



## Superintendent's Message

Dr. David Daigneault

## GHS Students Collect for Food Drive



Grenada High School students Jesse Meadows, Joslin Roby, Charles Stockstill, and Brandy Hardy display over 1000 canned food items that were collected by GHS students before Christmas. These items were split equally between the local food pantry and soup kitchen.

## GSD Crisis Management Plans

The Grenada School District students, staff, and administration were deeply saddened to hear the news of the school shooting at a Connecticut elementary school. This concern grew with the information of the additional violence in our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family members. The safety of our students is always the top priority in our District and we take seriously our responsibility to ensure the safety of our students every day.

The District would like to take this opportunity to remind all of our families that we have a Crisis Management Plan in place at each school to handle emergency situations. This Plan has been reevaluated and additional safety procedures have been added to strengthen our Plan. Several initiatives have already been implemented and several are in progress, including electronic entry systems with audio and video, metal detectors, additional security guards, and interior and exterior cameras.

We work with the Grenada police and fire departments to prepare for emergencies and regularly practice our safety procedures with students and staff through discussions and emergency exercises. While no amount of planning can guarantee that a tragedy such as this will not occur, we are doing everything we know to keep students and staff safe while at school. We conduct regular drills, including those for a building lockdown, for fire, tornado, and earthquake. We have a screening check-in process for all visitors for each campus. All exterior doors are locked and security officers are on duty at all schools.

We have an ongoing process for revising, evaluating, and updating our Plan. Our Crisis Management Plan follows the Mississippi Department of Education outline and was devised through collaboration with local emergency officials consisting of police, fire department, sheriff's department, City Council members, Board of Supervisors, and civil defense. All of these entities are familiar with school layouts, have surveyed our schools for potential problems, and have provided input for the Plan. In the wake of the Connecticut tragedy, we have reconvened our crisis team and checked and improved our current plans.

We are currently re-teaching and reviewing our Plan with principals and teachers to further emphasize the importance of preparation and awareness. Our current Crisis Management Plan, listed on the school website for parents to peruse, is revised and updated annually and reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

## Kidzeum Opens Mississippi Exhibit



Akera Jones and Elijah Fishke from Mrs. Hood's first grade looping class at GES are ready to keep "rolling along" as they choose one of the towns in our Magnolia State with a unique name. The Kidzeum's brand new exhibit is titled, "Go, Mississippi!"

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Kidzeum Director

There is a new "Mississippi Mystery" visitor in the Kidzeum! The students at Grenada Elementary School will encounter this visitor when they come for the new exhibit titled, "Go, Mississippi"! Students will enter the exhibit between steamboat smokestacks from a Mississippi Riverboat as they enter to learn what our State has to offer.

The Kidzeum is divided into the different regions of our State so the students will get a sample of why each part of our

State holds such fascinating importance. The children will discover all about this grand "Magnolia State" from the Mississippi Native Americans of long ago to today's well-known Mississippians.

The children at GES will become "Junior Archeologists" as they sift through a little sand to uncover what Mississippi natives might have used and how they lived.

Fun facts about our State symbols will be a challenge to learn as students walk through the Kidzeum's State Capital. The boys and girls will actually get to touch and feel different wildlife that reflect the State symbols, thanks to our friends at the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife and The Corps of Engineers at Grenada Lake.

Moving along the main highway of Mississippi, the children will work their way to the Coastal region to help measure a whole catch of fish from the "SS Kidzeum" fishing/shrimp boat located in the exhibit area. The students will use their mathematical measuring skills to complete this "hands-on" activity.

For this first visit, the children will also see and feel some of Mississippi's main crops, cotton and soy beans. Students will discover which crop produces the different products we use every day in our homes and that others use around the world.

For the second visit to this new exhibit, the students will learn about other important products from our State, especially the dairy products. The children will milk a simulated milking cow, thanks to our friends at Farm Bureau, and shop in the Kidzeum grocery to discover products made from Mississippi crops. The students will be able to hear sounds from the Mississippi Delta region and taste a bite of a Mississippi treat.

Thanks to the 2012 Leadership Grenada Team which helped to make this exhibit possible.