



Superintendent's Message

Dr. David Daigneault

District Weather Procedures

In the event of inclement weather, Grenada School District evaluates all of the available options to ensure the safety of our students. To make the best decision, our Transportation Director Benji Britt travels the roads through the night to ensure our bus drivers and our students can arrive safely if there is bad weather. Our administration is in contact with the weather service and checks weather maps through the night and each day before evaluating all data to make the best decision for our students.

In bad weather, the District may cancel school, release students early, or call for a late start. Each one of these options may be announced using our AIM notification system, may be posted on our website and our Facebook page, and may be announced on local radio and television stations. If you are not receiving telephone calls through the AIM system advising of school closings, please contact your child's school to verify your telephone information.

LATE START PROCEDURE:

In the event of a late start, there will be a two-hour delay in bus pick up and the start of classes. For example, on normal days, if your child's bus comes at 6:30 a.m., on the day of a late start, the bus would not pick up your child until approximately 8:30 a.m. The following schedule will be followed in the event of a late start:

Grenada High School

Reg. Start - 7:50 a.m. Late Start - 9:50 a.m.

Grenada Middle School

Reg. Start - 7:50 a.m. Late Start - 9:50 a.m.

Grenada Upper Elementary

Reg. Start - 7:40 a.m. Late Start - 9:40 a.m.

Grenada Elementary

Reg. Start - 7:50 a.m. Late Start - 9:50 a.m.

Even with a late start, there may be several bus routes that are difficult to travel. If it is determined that buses should not travel these routes when a late start is called, alternative means of transportation may be provided or these students may be excused from class. If this situation occurs, the Superintendent and our transportation department will make this determination and make every effort to contact the families on these routes.

Assigned teachers will be on duty at the regular morning times for students whose parents MUST drop them off early. Please note, a late start would not delay dismissal times.

Remember, if you do not see a post about a school closing, then the District is in session. As a public school we are required by law to attend a certain number of days each school year and to have a day counted as a school day we must attend a Mississippi Department of Education specified number of hours. When we have to close schools, we are required to make up the days, which will interfere with Easter, spring break or summer.

We appreciate the cooperation that parents, students, and staff members have shown during our recent school early releases and closing. Please remember that the safety of our children is our greatest concern.

GMS Spelling Bee Winners



Anna Francis

By Anna Johnson
GMS Teacher

The Grenada Middle School 2013 Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, January 31, at Grenada Upper Elementary School. There were nineteen participants who spelled in a total of twenty-three rounds.

The top five winners received cash prizes donated by the GMS Parent Teacher Organization. The PTO also provided the judges with gift cards to McAllister's Deli.

There was a tie for fifth place between Kameron Mallett and Shelby Greer. Brooklynn Willie



Kayla Byford



Johniah Freelon



Brooklyn Willie

placed fourth, Johniah Freelon placed third, and Kayla Byford placed second.

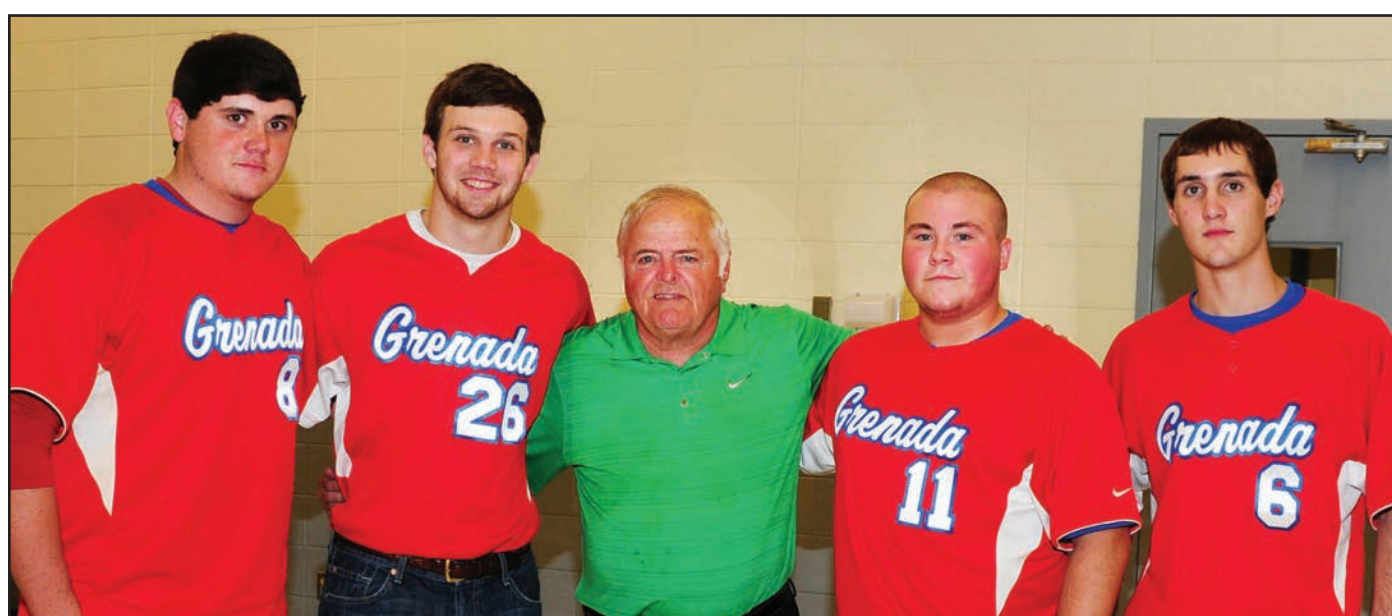
The 2013 Spelling Bee Champion was Anna Francis. The winning words were "ambitious" and "magnificent." Anna will represent GMS in the Mid-South Spelling Bee, which will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 2, 2013. The winner of this bee earns the right to attend the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May.

Anna is a sixth grade gifted student at GMS. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicole & Rodney Francis. Anna has been on the Superintendent's List, Principal's List, and Honor Roll. Her hobbies include reading and fast pitch softball.



Kameron Mallett and Shelby Greer

Ron Polk Speaks at GHS First Pitch Banquet



GHS Senior Baseball Players (l to r) Dalton Thomas, Payne Horan, Ron Polk, Cody Carson, and Hunter Bull take a moment to pose with Ron Polk after the GSD First Pitch Banquet.

By Linda Moore
Diamond Club Member

The GHS Diamond Club recently hosted GHS and GMS baseball programs' First Pitch Banquet which kicks off the baseball season each year. The guest speaker for the event was former Mississippi State University Head Baseball Coach Ron Polk who currently serves as a volunteer assistant coach for University of Alabama at

Birmingham.

The banquet menu was a delicious spaghetti supper which was enjoyed by all in attendance. Coach Polk is a highly sought after speaker and he did not disappoint. He told stories from his impressive forty-seven year career in coaching and included a few humorous impromptu segments about Coach Jake Yarborough and a few GHS players. The night was a great success. Coach Polk stressed to the team to do their

best and try to do something to help someone every day.

The first GHS Baseball home game will be Thursday, February, 28, and the GMS team will be traveling to South Panola for their opener on the same day.

The GSD baseball coaches and players would like to invite everyone to come out and support our teams. Good Luck Grenada Chargers!