

Creative Expansion



Superintendent's Message

Dr. David Daigneault

Visitors to Grenada School District continue to compliment us on the appearance of our facilities. Most of our buildings have been around a while, but our philosophy is to take what we have and improve it. Making a smart and assured impression, I've found, goes hand-in-hand with success.

In addition to maintaining our facilities, we're always looking for creative ways to adapt our resources to accommodate growing programs.

Local Brigadier General James Harold Biddy, who served as a member of the Grenada School District Board of Trustees from 1965 to 1976, made plans for the Grenada National Guard Armory to be turned over to the school district when operations there were complete. In 2017, the building was relinquished to the school, and we've been searching for a proper use of the space that also honors Gen. Biddy's dedication to the students and citizens of Grenada.

The Armory's annex building has served as the school district's media department, and the main complex has been a useful multi-purpose space for various groups, including the site of our spring prom. But this year we have found a most fitting use for the Armory site.

This summer, the district's excellent maintenance department refurbished the main Armory building to house GHS's growing NNDCC program. The crew installed air-conditioning and laid new floor tiles, hung new drop ceilings and energy-efficient lighting, and replaced windows.

They also kept the National Guard's cannon out front to serve as a fitting symbol for the military program within.

The GHS unit's leader, Chief Newtwin Foreman, said his 115-plus students have adapted well to the larger venue. Previously, the unit met in the old band hall on the main GHS campus. In their new Armory headquarters, they have a dedicated classroom, as well as an office and storage rooms for uniforms, equipment, and a growing trophy collection from their victories on the competition circuit. With the main Armory floor and the yards, Foreman says the unit now has more room to practice drill and PT.

The unit exists now as a Navy Nation Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) but has grown its numbers this year to qualify for a return to full NJROTC status. He says Grenada is at "the top of the list" to be reinstated soon.

With the NNDCC classroom at the high school vacant, Visions Show Choir hoped to expand their practice space. This old band hall site, where I began my career at GSD, used to accommodate 150 students and their instruments.

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Kidzeum Unveils New Kidz Tech Room



Kidzeum director Melanie Williams (center) shows elementary students Catelyn Neathery (left) and Blake Kendall how to use programming on an iPad to move their model windmill in the Kidzeum's new Kidz Tech room.

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

One of the district's most exciting new additions for the fall 2019 school year is the refurbished Kidzeum at Grenada Elementary PreK-3.

Students returned from summer break this August to find the beloved Kidzeum grocery store had been removed. In its place was Kidz Tech, a wonderful new exhibit on technology, engineering, creativity, and hands-on learning that director Melanie Williams calls "a dream room."

When kids approach the entrance, the glass doors slide open automatically. They enter and find tables with whimsical seating, hidden drawers, and iPads for everyone to use. In one corner, a stage is adorned with a green screen backdrop, where kids will be able to see themselves in a variety of settings on a video screen.

Williams says she and her staff heard plenty of oohs and ahhs from students when they conducted a recent tour of the new Kidz Tech area. "A kid came in this week and said, 'Somebody's finally speaking my language.'"

Students were amazed to find robots, Legos, iPads, and virtual reality goggles. All the new tech toys play a role in a series of quests and lessons created to take their classroom learning to the next level.

Much of the new exhibit teaches students how to engineer and program on their iPads, creating computer code to make these toys come to life.

Williams cited statistics that predict 70 percent of jobs in the future will deal with coding and computer directives. The various tools and curriculum in Kidz Tech will give GES students an introduction to these skills while stimulating their imaginations.

As much as the children have loved

seeing the new Kidz Tech area, Williams said the GES teachers were equally enthused when they came for training on the new equipment.

"Those were two of the best days of my teaching career," Williams said. "We showed them the resources, and they all came up with so many great ideas for how we can use them."

According to Williams, there will be designated days for teachers to reserve the Kidz Tech room and bring students to expand their classroom lessons with this technology. She demonstrated some of the apps and tools at teachers' disposal. They can all be cleverly adapted to enhance science, reading, and math standards. These projects, she said, will also teach kids how to work together and solve problems.

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Photos by Jamie Kornegay

Nylan Hubbard (left) and Ella Claire Garlington attempt a quest to design a castle made from Legos as part of the Kidzeum's new Fairy Tales exhibit.

2019 Homecoming Court



Photo by Stephanie Raper

(l to r) Freshmen maid - Danica Caulder; Junior maid - Autumn Davis; Junior maid - Anna James; Senior maids - Kenydi Jenkins, Braylee Shaw, Annelysia Hurd, Shaunna George; Junior maid - Ella Simmons, Sophomore maid - Nikki Lee; and Freshmen maid -Kayla Robinson

Vision Screening at GES by Lions Club



Lions Club Member Moe Hubbard (right) vision screened Pre-K student Kameron Rodgers (center) with the help of AmeriCorps Alumni Tesheena Walker (left). The Lions KidSight USA program seeks to identify and correct vision problems in students before the age of six. The PlusOptix Digital camera is used to screen students for near- and far- sightedness. The cameras also detect astigmatism, strabismus (eye deviation), anisometropia (unequal refractive power), and anisocoria (unequal pupil size). The Lions club screened 150 pre-k students and will also screen 2nd, 4th and 5th graders later this year.

High Nicotine Levels in e-cigarettes Dangerous

As you wait patiently in your car for the red light to change, you observe two teenage girls laughing and talking as they wait for their school bus. Before you drive away you notice one of the girls removes a flash drive from her backpack and begins to smoke it as if it were a cigarette. To your surprise you realize the small, discreet instrument is not a flash drive but a JUUL.

A JUUL is a flash drive-shaped e-cigarette with high levels of nicotine. According to the JUUL company website, one JUUL pod contains as much nicotine as a 20-pack of cigarettes. Although JUUL is the top-selling e-cigarette brand in the United States, other companies sell similar looking products.

“Because the brain is still developing until about age 25, youth and young adult exposure to nicotine can disrupt attention, memory and learning,” said Amy Winter, Director of the Office of Tobacco Control for the Mississippi State Department of Health. “This also makes youth especially vulnerable to addiction and more likely to start smoking cigarettes.”

Data from the 2019 Mississippi Youth Tobacco Survey shows that e-cigarette use among high school and middle

school youth has almost doubled. The data shows 11.5 percent of high school students in the state smoked e-cigarettes in 2017, but 21.6 percent smoked in 2018. When it comes to middle school students, 4.8 percent smoked e-cigarettes in 2017, and 7.1 percent smoked e-cigarettes in 2018.

“In order for parents to know how to keep their kids safe, they have to know what to keep their kids safe from, what it looks like, and how it can harm them,” said Sue Mashburne, Director of the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition of Grenada, Yalobusha, and Calhoun Counties. “Kids are able to get away with smoking e-cigarettes because a lot of them look like USB flash drives and there is a minimal amount of smoke. The smoke is light and pleasantly fragrant. Parents and kids need to know that the use of these nicotine products isn’t safe in any form.”

For more information and resources about the dangers of e-cigarettes or tobacco products, visit www.healthymys.com/tobacco. For help with quitting visit www.quitlinems.com, or call the Mississippi Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

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GSD Hosts Nurse Regional Training



(photo left)
The Mississippi Department of Education held its Fall 2019 School Nurse Regional Training session at the Grenada High School auditorium August 19-20. School nurses from districts all over north Mississippi came to learn about new procedures, emergency, and first-aid training, and updates from the Office of Healthy Schools. Among those in attendance were (l to r) Grenada Middle School nurse Stephanie Coker (BSN, RN), Rosemary Reed (BSN, RN) of South Tippah School District, Grenada Elementary 4-5 nurse Kim Holland (MSN, RN), and MDE school nurse consultant Connie Board (BSN, RN). Also in attendance (not pictured) were GES nurses Kathy Gibson (RN) and Lawanda Stokes (LPN).

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-Contact info at student destination
-Dates of change (If a change applies for the entire year, one notice will suffice. However, if the change is temporary, a note must be sent for each day.)
2. Teachers will send the note to the school office to have the change logged on the bus change form.
3. The student will receive the yellow bus change form to present to the driver upon boarding the school bus.

Often parents find it necessary to change a student's placement from one bus to another. A specific process is in place that is required to implement this change. Bus changes will not be ac-

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GSD Student of the Month

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GES Green Top Principals' Breakfast



Photo by Kayla Henson

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 August include (photo top) (front, l to r) Aliyah White, Clayton White, Jamie Herron, Braylon Hardiman, Kendall Trusty, Jayden Badon, Ivan Mendez (back, l to r) Principal Carol Tharpe, Kalleel Patterson, Derriona Jones, Jasmyne Phillips, Natavious Seldon, Cadence Vanstory, Makala Yankee, Mariah Farmer and Assistant Principal John Daves.



Photo by Kayla Henson

(Photo bottom) (front, l to r) Amelia Bennett, Kalanden Brooks, Maziyah Jones, Hanna Self, Emma Allbritton, James Grimmett, (back, l to r) Principal Carol Tharpe, Taliyah Ingram, Jayla Gholston, Ethan Cooley, Chardarious Mayfield, Christian Ewing, Parker Chapman, Malik Taylor, and Assistant Principal John Daves



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Band: Sectionals 3:40-5:15; Battery Percussion 3:40-5:15 SPED: Professional Development 3:30pm - 4:30pm GHS: V Slowpitch vs. Cleveland (Senior Night) 5:00pm	2 Band: Full Band Rehearsal 3:40-5:15 GHS-College/Career Day-GHS Gym 7:45am - 12:30pm GCTC: Culinary Arts - Ajinomoto Tour in Oakland, MS 8:00am - 1:00pm GHS: Mini Cheer Camp Practice at GHS Stadium 3:40pm - 4:30pm	3 Band: Front Ensemble 3:40-5:15 GMS: Football vs. South Panola (Home) 7th Grade - 5:30; 8th Grade immediately after NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online NJROTC: Navy League, Memphis Airport (20-30 Cadets) 3:00pm - 5:00pm GHS: Cheer Practice at Armory 3:30pm - 4:30pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 8:00pm	4 NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online; Football Game (Community Service) GHS: Football vs. Lafayette - Pink Out (Home) 7:00pm	5 GHS: Slowpitch 1st Round NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online Parks & Rec: Football Game - GHS Stadium MAPQSL Class - "B" Building, Room 23A 7:30am - 5:00pm
6 NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online	7 Band: Beat the Heat Full Band rehearsal 6:00-8:30 Exams Week NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online	8 Band: Sectionals 3:40-5:15; Battery Percussion 3:40-5:15 Exams Week GHS: Slowpitch 2nd Round NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 7:00pm School Board Meeting-Central Office 6:00pm	9 Band: Full Band Rehearsal 3:40-5:15 Exams Week NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online	10 Band: Front Ensemble 3:40-5:15 Exams Week GHS: Slowpitch 3rd Round GMS: Football Conference Championship - TBA NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online GHS: Cheer Practice at Armory 3:30pm - 4:30pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 8:00pm	11 Exams Week NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online; Congressman B. Thomposon Academy Day, Greenville, MS (20-30 Cadets); AfterGlow Fest (Community Service) GHS: Football at Columbus 7:00pm	12 Band: MHSAA Region II Marching Evaluation in Grenada NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online; Batesville Drill Northern Region (Drill Only); AfterGlow Fest (Community Service) After Glow Film Festival at GLAD Auditorium and Cafeteria 10:00am - 9:00pm
13 NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online; AfterGlow Fest (Community Service) After Glow Film Festival at GLAD Auditorium 11:00am - 5:00pm	14 Columbus Day Holiday!!! NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online	15 Band: Sectionals 3:40-5:15; Battery Percussion 3:40-5:15 GHS: Slowpitch North State NJROTC: Cyber Patriot (6 Cadets) Online	16 Band: Full Band Rehearsal 3:40-5:15 GHS: PSAT Test 10th & 11th Grade Students in Aldridge's Room & Library 8:00am - 12:00pm	17 Band: Front Ensemble 3:40-5:15 NJROTC: 100 Black Men Dinner (Color Guard) GHS: PSAT Test 9th Grade Students in Aldridge's Room 8:00am - 12:00pm GHS: Cheer Practice at Armory 3:30pm - 4:30pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 8:00pm	18 NJROTC: ASVAB for Juniors GCTC: Health Science 2 Classes - UMMC Medical School Tour in Jackson, MS 8:00am - 3:30pm GES: K-3 Reading Fair in GES Gym (Awards at 1:30 pm) 8:00am GHS: Football at West Point 7:00pm	19 Band: TBA Marching Competition GHS: Slowpitch State
20	21 Band: Full Band Rehearsal 3:40-5:15	22 Band: Band Night; Battery Percussion 3:40-5:15 GCTC: Advisory Committee Meeting 11:00am - 1:00pm	23 Band: Full Band Rehearsal 3:40-5:15	24 Band: Front Ensemble 3:40-5:15 GHS: Cheer Practice at Armory 3:30pm - 4:30pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 8:00pm	25 NJROTC: JLAB (Online) NJROTC: Football Game (Community Service) 3:00pm - 5:00pm GHS: Football vs. Lake Cormorant - Wounded Warrior (Home) 7:00pm	26 Band: TBA Marching Competition NJROTC: GHS Drill Meet NJROTC: JLAB (Online) GCTC: DECA Fall Leadership Conference in Gulfport, MS 10:00am - 6:00pm
27 NJROTC: JLAB (Online) GCTC: DECA Fall Leadership Conference in Gulfport, MS 10:00am - 6:00pm	28 Band: Full Band Rehearsal 3:40-5:15 NJROTC: JLAB (Online) GCTC: Teacher Academy Classes - Student Workers at GES PK-3 Halloween Bash 8:00am - 12:45pm GCTC: DECA Fall Leadership Conference in Gulfport, MS 10:00am - 6:00pm	29 Band: Band Night Make Up; Sectional 3:40-5:15; Battery Percussion 3:40-5:15 NJROTC: JLAB (Online) GCTC: Health Science Class visit VA Hospital in Jackson, MS 8:00am - 3:30pm	30 Band: Full Band Rehearsal 3:40-5:15 NJROTC: JLAB (Online)	31 Halloween Band: Front Ensemble 3:40-5:15 NJROTC: JLAB (Online) GHS: Cheer Practice at Armory 3:30pm - 4:30pm Visions Rehearsal in GHS Auditorium 4:00pm - 8:00pm		

GCTC Industry Visit Harrell’s Metal Works



Photo by Meg Newcomb

(Front, l to r) Owner Haley Harrell Moak, Riley Cheek, Cade Busby, Dylan Goad, GCTC welding instructor John David Robinson, (back, l to r) owner Hunter Harrell, Alex Ortega, Trevor Allread, Rivers Kissling, Randy Caulder, and Donnell Bolden

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Students from the Grenada Career & Technical Center’s Advanced Welding, Automotive II, and Carpentry II classes toured Harrell’s Metal Works, Inc. on August 28. Haley Moak and Hunter Harrell led the group on a tour of the facility. They explained how their grandfather started the business in the 1960s and their father, Randy Harrell, took over in 1987.

Haley described the procedure they use at Harrell Metal Works, from designing blueprints, to bidding on projects, to ordering steel, to construction. Hunter took the students on a walking tour of the facility. He showed them how they fabricated steel, explained the different types of welds, and demonstrated the various machinery they used on projects.

“We can tell [students] what it’s like, but going there, they can see and get a feel for what’s really going on,” said welding instructor David Robinson. “The kids saw that they were using the same process that we teach.”

Meg Newcomb, who organizes the field trips for the GCTC, said many students were surprised to learn the starting salary at Harrell’s. They also learned some of the qualifications and certifications, which could be earned on-site without having to enroll in college classes.

“Many of our students are ready to enter the work force, so we want to show them they can have successful careers without leaving home,” said Newcomb.

Robinson added, “The kids were told the number-one qualification they look for in a potential hire [at Harrell’s] is a good worker.”

Though most of the work done at Harrell’s involves steel and welding, the trip was useful to the carpentry and automotive students as well. “It’s all fabrication,” said carpentry instructor Lamar Pitcock. “It all goes together. If you’re working in a machine shop, you’ve got to do some of everything, or at least know about it.”

Newcomb said that taking students on day-trips, or sometimes for just one class period, is beneficial not only to the students, who are able to visualize themselves working at these business, but to the company as well. “We may be training their next generation of talented employees,” she said.

Newcomb has added even more field trips to the calendar this year at GCTC. Lindsey Kelly’s culinary arts class will be visiting the Ajinomoto food processor in Oakland, Mississippi, as well as

the facilities of the Mississippi State University food science program.

Later this year, Anise Shuffield’s health classes will visit the local UMC hospital, as well as the University of Mississippi Medical Center at Jackson. They will also visit the VA Hospital in Jackson and the state psychiatric hospital at Whitfield.

One of the most anticipated trips of the year, said Newcomb, is a visit to Nissan in Canton, where students will see an automobile assembly line in action.

If your business would like to arrange a field trip for GCTC students, please contact Newcomb at 226-5969 or mnewcomb@grenadak12.com

Also, visit the GCTC’s new Instagram page, @grenada_gctc

GHS Varsity Cheer



(front, l to r) Jakaila Ammons, Taylor Harrell, Lindsey Ingram - Co-Captain, Braylee Shaw - Head Captain, Brooke Little - Assistant Captain, Kyra Edwards, Madison Hughes, (middle, l to r) Abbi Jackson, Reagan Wooldridge, Kenydi Jenkins, Abby Williams, Anna Hurd, Madelyn Riley, Molly Brewer, (back, l to r) Mascot Savannah Laughlin, Kate Blankenship, Kendyl Jones, Harley Henley, Hannah Grace Jacks, Jazmine Travis, Lauren Dungan, and Lexis Jones

GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT Adult Night Classes

In an effort to offer flexible learning objects for the Grenada Community, the Grenada School District will offer night classes for community members. These classes will give community members the opportunity to obtain skills in areas that might be of interest and at the same time gain skills necessary to compete in today's workforce.

LOCATION: Grenada Career & Technical Center, 2035 Jackson Avenue, Grenada, MS 38901

DATES: Tuesdays-October 8 thru November 12, 2019 (for 6 consecutive weeks) **Time:** 6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Microsoft Word Cost \$50.00 Instructor: Lisa Jones

Participants will learn how to create great looking customized documents using some of the following: format, pictures and clip art, drawing tools, WordArt, and mail merge. With some of these skills, they will be able to change the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Welding Cost \$75.00 Instructor: David Robinson

Participants will be trained in Basic Safety as well as receive an introduction to basic welding processes and techniques.

PodCasting/Music Production/iMovie Cost: \$50.00 Instructor: Crissy Harrison

Participants will be offered the opportunity to work on Apple iMac computers, use the "Garageband" programs, create podcasts and original music.

Automotive Cost: \$50.00 Instructor: Ricky Jones

Participants will be trained in basic safety and shop equipment, how to read and locate information in the vehicle manual, maintenance on their vehicle, oil changes, and brake work.

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MTFC Elects Officers



Grenada School District serves as administrator of the Mississippi Tobacco Free Coalition of Grenada, Yalobusha, and Calhoun Counties. The program serves the three-county region by educating young people about the hazards of tobacco use and electronic cigarettes. Board members elected new officers for 2019-2020 at a recent meeting. (l to r) MTFC director Sue Mashburne congratulates new officers Nikki Hayward, secretary; Cassandra Tittle, co-chairman; and Suzanne Smith, chairman. The MTFC grant is funded by the Mississippi Department of Health in Jackson.

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GHS Senior Football Players



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(front, l to r): Christian Wortham, DeMarquese Gibson, Delarenzio Brooks, Salathiel Hemphill, Emmanuel Forbes, Jr., Abbott Hankins, Allondric James, (center, l to r): Datreveon Swearngen, Isaac Horton, Saavon Washington, Remington Smith, Josh Everett, Tavaris Herrod, Jalen Barnes, (back, l to r): Keyshaun Woodall, Demetrius Harbin, Zion Fox, Donovan Ross, Trace Harlow, Chaz Brooks, Ja'ire Sanders, and T. J. Loggins

GES 4-5 Discovery Lab Investigates Owl Pellets



Macey Gordon



(l to r) Remington Roberson, Tamira Pass, and Ethan Dukes



Layne Gillon and River Franklin



Thaley Jones

Photos by Taylor Buchanan

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

What's an owl pellet?

Students who visited the Discovery Lab at Grenada Elementary School 4-5 during the month of August will have no trouble answering that question from now on.

Owl pellets are, as the GES fifth graders will tell you, balls of undigestible material such as bones, fur, and teeth that owls cough up regularly as part of their digestive process. The students were invited to dissect the pellets as an extension of their classroom science lesson.

"The owl pellet dissection is a great opportunity for our fifth grade students to gain a real-life understanding of how food chains work," said Discovery Lab director Taylor Buchanan. "This experiment allows the kids to make connections between animals they see every day and their science classroom curriculum."

Though some students were at first wary of the spit-up pellets, they became intrigued when they were able to identify different animal bones. As they picked bones out of the mushy brown pellets, a skeleton began to form, and the students were able to reconstruct what the owl had eaten.

"They used bone charts to identify the organism in each pellet," said Buchanan. Students found skulls, limbs, and pelvic bones of birds and various rodents and matched them on their charts like a game of scientific bingo.

"They then formed a food chain with the owl as an apex predator," Buchanan said. "This gave us the opportunity to discuss the role of herbivores, omnivores, carnivores, decomposers in every food web."

Buchanan's observations of student learning in the Discovery Lab have shown her that students are more likely to retain information if they find ways to

apply it to everyday life.

Buchanan incorporates technology, science experiments, and observation into her lessons. She also keeps a menagerie of pets — including jellyfish, lizards, a rabbit, and a turtle — which students help feed and care for during their visits to the lab.

The innovative science taught in the Discovery Lab recently earned GES 4-5 status as a School of Distinction for 2019 by Project Lead the Way. The citation recognizes the school as showing remarkable commitment to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in the program.



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GMS Students of the Month



6th grade August Students of the Month are, (front, l to r) Rylee Ryals, Landon Mills, Chauncey Moss, (back, l to r) Emily Finkley, Shaniya Anderson, JaCarrion Williams, Bailey Murphey, Principal Marshall Whittemore, Jakeria Jackson, and Kyler Pittman. Not pictured: Tristan Smith



7th Grade August Students of the Month are, (front, l to r) Mikaylee Climer, Emily Goss, Ariana Rivers, Wojie Zhong, (back, l to r) Terrell Young, Aldarius Westbrook, Travis Wilks, Preston Downs, Jadarius McCarroll, Principal Marshall Whittemore, and Drew Dalton.



8th Grade August Students of the Month are, (front, l to r) Nick Prescott, Mary Faith Vance, Malaree Williams, (back, l to r) Manuel Avila Moran, Timothy Nason, Aaron Travis, Principal Marshall Whittemore, and Zyami-reiona Hammond. Not pictured: Paris Hall and Kylee Hudgens

“Expansion”

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Most recently, Visions utilized a third of that space with NNDCC taking the rest. Now, with the choir’s own growing numbers, it has been difficult for them to rehearse with the entire group. Now we’re converting the whole unit into a music and dance rehearsal space. Our maintenance department is set to begin work this month on opening up the dividing wall to give Visions the entire rehearsal area. The award-winning show choir will be able to set up risers in the

practice space as well as store their costumes and set pieces. This will free up the auditorium for the many school- and community-related events that take place there. With newly enlarged, freshened-up spaces to call their own, both the NNDCC and Visions Show Choir will have something to be proud of, to care for, and to inspire their continued pursuits of excellence



Braxton Bennett (left) and Nicholas Moore test the virtual reality goggles in the new Kidz Tech space at the Grenada Elementary Kidzeum. GES students in PreK through third grade will use robots, Legos, iPads and augmented reality apps in lessons designed to take their classroom learning to the next level.

“Kidz Tech”

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The idea for Kidz Tech came about last year during discussions about painting and freshening up portions of the Kidzeum. Williams said Raleigh Wood, the former GES principal who retired in May, told her to go a step further and to “dream big.” Williams researched some of the most innovative new learning experiences for young school children, including developmental tools for PreK kids. She even researched the best furniture and fixtures to make it user-friendly and to meet all

learning styles. The sensory seating is composed of stools and chairs, which allow children to rock and move or sit still. Williams said every child will have the opportunity to explore the Kidz Tech room as part of their regular Kidzeum visit. They’ll get 50 minutes in the main room, where a new exhibit, “Fairy Tales,” premiered in August, and then 50 minutes in the Kidz Tech area. “Hopefully, our kids’ dreams will come to life in here,” Williams said.



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