

# Grenada Middle School Spelling Bee

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The Grenada Middle School 2013-2014 Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, January 23, at Grenada Middle School. There were twenty-one participants who spelled a total of eleven rounds.

This year the spelling bee had twenty-one participants, Summer Lee, Austin Vaughn, Damascus Bolden, Javier Booker, Arasi Farmer, Anna Francis, Johniah Freelon, Destiny Gayden, Shaunna George, Sterlin George, Jacheela Hanner, Timmy Herrington, Amyria Kimble, Nakyrh Medcafe, Liquori Owens, Da'various Ratliff, J'arie Sanders, Alexa Simko, Saavon Washington, Brooklyn Willie, and Christian Willis. Congratulations to each of these students for a job well done.

The top five winners received cash prizes donated by the GMS Parent Teacher Organization, (PTO). The judges were presented gift cards to McAlister's Deli in appreciation of their time and effort.

Summer Lee placed fifth, Christian Willis placed fourth, Timmy Herrington placed third, and Shaunna George placed second.

The 2013-2014 Spelling Bee Champion was Alexa Simko. The winning word was "grouse". Alexa will represent GMS in the Mid-South Spelling Bee, which will be held in Memphis, Tennessee. The winner of this bee earns the right to attend the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May. Alexa is a sixth grade LEAP student at GMS. Her hobbies include gymnastics, drawing and Girl Scouts. Congratulations, Alexa!



2014 GMS Spelling Bee Champion  
Alexa Simko

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Shaunna George - 2nd place



Timmy Herrington 3rd place



Christian Willis 4th place



Summer Lee 5th place

## Mississippi Bandmasters Association State Clinic...



The Grenada School District students shown recently attended the 2013 Mississippi Bandmasters Association State Clinic. (left to right) Eighth grader, Leah Pettit; Junior, Dakota Young; and Sophomore, Dylan Teas.

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