

A Smart Tax Incentive



Superintendent's Message
Dr. David Daigneault

As you prepare to pay your state taxes, consider this little-known tax incentive: you can invest in Grenada School District's Pre-K Learning Blocks program and get reimbursed in full by the state with a tax credit.

That's right. A FULL CREDIT.

In essence, you're paying your taxes directly to the school.

So how does this work exactly?

Let's say you contributed \$5,000 to Grenada's Pre-K Learning Blocks program. You would be eligible for a full \$5,000 tax credit. That's a credit, not a deduction, which would reduce your taxable income by \$5,000.

This valuable credit was put in place several years ago to encourage businesses and individuals to support the Pre-K initiative in Mississippi.

The state's Early Learning Collaborative Act made it possible for Grenada School District to partner with the local Head Start center to form the Learning Block Collaborative for three- and four-year-olds in our community. State regulations require that our program meets national standards of quality, and let me tell you, we're exceeding all expectations.

We started the Pre-K program in 2015 with three classes of four-year-olds at the Grenada Elementary Red Top. We've now grown to seven classes serving 116 three- and four-year-olds. Our classrooms are developmentally appropriate and designed to encourage children to learn through hands-on experience. We've invested in award-winning technology designed for Pre-K students.

Our goal has always been to meet these young children where they are and give them the skills to hit the ground running once they enter kindergarten. At the end of Pre-K, it is recommended that students obtain a scale score of 498 or above on the state's kindergarten readiness assessment test. Last year, our four-year-olds scored an average of 465 in the fall and 675 in the spring. They exceeded the target by 177 points and attained the highest Pre-K scores in the state!

This remarkable accomplishment is encouraging for the sustainability and growth of Grenada. Having a robust Pre-K program gives all children in our community the opportunity for a great start in school.

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Winter Gardening with GSD Groundskeeper



Photo by Jamie Kornegay

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Grenada Schools groundskeeper Lois Gaskin is responsible for the vibrant landscaping at the district's administrative buildings and school campuses. Her latest and perhaps most unique arrangement can only be found in the greenhouse behind the Grenada Career and Technical Center.

Along with housing her many plants and flowers, Gaskin uses the greenhouse as a classroom to teach urban agriculture and archery, one of seven after-school skills classes offered by the 21st Century Community Learning Center. This winter, in addition to nurturing the spring's new crops, she introduced the concept of hydroponic gardening to her students.

Hydroponics is a fast-growing field of agriculture in which plants are raised in water and nutrient solutions instead of dirt.

Gaskin built her first Nutrient Film System from lumber and PVC pipes. A raised, wooden frame holds the network of pipes that channel water to the seedlings, which are set into drilled holes in the PVC. A retrofitted aquarium pump circulates water from a plastic storage bin and carries a fertilized solution to the submerged plant roots.



GSD groundskeeper Lois Gaskin (left) shows off her "salad table." Her new hydroponics project at the Grenada Career and Technical Center greenhouses is based on a Nutrient Film System in which seedlings are set into PVC pipes instead of planted in the soil. The plant roots are submerged in a circulating water and fertilizer solution. Gaskin said her first crop of lettuce was ready to harvest in 30 days.

"My students call it the salad table," Gaskin said. "I'm trying everything I can think of to get these kids interested."

Gaskin is known for promoting the spirit-lifting effects of "dirt therapy," a stress-reliever and general sense of well-being that comes with working in the dirt. So how does this new soil-free system stack up?

After years of heavy-lifting and clawing through the dirt, Gaskin likes the relative ease of hydroponic growing. "You don't have to hoe or pull weeds, just monitor chemicals and temperature," she said. "And if you build the table high enough, you don't even have to bend over!"

Gaskin said hydroponic techniques are uniquely suited to urban agriculture because it allows people to grow their own food in small spaces, whether it's a garage, a basement, or an apartment balcony.

It's often a challenge to keep the attention of young, technology-oriented minds, but Gaskin said her students are always eager to see how the seedlings and plants have developed during their twice-a-week visits. From seedling to dinner plate, it took just 30 days to grow their first crop of hydroponic lettuce.

In addition to teaching students how to use tillers and mowers, she has added new hydroponic meters that measure pH, conductivity, total dissolved solids, temperature, and nutrient levels. "There's a lot of chemistry going on here."

By sharing her knowledge of plants and growing, Gaskin emphasizes our dependence on plants. "Nothing you eat can't be traced back to a plant," she said. "If we can't grow, we can't sustain ourselves and we starve."

In addition to minding the plant life of GSD, Gaskin also coaches the school's archery team. She added archery to her 21st Century curriculum because it ties in perfectly

with agriculture. "You take up archery, and with a different type of bow, you can hunt for protein," she said. "If you know how to get your own meat and raise your own plants, you can feed yourself forever."

Some of Gaskin's other projects this winter will make their debut once spring arrives. She has been landscaping the Grenada Middle School entrance and planted Natchez white crape myrtle around the building.

She's also gearing up for her annual spring plant sale at the GCTC greenhouses. Her regular customers enjoy the prices as well as the great selection of plants. She's been tending thousands of plants, which she raised from sprouts, and said this year's crop will offer beautiful new blooms, colors and varieties. Watch for signs around campus advertising the plant sale in early April.

This summer, Gaskin's urban agriculture and archery class will be available from the 21st Century Learning Center. Applications for the summer skills classes will be available on May 1 at the Parent Resource Center, 423 South Line Street, Room 10, 662-227-3370, or GMS or GHS principal.

GSD Receives Lighthouse Award

(photo right)
Grenada School District was selected to receive the Lighthouse School Leader Lantern Award by the Mississippi School Boards Association. GSD, along with 18 other districts in Mississippi, received the honor for earning a district letter grade of B, based on student performance in the state's accountability tests. Receiving the award are Grenada School Board member Marjorie Hughes, far left, and Grenada Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault, far right. The award was presented by MSBA Board of Directors officers President Jamelda Fulton, center, front, and Secretary/Treasurer Leroy Matthews, back, center.



AmeriCorps Member of the Month



By Gwen Woodson
AmeriCorps Director

Tesheena Walker joined AmeriCorps because she loves helping people. Since joining in 2017, she has tutored over 50 students in math and reading, assisted with Pre-K students, and helped with the after school reading programs at the Elizabeth Jones Library. She has also served in the community projects at the Grenada Lake Visitors Center, Grenada Food Pan-

try, and the Boys and Girls Club. “I love what I do,” Walker says. “Tutoring has inspired me to become a teacher. The joy that I feel when my students become academically stronger is heartwarming.” Grenada School District has hosted AmeriCorps members for the last eleven years in the role of tutors.

Walker was poised to succeed before taking her current position. She worked for the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation and served at Bethel Cathedral of Faith food pantry each month, helping with the annual holiday feeding. She now attends Greater Pine Hill M. B. Church where she helps with the youth programs.

“People will be surprised to know that I am very shy and my hobbies are to read, read, and read,” Walker says. “My motto in life comes from Romans 12:12. ‘Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.’ Also, to let all things I do be done with love.”

She has one child, Taylin McClain, a first-grader in Ms. Cummins class at Grenada Elementary School.

Walker graduated from Steinmetz Academic Centre in Chicago, IL and earned an associate’s degree in child psychology at Holmes Community College in

Grenada. She plans to use the education award she earns with AmeriCorps to go back to school to obtain a degree in education.

Tesheena has worked tirelessly to ensure that GSD students move forward academically. She has the heart for serving and has shown it by doing more than what is asked of her. Last year, she was honored because she received the most service hours, even after starting the program late. Tasheena truly embodies the character of an AmeriCorps member.

“AmeriCorps is a great program that

will teach professionalism and how to serve effectively,” Walker says. “AmeriCorps has inspired me to be a better person. I have also learned who I am and what I want to be in life. My advice to future AmeriCorps members is when serving, always serve with a smile.”

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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GHS Tennis Team

(photo right)
(front, l to r) Hannah Carpenter, Philip Chandler, Victoria Wilson, (middle, l to r) Tia Topps, Emily Tillman, Naomi Wise, Evey Moore, Heidi Clark, (back, l to r) Allie Grace Holland, John Landon Dubard, Russ Reid, Tanner Vance, Arlon Wise, Bratton Willoughby, Webb Roberts, Micah Williams, and Carson Lollar



Photo by Stephanie Raper

GES K-3 Science Fair



Animal Sciences
1st place - Ella Claire Garlington



Behavioral & Social Science
(front) 1st place - Lola Richardson; 2nd place - Jessie Williams; (back, l to r) 3rd place - Hayden Chandler



Biochemistry
1st place - Jenna Winter; 2nd place - Kimber Crosby



Biomedical Health
(front) 1st place - Vivienne Prescott; 2nd place - C.J. Moss; (back) 3rd place - Cooper Donahoe; 4th place - Micah Forrest



Earth & Environmental Science
(front) 1st place - Laney Mosisette; 2nd place - Zakarie McGrone; (back, l to r) 3rd place - Brittlyn Miers; 4th place - Cade Snell; Honorable Mention - Addison Hurd



Engineering & Mechanics
(front) 1st place - Rex Schwalenberg; 2nd place - Jordan Shoemaker; (back, l to r) 3rd place - Kaylynn Starnes; 4th place - Kairi McCammon



Inorganic Chemistry
(front, l to r) 1st place - Kian Woods; 2nd place - Caroline Harrison; 3rd place - Mason Wright; (back, l to r) 4th place - Drayden Lemon; 5th place - Ruby Kornegay



Math & Systems Software
1st place - Joleigh Watson



Microbiology
1st place - Malachi Booker



(photo left)
Physics & Astronomy
(front, l to r) 1st place - Molly Melton; 2nd place - Halle Holcomb; (back, l to r) 3rd place - Aubree McDonald; 4th place - Samuel Ballard



Organic Chemistry
1st place - Bentley Shriver; 2nd place - Jessica Madge Jackson



Plant Sciences
1st place - Kali Kiraly; 2nd place - Remington Skeen



(left) Best of Fair - Kian Woods
(right) Runner Up Best of Fair - Molly Melton

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GES 4-5 Principals' Breakfast



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 (photo top) (front, l to r) Marcus Wiggins, Kaden Holman, Elliot Young, Harper Newcomb, Eli Clark, Landon Bowden, Terrie Lynn Merryman, Joleigh Boler, (back, l to r) Principal Carol Tharpe, Mary Taylour Wilbourn, R'tiyanna West, Sophie McCormick, Hayden Bridges, Harlee Johnson, Moriah Barnes, Ty'LeCIA Lemon, and Assistant Principal John Daves.



(Photo bottom) (front, l to r) Ariyah Edmond, Blakely Kirk, Antwain Forrest, Lexi Ray, Jackson Stokes, Tanner Medders, Alexa Carollo, Lynnaiah Henderson, (back, l to r) Principal Carol Tharpe, Clayton Duke, Xzavier Robinson, Jykerria Archer, Jalah Forrest, Malik Gholston, Khameron Washington, Shirtara Hudson, Joselin Coggins, John Daves- Assistant Principal

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>April</div>	<div>1</div> <div>1. ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CONTINUES TO BE OPEN FOR ALL GRADES!!!</div> <div>2. ALL NEW GSD STUDENTS MUST GO TO SCHOOL TO START REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR</div> <div>Band In GHS Auditorium</div> <div>Drama-GHS Aud.</div> <div>NSBA-Philadelphia, PA</div> <div>Band: Symphonic Winds Rehearsal - GHS Auditorium 3:30pm - 5:00pm</div> <div>GHS V/JV Fast Pitch at Saltillo 5:00pm</div> <div>GMS Softball Kosciusko (Home) 5:00pm</div> <div>GMS: Baseball vs. Kosciusko (Home) 5:00pm</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Band in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>Band: MHSAA Concert Festival - Tupelo, MS</div> <div>Drama-GHS Aud.</div> <div>GHS Baseball at Saltillo (JV - 4:00pm; V - 6:00pm)</div> <div>WGI Color Guard</div> <div>GHS: Boys Golf at Canton CC 9:00am</div> <div>Entertainers Practice 3:30pm - 5:00pm</div> <div>GHS: V Tennis vs. Lafayette at Lafayette 4:00pm</div> <div>Visions Practice 5:30pm - 8:00pm</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Drama-GHS Aud.</div> <div>WGI Color Guard</div> <div>Visions Practice 5:00pm - 8:00pm</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Drama-GHS Aud.</div> <div>GHS: Track Bulldog Relays at New Albany TBA</div> <div>WGI Color Guard</div> <div>GHS V/JV/Middle Fast Pitch at Cleveland Central 4:00pm</div> <div>GHS: JV/V Tennis vs. Hernando at Grenada 4:00pm</div> <div>GMS: Baseball at Cleveland 5:00pm</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Drama-GHS Aud.</div> <div>GHS Baseball Saltillo (Home) (JV - 4:00pm; V - 6:00pm)</div> <div>GHS V Fast Pitch Southaven Tourney at Southaven (4 Games)</div> <div>WGI Color Guard</div> <div>GHS: Boys and Girls Golf at Tunica (Riverbend) 9:00am</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Drama-GHS Aud.</div> <div>GHS Baseball South Panola (Home) (JV - 12:00pm; V - 2:00pm)</div> <div>GHS V Fast Pitch Southaven Tourney at Southaven (4 Games)</div> <div>GHS: Drama School Play - GHS Auditorium</div> <div>NUOTC Lafayette Drill Meet - Oxford, MS</div> <div>MAPQSL Class - "B" Building, Room 23A 7:30am - 5:00pm</div> <div>GHS: JV Tennis vs. Oxford at Grenada 9:00am</div>
<div>7</div> <div>Visions and GMS Choirs in GHS Auditorium</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Visions and GMS Choirs in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>GMS Softball at Lafayette 5:00pm</div> <div>GMS: Baseball at Winona 5:00pm</div>	<div>9</div> <div>GHS Baseball Lafayette (Home) (JV - 4:00pm; V - 6:00pm)</div> <div>Visions and GMS Choirs in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>GHS: Tennis District Tournament at Oxford 8:00am</div> <div>Entertainers Practice 3:30pm - 5:30pm</div> <div>GHS V/JV Fast Pitch at Lafayette 5:00pm</div> <div>School Board Meeting-Central Office 6:00pm</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Visions and GMS Choirs in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>Visions Practice 5:00pm - 8:00pm</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Visions and GMS Choirs in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>GHS: Boys and Girls Golf at Grenada CC 9:00am</div> <div>GHS V/JV/Middle Fast Pitch South Panola (Home) 4:00pm</div> <div>GMS: Baseball at Kosciusko 5:00pm</div> <div>Visions Practice 5:00pm - 8:30pm</div>	<div>12</div> <div>GHS Baseball West Point (Home) (JV - 4:00pm; V - 6:00pm)</div> <div>Visions and GMS Choirs in GHS Auditorium</div>	<div>13</div> <div>ACT</div> <div>GHS: Track District Meet TBA</div> <div>GMS Softball Grenada Tourney (Home) (9:00 AM - Grenada Vs. South Panola, 3:20 PM - Grenada Vs. Oxford)</div> <div>NUOTC Thunderbirds Air Show at Biloxi</div> <div>Visions and GMS Choirs in GHS Auditorium</div>
<div>14</div> <div>Palm Sunday</div> <div>GMS Choir in GHS Auditorium and Cafeteria</div>	<div>15</div> <div>GHS: SR SPED and All Retesters MAAP EOY</div> <div>GMS Choir in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>GHS V/JV Fast Pitch Saltillo (Home) 5:00pm</div>	<div>16</div> <div>GHS Baseball at Saltillo (JV - 4:00pm; V - 6:00pm)</div> <div>GHS: SR SPED and All Retesters MAAP EOY</div> <div>GMS Choir in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>MAAP Testing 4th & 5th Reading</div> <div>GLAD - SPED Training - Extended School Year: Re-Visited - GLAD Cafe 3:30pm - 4:30pm</div> <div>GHS V/DH Fast Pitch Starkville - Senior Night (Home) 4:00pm</div> <div>GMS Choirs Spring Show 7:00pm</div>	<div>17</div> <div>GCTC-CPAS Exam</div> <div>GHS: SR SPED and All Retesters MAAP EOY</div> <div>GMS Choir in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>MAAP Testing 4th & 5th Writing</div> <div>Superintendent's Breakfast (Grades 2-3) GES Cafe. 8:30am</div> <div>GLAD - SPED Training - Extended School Year: Re-Visited - GLAD Cafe 3:30pm - 4:30pm</div> <div>Visions Practice 5:30pm - 8:00pm</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Maudy Thursday</div> <div>8th Grade Science Testing</div> <div>GCTC-CPAS Exam</div> <div>GHS: SR SPED and All Retesters MAAP EOY</div> <div>GMS Choir in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>Superintendent's Breakfast (Grades 4-12) GHS Cafe. 8:30am</div> <div>GHS: Prom at Armory 6:00pm - 12:00am</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Good Friday</div> <div>GCTC-CPAS Exam</div> <div>GHS Baseball 1st Round</div> <div>GHS Fast Pitch Play In Playoffs</div> <div>HOLIDAY!!!! (Possible weather make up day)</div> <div>Visions in GHS Auditorium</div>	<div>20</div> <div>GCTC-CPAS Exam</div> <div>GHS Baseball 1st Round</div> <div>GHS Fast Pitch Play In Playoffs</div> <div>GHS: Track Regional Meet TBA</div> <div>Visions in GHS Auditorium</div>
<div>21</div> <div>Easter Sunday</div> <div>GCTC-CPAS Exam</div> <div>Visions in GHS Auditorium</div>	<div>22</div> <div>GCTC-CPAS Exam</div> <div>GHS Baseball 1st Round</div> <div>GHS: Boys & Girls Golf District (Lafayette) TBD</div> <div>HOLIDAY!!!! (Possible Weather Make Up Day)</div> <div>Visions in GHS Auditorium TBA</div>	<div>23</div> <div>GCTC-CPAS Exam</div> <div>GHS Fast Pitch 1st Round Playoffs</div> <div>NUOTC Grenada Awards Ceremony - GHS Gym</div> <div>Visions in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>Visions Practice 4:00pm - 8:30pm</div>	<div>24</div> <div>GCTC-CPAS Exam</div> <div>GMS: MAAP ELA</div> <div>Visions in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>GHS: English II Part I Test 8:00am - 11:00am</div> <div>Visions Practice 4:00pm - 8:30pm</div>	<div>25</div> <div>GCTC-CPAS Exam</div> <div>GHS Fast Pitch 1st Round Playoffs</div> <div>GMS: MAAP ELA</div> <div>Visions in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>Visions Spring Show - Matinee 2:00pm / Night 7:00pm</div> <div>GHS: English II Writing Test 8:00am - 11:00am</div>	<div>26</div> <div>GHS Baseball 2nd Round</div> <div>GHS: English II Make-Up Test</div> <div>NUOTC Senior Trip to Memphis</div> <div>Visions in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>Visions Spring Show 7:00pm</div>	<div>27</div> <div>GHS Baseball 2nd Round</div> <div>GHS Fast Pitch 2nd Round Playoffs</div> <div>NUOTC Christmas in April Community Service</div> <div>GHS: Track North State Meet TBA 10:00am</div>
<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Band In GHS Auditorium</div> <div>GHS Baseball 2nd Round</div> <div>GHS Fast Pitch 2nd Round Playoffs</div> <div>GHS: Girls Golf State - TBD</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Band in GHS Auditorium</div> <div>GHS: Girls Golf State - TBD</div> <div>MAAP Testing 4th & 5th Math</div> <div>GHS-Academic Awards Reception-GHS Aud. & Cafe. 6:00pm</div>				

GES 4-5 Science Fair



Botany
1st place - Rhyann Watson; 2nd place - Rylin Crosby; 3rd place - Tristan Davenport; Honorable Mention - Noelani Steele



Engineering
1st place- Nelson Downs; 2nd place- Eli Housel; 3rd place- Brayden Neathery; 4th place- Heston Hatcher; (back l to r) Honorable Mention: Joshua Alldread, Maximus Melton, Robert McKnight, and Sara Daves



Biochemistry
1st place- Houston Whittemore; 2nd place - Eli Palmer; 3rd place- Brooklyn Sykes; (back) Honorable mention- Hanna Self, Lila Makamson, and Waleed Salameh



Earth & Environmental Science
1st place - Shanvi Kher; 2nd place- Clayton Duke; 3rd place- Kade Barton; (back, l to r) Honorable Mention: Keelin Bender, Jeff David Milner, Gamari Govan



Organic Chemistry
(front, l to r) 1st place- Devin Lawson; 2nd place- Addy Elliott; 3rd place- Charlee Williams; 4th place- Brysen Arbuckle; 5th place- Kayleb Parker; (back) Honorable mention- Emma Pitcock, Jordan Armstrong, Zac Cook, Julez Moore, and Josh Taylor



Behavior & Social Science
(front, l to r) 1st place- Mary Taylour Wilbourn; 2nd place - McKenzie Austin; 3rd Place - Tylae Cox; (back) Honorable Mention- Remington Roberson, Kathryn Cobb, Eli Clark, Justiz Davis, Not Pictured: Blakely Kirk



Physics & Astronomy
(front, l to r) 1st place- Daniel Hopper; 2nd place- Sean David Wilbourn; 3rd place- Jett Lewis; 4th place- Jasmyne Phillips; (back) Honorable Mention - Kyler Pittman, Hayes Horan, Madeline Holliday, Shakitda Clay, and Carson Renfro



Medicine & Health
(front, l to r) 1st place- Hayden Bridges; 2nd place- Devin Bailey; 3rd place- Olivia Foster; 4th place- Meah Dirks; 5th place- Gabe Reyna; (back) Honorable Mention- McKenzie Ingle, Kaylen Griffin, Bay Kornegay, Amelia Bennett, and Alayna Murphree



Robotics & Intelligent Design
(front, l to r) 1st place- Zoe Beane; 2nd place- Luke Viner; 3rd place- Brady Gustafson; (back) Honorable Mention- Alex Clevenger, and Madeleine Stuvee



Medicine & Health
(front, l to r) 1st place-Rylee Ryals; 2nd place- Allie Carollo; 3rd place- Marcus Mallet; (back) Honorable Mention: Khloe Hardin, Cali Grace Rupp, Ethan Dukes, and Jayla Gholston



(photo left)
Inorganic Chemistry
(front, l to r) 1st place - Ryder Kendall; 2nd place- Alexa Carollo; 3rd place- Keeton Patton; 4th place- Erin Moore; (back) Honorable Mention- Cameron King, Will Dale, and Gracie Dean

(photo right)
Animal Sciences
(front, l to r) 1st place- Larkin Logan; 2nd place- Emma Grace Simpson; 3rd place- Drew Klink; (back) Honorable Mention: Presley Williams, Layne Gillon, and Easton Cook



Best of Fair
Rylee Ryals



Runner Up Best of Fair
Shanvi Kher

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College Prep: Traffic Director

When Grenada High School students complete their freshman year and enter tenth grade, they inevitably face a fork in the road.

Think of GHS counselor Mark Davis as the traffic director for the school’s sophomore class.

“Students have to ask themselves, where am I taking my education, how do I get to this future I’ve imagined?” Davis says. “When they come see me, I help them pick the right lane.”

At the counseling center, Davis sees three types of students.

The first type of student knows they’re going to college. Many of them are already concerned if their grades are good enough to earn scholarships or membership in the National Honor Society. Some have attempted the ACT but aren’t satisfied with their scores, while others are preparing to take it for the first time.

Davis helps them plot their course through the second half of high school by setting their junior-year schedules. It’s important to make sure these students are not only meeting state requirements for graduation but also taking upper-level courses and electives — such as a foreign language and high-end Project Lead the Way courses — that universities like to see on high school transcripts.

Davis also prepares students for the opportunity to begin taking dual-credit courses such as English and algebra in eleventh grade. These classes have become so popular at GHS that instructors from Holmes Community College now come to teach the courses. Davis says an ambitious student can almost complete their freshman year of college without leaving GHS campus by taking dual-credit courses.

The second type of student Davis sees are those ready to join the work-

force right after high school. He says students at GHS are fortunate to have Grenada Career and Technical Center, which offers skills classes such as culinary arts, information technology and health sciences. Students can work toward earning professional certification in carpentry, welding, and auto repair. These credentials will give them a major advantage when entering the competitive job market.

“Even if a student plans to attend college, I may recommend the courses at career tech because school doesn’t have to be academic all day,” Davis says. “They have terrific classes where students can pick up useful skills they’ll use the rest of their lives.”

The third group of students Davis sees aren’t ready to make major life decisions dealing with college and career. They don’t have a passion for any particular area of study or specific aspirations for a

career.

He can offer surveys to help them narrow their interest or interview them about how they perform in various subjects. “If they’re not sure,” says Davis, “I tell them, let’s err on the side of college.”

By the end of their sophomore year, Davis says, students are often surprised to find themselves at the midway point in their high school careers. Just when they’ve grown comfortable in the role of a high schooler, it’s halfway over.

“The future is not far away come tenth grade,” he says.

Whether a student feels anxious or eager about life after graduation, the counselors at GHS can help navigate the road ahead.



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GHS National Honor Society Welcomes New Members



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The Grenada High School chapter of the National Honor Society recently held its induction ceremony for new members. Inductees must have a minimum of a 92 cumulative GPA as well as exhibit the qualities of leadership, service, and character. New Inductees are (front, l to r) Talyshia Moore, Julianne Knight, Henna Dadlani, De'Andrea Harris, Shanna Melton, Gracie Gustafson, Shikira Brown, Grayson Dale, Patrick Manuele, Aikema Spencer, Lola Green, Kristen Bishop, Alison Holland, Ti'Erica Reece, (second row, l to r) Anna Hurd, Mia Parker, Abby Williams, Kenydi Jenkins, Abby Martin, Tori Wilson, Heidi Clark, Taylor Harrell, Brooke Little, Elena Chaney, Braylee Shaw, Shaunna George, (third row, l to r) Alexa Simko, Morgan Reed, Mary Claire Jacks, Madison Mallett, Terra West, Laine Tribble, Reagan Wooldridge, Harrison Taylor, Haley Ferguson, Trace Harlow, (fourth row, l to r) Caroline Moss, Allie Wortham, Rykela Lee, Carl Dalton, Ian Cook, John Goodson, Tempest Strickland, Ja'Mya Benson, Chanteria Wrenn, (fifth row, l to r) Kourtney McNatt, Tabitha Brown, Julia Laster, Kaylee Miller, Kailey Jones, (back, l to r) Cas Britt, Sterlin George, Christian Willis, Braden Waugh, Lance Easley, Colin Keys, Jacheela Hanner, Nadea Brady and Tyler Black.

SPRING VISIT DAY

Thurs., March 28, 3-5 p.m.

Phillips Hall Room 115,
Holmes-Grenada campus

No pre-registration is required.

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- General Business
- General Studies

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GMS Students of the Month



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Sixth grade February Students of the Month are (front, l to r) Harlie Calder, Ana Lawrence, Connor Rushing, (back, l to r) Allen Tribble, Madison Mallet, Terrell Young, and Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison.



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Seventh grade February Students of the Month are (front, l to r) Emma Fitzhugh, Ava Hunt, Moriah Calhoun, (back, l to r) Kimaria Reed, Corbi-Melton-Mims, Javaion Reed, Carley Jackson, and Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison.

Parent Resource Center

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 and 3:00-5:00 p.m. • Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Tuesday evenings 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (while after school program is in session)

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- **FREE** Parenting Videos
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- **FREE** Parenting handbooks and pamphlets
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- **FREE** weekly parental workshops - Tuesday nights 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
(while after school program is in session)

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Eighth grade February Students of the Month are (front, l to r) Sarah Haire, Zion Williams, Jalon Townes, Peerlyce Dorsey, and Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison.

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Looking for Student Holidays?

School Calendar available 24/7

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Click on Calendars/Calendars/GSD Monthly Calendars for scheduled holidays/activities for each day!

“Taxes”

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In addition to reading — which our four-year-olds are already doing in these classes! — our Learning Blocks program teaches children early communication skills, which helps with discipline and retention down the road. At such a young age, one year — and in some cases two years — can make a tremendous difference. It greatly improves the odds of these kids succeeding, which in turn strengthens our entire community.

Of course, with great success comes new challenges. These young children have adapted brilliantly into the GES Red Top setting, but in order to keep up with the current rate of growth, we must seriously consider expanding our facilities within the next couple of years.

That’s where local investment — offset by this beneficial tax credit — becomes critical.

So how does one go about claiming this tax credit. Here’s what to do in four easy steps:

1. Call the school district’s business manager, Rodney Murphy (662-226-1606), to see if the collaborative has reached its cap. All 14 of the state’s collaboratives are eligible to receive a combined total of \$6.5 million in one year, a sum which has yet to be reached since the law has been in effect.

2. Write your check to Grenada School District, earmarked for Learning Blocks.

3. The district will notify Mississippi Department of Education of your contribution, and they’ll send you a certificate that proves you have contributed to Grenada’s state-approved collaborative. This certificate is used for tax filing.

4. When filing your state income tax return, have your accountant indicate your contribution using form 80-401. If you prepare your own taxes, download the form on the MS Department of Revenue’s website.

The tax credit will be taken off your tax liability before your monthly withholdings, so you’ll still qualify for a refund if you’ve overpaid. Contributions are eligible for a credit up to \$1 million per taxpayer. Any unused reimbursement can be carried forward three years of tax credits.

Remember, contributions must be made during the calendar year for which a tax return is filed, so plan to invest in Grenada’s Pre-K program this year to apply your credit when filing your 2019 taxes.

This is money that you or your business will be paying anyway, so why not take a few extra steps and make it work right here at home? You’ll get the chance to see your investment at work in the community and take comfort in knowing you’ve increased the chances of success for our youngest citizens.

A large pile of colorful Box Tops for Education coupons, each with the text 'BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION' and a small illustration of a box top.

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