

Grenada School District Outperforms State on the 2014-2015 PARCC Assessments

Superintendent's Message Dr. David Daigneault

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) results for the 2014-2015 school year showed MS school districts, including Grenada, exceeded expectations. PARCC was a standard set of assessments given last spring in both math and English. Scores are categorized into levels one through five.

- Level 5 (A) – Exceeds expectations
- Level 4 (B) – Meets expectations
- Level 3 (C) – Approaching expectations
- Level 4 (D) – Partially meeting expectations
- Level 1 (F) – Did not meet expectations

According to the Mississippi Department of Education, 27% of students statewide scored at a level 4 or 5. Approximately 30% of students scored Level 3.

The Grenada School District outperformed the state average in Levels 4 and 5 in all grades 3-8 in both language arts and math, and also in Algebra I and English II. The District also outperformed the national PARCC scores in all areas except 4th grade English (PARCC 42%, GSD 40%) and 5th grade English (PARCC 40%, GSD 35%). 8th grade math scores ranked Grenada as the #4 district in the state with 46% of students scoring Level 4 or 5, compared to the State's average of 28%.

Superintendent, Dr. David Daigneault is very proud of both the staff and students. "We are very pleased with the performance of our students, teachers, specialists, and principals. These scores prove we are headed in the right direction. We have now targeted areas of concern and are busy preparing students to be successful on the new MS Assessment Program, provided by Questar."

"This new assessment, which will be administered in the spring, will be the 3rd testing company to administer tests in Mississippi in the past 3 years," Dr. Daigneault said. "It will be difficult to measure progress, but we are monitoring student mastery of the Mississippi College and Career Standards through our District Common Assessments and i-Ready data. Student success at each grade level is our primary goal and our administrators, specialists, and teachers are continually working hard to achieve that success."

The following chart documents the Grenada School District's PARCC results for 2014-2015:

	English Language Arts	Math
Grade 3	Levels 4-5	
PARCC	38%	38%
State of Mississippi	29%	33%
GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT	40.20%	53.50%
Grade 4	Levels 4-5	
PARCC	42%	32%
State of Mississippi	30%	27%
GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT	39.60%	42.10%
Grade 5	Levels 4-5	
PARCC	40%	32%
State of Mississippi	28%	25%
GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT	34.50%	25.80%
Grade 6	Levels 4-5	
PARCC	39%	32%
State of Mississippi	29%	25%
GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT	42.10%	34.80%
Grade 7	Levels 4-5	
PARCC	42%	29%
State of Mississippi	31%	20%
GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT	48.10%	31.30%
Grade 8	Levels 4-5	
PARCC	42%	27%
State of Mississippi	31%	28%
GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT	46.00%	46.80%
English II	Levels 4-5	
PARCC	38%	
State of Mississippi	48%	
GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT	62%	
Algebra I	Levels 4-5	
PARCC		31%
State of Mississippi		27%
GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT		38%

Kidzeum Hosts Annual Grandparents' Day



Beth Whittemore and Houston Whittemore



Cathy Embry and Harper Newcomb



Carolyn Ferguson, Colby Ferguson, Tyler Ferguson, and Grace Grant



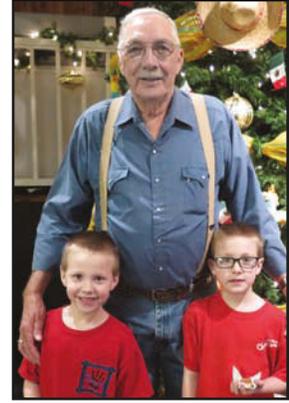
Kathy Little and Emily Allen



Tristan Davenport, Josephine Hughes, and Gimari Grant



Jimmy Mitchell, Samuel Loggin, and Barbara Mitchell



(back) Bud Hill, Cooper Donaho, and Eli Donaho

By Beth Muselwhite
Kidzeum Director

The Kidzeum at Grenada Elementary School held its annual Open House for Grandparents on Friday, December 11, 2015. It was a huge success!! Grandparents and friends joined their grandchildren from 9:00 until 12:30 to tour the Kidzeum's exhibit for Christmas. As guests arrived at GES, Principals Dr. Vivian Simmons and Mr. Raleigh Wood greeted them at the school's entrance. At the Kidzeum, they were welcomed by Mrs. Beth Muselwhite, Director of The Kidzeum, and Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault. Sounds of the season were enjoyed in the exhibit area as Mr. Morris Hubbard played the piano. Special Christmas cookies, a recipe for Mexican Hot Chocolate, and lots of fun were shared by everyone at the Christmas in Mexico exhibit.

Students led their grandparents through the Kidzeum to discover a Mexican adobe hut, Mexican market place, and the Kidzeum kitchen, bank, and grocery store and met Stufee, the Kidzeum's mascot. The tree was decorated with large, gold Christmas balls, sombreros, pinatas, moracas, and large colorful paper flowers. Friendly faces were all around the Kidzeum as AmeriCorps help-

ers and the Kidzeum Assistants helped guests through the Open House.

Each year The Kidzeum celebrates the season with a "hands-on" exhibit of a different country at Christmas. The students are able to learn about a particular country and how boys and girls live and learn in their own country compared to how we live in the United States. Every year the exhibit for the country at Christmas alternates from a country that is warm or somewhere that is cold for this time of year.

During this exhibit about Christmas in Mexico, the students learned to count from one to ten and how to say several color words in Spanish. They learned how to weave blankets and baskets and how to play a traditional Mexican game called el ballero, which means ball and cup game. The students even got to taste a little of Mexico on their second visit as they sipped on Agua de Sandia, which means "watermelon water".

The Kidzeum's current exhibit is titled, "Exploring Antarctica". Students will visit this exhibit two times to learn about the life around the fifth largest continent that scientists call "the Land of Ice".

Students Audition for All State Honor Choir



(front l to r) Ian Cook, Cinaiya Brown, Alexa Simco, Jamya Benson, Zion Fox, (back l to r) John Goodson, and Lane Connor

Reading Fair Correction



Kayla Herrington received the award of Honorable Mention in the GMS Reading Fair for the category of Non - Fiction.