

ACT Resolution



Superintendent's Message

Dr. David Daigneault

It's the gift-giving season. What better gift to give one's parents — or one's self, for that matter — than a stocking full of college scholarships?

That's why the administrators at Grenada High School have been working hard to raise student ACT scores. A high performance on the nation's most-administered college entrance exam may result in great financial rewards. Scholarships help position a student to succeed in their college pursuits and may give them more options.

GHS principals Emily Tindall and Ezzard Beane have approached ACT test preparation like music rehearsal or sports practice. They believe the more training a student puts in, the better performance he or she will deliver when they sit down to take the test.

Last year, GHS started a new ACT prep class which immediately began to show higher scores among participating students. Every nine weeks, students in the ACT prep class rotate subjects, from English to reading to science to math. They review lessons from previous classes. In some cases, they may be introduced to subjects they haven't covered yet in their high school career.

The class also teaches good test-taking strategies. The lessons are personalized so that each student is able to revisit and cover weak subjects more thoroughly. With the right training and intensive review, a motivated student can drive up his or her score dramatically.

Students not enrolled in this elective course may also participate in ACT workshops. Carva King, an ACT tutor from the Gulf Coast, came to Grenada on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to conduct a workshop. Fifteen juniors and twenty seniors attended the workshop to prepare for their upcoming ACT test. Following a day of review and practice, King set up a Google Classroom to continue mentoring these students until their test on December 14.

Before the next test date, GHS will host a mock ACT test for juniors. Taking the ACT exam — which covers language, math and science — is like taking four regular classroom tests, so it requires stamina as well as a familiarity with the material to perform well. That's why training and preparation are important to give students an idea how they will hold up physically as well as mentally.

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2020 GHS Beauty Review



2020 GHS Most Handsome Alijah Lofton and 2020 GHS Most Beautiful Amelia Taylor



(l to r) Heidi Clark; Reagan Wooldridge; Kate Blankenship; 5th Alternate Lindsey Ingram; 2020 GHS Most Beautiful Amelia Taylor; 1st Alternate Jayden Phillips; 2nd Alternate/Miss Congeniality Braylee Shaw; Shikira Brown; 3rd Alternate Hilary Beckwith; and 4th Alternate Abigail Martin



(l to r) Brandon Lott; Hayes Harrison; 2020 GHS Most Handsome Alijah Lofton; Christian Wortham; Abbott Hankins; and Xiavion Bankston

Photos by Yearbook Staff

Kidzeum Christmas in Brazil



Kidzeum assistant Terrice Ross (back) takes second-grade students (front to back) Nicholas Pernell, Abbott Harville, Aubree McDonald, Beau Blakely, and Cade Snell, on a ride up the Amazon as part of the museum's Christmas in Brazil exhibit.

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Each December, students at Grenada Elementary School learn how different cultures celebrate Christmas at the Kidzeum's anticipated holiday exhibit. This year, pre-K through third grade students are learning about Brazil. The Kidzeum exhibit floor has been remade to reflect a tropical paradise, complete with a floating

Christmas tree and a rainforest scene.

Christmas in Brazil is all about lights, fireworks, and celebration," said Kidzeum director Melanie Williams. "The kids have really enjoyed being a part of this festive culture."

After visiting the holiday exhibit, Williams said kids will remember some of the things Brazil is best known for: coffee, sunflowers, soccer, and the annual Carnival of Brazil festival. Students were

able to play some of the carnival parade instruments. They also took a simulated canoe ride down the Amazon River, where they learned about the rainforest and the animals that live there.


A favorite part of the annual exhibit is learning the national holiday customs. Williams said the students were surprised to learn that it's summer in Brazil during Christmas and that families celebrate by going to the beach on Christmas day. To simulate floating Brazilian Christmas trees made of lights, the GSD maintenance crew built a floor-to-ceiling tree that floats on styrofoam in an inflatable swimming pool.

"Students left their shoes around the Christmas tree in hopes that Papa Noel, the Brazilian Santa, would leave them a treat," Williams said. "They were amazed when they came back at the end of the visit and found something special in their shoes."


Each visit to the Kidzeum includes an activity in the kitchen. This year students sampled a Brazilian favorite, cheese bread. They also sang Christmas songs while mixing dough and baking Christmas tree sugar cookies. Finally, they made Christmas cards for their family, using their fingerprints to make Christmas lights in the Brazilian tradition.

In the newly refurbished Kidzeum, students now spend half their visit in KidzTech, where they use state-of-the-art technology to enhance the exhibit as well as classroom lessons. Each class's activities are determined by grade-level.


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GAE Honors Legislators



The Grenada Association of Educators hosted a Legislative Reception to honor those legislators who continue to stand up and speak out for public education. (l to r) Dr. David Daigneault, Legislator Kevin Horan, and Grenada Association of Educators President Suzanne Smith.



21st Century Class Learns New Skills



The 21st Century Urban Ag/Archery class recently learned to work with leaf blowers and a leaf vacuum.

(Photo left)
Students (l to r) Payton Easley, Ryan Williams, and Kayleigh Daniels were instructed on how to use a backpack blower to move leaves.
(Photo right)
Cole McDonald using the the leaf vacuum.

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Grenada High School recognizes students who have scored high on their ACT exam by placing them in two clubs, the 25-Plus and 30-Plus clubs. GHS juniors in the 25-Plus Club include (seated, l to r) Brooke Thomas, Mary Bailey, Allie Grace Holland, Anna James, Kristian Bell, (standing, l to r) James Boatman, Lindsey Ingram, Corbin Thayer, Presley Hale, Shelby Boyett, Kira Finkley, John Boler, Madelyn Anthony, and Ninth-Grade Principal Ezzard Beane.

(Photo right)

GHS seniors in the 25-Plus Club include (seated, l to r) Morgan Reed, Braylee Shaw, Elena Chaney, Elizabeth Gustafson, Mary Jacks, (standing, l to r) Braden Waugh, Colin Keys, John Goodson, Caroline Moss, Nicholas Wilson, Grayson Dale, Shaunna George, Trace Harlow, Jonathan Rice, Abigail Martin, James Del Martin, Mason Blankenship, and GHS Principal Emily Tindall. Members not pictured include Lane Lemley and Brooke Little (25-Plus Club) and Madeline Branch and Alexa Simko (30-Plus Club).



Photos by Jamie Kornegay

To recognize students who have performed well on the ACT, GHS has formed two clubs — the 25-Plus Club and the 30-Plus Club. There are currently 32 high-performing juniors and seniors in the 25-Plus Club, reflecting scores from 25-29. Two students, senior Alexa Simko and junior Madeline Branch, are in the

illustrious 30-Plus club. (A perfect score on the ACT is 36.)

GHS administrators are also encouraging sophomores to take the ACT this year. A score of 16 qualifies them for English comp and literature, two dual-credit classes available to juniors and seniors. These advanced classes earn high

school credits as well as college hours that can be transferred to most colleges and universities.

Students at GHS are uniquely positioned to set themselves up for a better education and more job opportunities down the road. With the resources available, they can significantly improve their

ACT score.

So make a New Year’s resolution to score high enough to join the elite ranks of the 25- or 30-Plus Club.



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(front, l to r) Orlandrion Hayes, Rylee Hoop, Jaycee Wine, Tylann Stewart, Crystal Caldwell, Kayden Hughes, Aaliyah Smith, (back, l to r) Principal Carol Tharpe, Jordan Shoemaker, Londyn Sanders, Leah Makamson, Bentley Shriver, Joel Boler, Maddox Smith, Zaiden Black, and Assistant Principal John Daves





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GES Green Top Celebrates Veterans



(Photo left)
(l to r) Jennah Winter, Shelby Harper, and Kameron Logan march in the annual Veteran's Day parade at GES Green Top. Each year the 4th and 5th graders hold a parade and reception honoring local Veterans.

Photo by Kayla Henson

GMS Hosts Partners Thanksgiving Lunch



Photo by Lisa Holland

GMS hosted its annual Thanksgiving lunch for their Partners in Education. Some of the Partners attending were: (sitting, l to r) Dewayne Westmoreland and LaTonia Topps - BancorpSouth Bank; Julia Criss Tartt and Don Tartt, Jr. - Cirss Office Supply; (back, l to r) Fran Harper, Gene Bell, and Paul McCarty- Renasant Bank; and Becky Bloodworth - Bloodworth's Store.

"Kidzeum"

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For this visit, students built Lego trains and windmills, which they programmed to move with an iPad. They also programmed robots and used virtual reality goggles to experience a sleigh ride with Santa.

Students make two visits to the Kidzeum per exhibit and participate in new activities each time. At Christmas, they're

also encouraged to invite their grandparents for a special Grandparents' Day, which was a two-day event this year. Kids tour their grandparents through the Kidzeum, sharing what they've learned about Brazil, while enjoying popcorn and taking photos. It's one of the largest events of the GES Red Top's year. After Grandparents' Day this year, said Williams, the Kidzeum staff will be gearing up for a fun-filled 2020 as the museum celebrates its 25th anniversary.

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GMS Science Fair Winners



6th Biochemistry
1st place - Rylee Ryals; 2nd place - Bailey Murphey



6th Inorganic Chemistry
1st place - Lilian Mattox; 2nd place - Brayden Hardiman



6th Organic Chemistry
1st place - Hayden Lee; 2nd place - Jayden Hudgins



6th Physics and Astronomy
1st place - Madeleine Stuvee; 2nd place - Natalee Carpenter

7th & 8th Grade



6th Earth and Environmental Science
1st place - Shanvi Kher



6th Engineering Mechanics
1st place - Robert McKnight; 2nd place - Max Melton



Behavioral and Social Science
1st place - Chloe Casey; 2nd place - Hayden Baker; 3rd place - Amerah Edmond; 4th place - Charles Clupka



Biochemistry
1st place - Corey Robinson; 2nd place - Ashton Thornton



Organic Chemistry
1st place - India Willis



Inorganic Chemistry
1st place - Cadin Windham; 2nd place - Layla Escobedo; 3rd place - Maci Kent; 4th place - Mikaylee Climer; 5th place - Zachery Townsend



Earth and Environmental Science
1st place - Darshi Kher; 2nd place - Kalyse Jefferson; 3rd place - Riley Reed



Biomedical and Health Science
1st place - Hannah Knoll; 2nd place - Caitlyn Huckaby; 3rd place - Michael Havens; 4th place - Jackson Jenkins; 5th place - Lainey Self



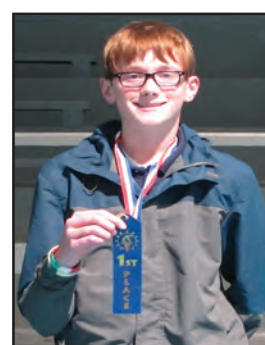
Microbiology
1st place - Corbin Mims



Animal Science
1st place - Jace West



Physics and Astronomy
1st place - Faith Henderson; 2nd place - Allison Goldwater; 3rd place - Makiya Shipp; 4th place - John Gentry; 5th place - QuaNiya Willis



Engineering Mechanics
1st place - Nate Lawson



Pure Imagination Award
Jace West (left) presented by Robotics team member Keirin Alberg



Best of Fair - Hayden Lee
Runner Up Best of Fair - Hannah Knoll



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GSD Student of the Month

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GES 4-5 Recycle Contest Winners

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Fourth- and fifth-grade students at Grenada Elementary School's Green Top used their creativity and scientific knowledge to make entries for the Discovery Lab's Recyclable Materials Sculpture Contest. The contest, co-sponsored by the Grenada Garden Club, is part of a national effort to teach kids about recycling and pollution.

Students were asked to create sculptures out of items from the household trash that would otherwise end up in a landfill. The projects were judged on creativity and the variety of recyclable items, among other criteria. Discovery Lab director and contest organizer



1st Place
Kerri Harris



2nd Place
Lila Makamson



3rd Place
James Self



4th Place
Meah Dirks



5th Place
Lily Beth Williams

Taylor Buchanan said the contest helped her students understand the growing problem of trash in our world. "Before the contest, we covered a recycling unit in the Discovery Lab. We focused on how dirty our oceans were

and how we could help fix this issue. The kids were really taken aback by the size of the 'Great Pacific Garbage Patch.' Some even had tears in their eyes." The top-five projects received DIY science kits,

and the top 16 received "slime passes," a popular reward among the students. With a slime pass, said Buchanan, students are able to come to the Discovery Lab before school and make slime.



Most Imaginative
Kirsten Brown



Most Artistic
Jaycee Wine

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GMS Students of the Month



Sixth grade November Students of the Month are, (front, l to r) Mikayla Burchfield, Chloe Downs, Blakely Kirk, Zareya Walker, Walker Pollan, (back l to r) Jaylan Willis, Bryson Waugh, Sean David Wilbourn, Taleri Glover, Shawna Burt, Presley Morgan, Assistant Principal Rebecca Bloodworth. Not pictured: Madeleine Stuvee



Seventh Grade November Students of the Month are, (front, l to r) Loran Brown, Faith Arbuckle, Brenda Miller, (back, l to r) Layla Escobedo, Jakirra Suddoth, Darshi Kher, Jack Leslie, Assistant Principal Rebecca Bloodworth.



Eighth Grade November Students of the Month are, (front, l to r) Anna Ferguson, Jessica Moore, Savanna Snyder, Braxton Smith, Piper Langham, (back, l to r) Case Smith, Desmond Hubbard, Rhyann Haley, Maggie Painter, Markita Kinsey, Jamecia Townsend, Assistant Principal Rebecca Bloodworth. Not Pictured: Laylah Harris and Jacambria Loston Eighth grade students were awarded a free dress day for having the highest attendance in October and November.

Holmes Community College Visits GCTC Students



Representatives from Holmes Community College visited students at the Grenada Career and Technical Center to tell students about their opportunities for developing their technical skills. Students learned about the degrees and certificates available from HCC in such fields as Heating/Vent/AC/Refrigeration Technology, Forestry Technology, Welding and Cutting Technology, Precision Machining Technology, and Associate Degree Nursing among others. HCC representatives offered details about the classes and assured students their training at GCTC was providing excellent preparation for classes on the campuses in Grenada, Goodman, or Ridgeland. Students can earn professional credentials through Holmes before entering the workforce, or go on to earn a bachelor's degree at a four-year university. Pictured are (l. to r.) HCC recruiter Haley DeNoon, Corey Owens, Alex Ortega, Trevor Allread, HCC drafting instructor Craig Kirkendall, Rivers Kissling, Donnell Bolden, Trapper Smith, Peyton Pilgrim, HCC Career Technical counselor Tracy Herring, and Cade Busby.

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