fastest-growing female sport in Mississippi. “I’ve talked with other school athletic directors about it, and those who have programs say there’s a lot of excitement surrounding the sport right now,” Williams said. “The games are fast-paced and the crowds are big. We’re excited to offer it at Grenada School District.”

Williams said Collin Ray has been tapped as head coach of the volleyball team with Cameron Tawater serving as assistant coach. Both will continue to assist with the fast-pitch softball program.

Ray confessed volleyball was new territory for him as a coach, though he stud-

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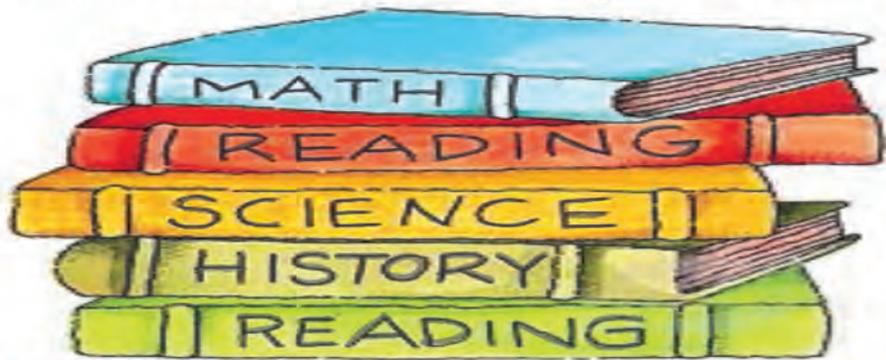
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