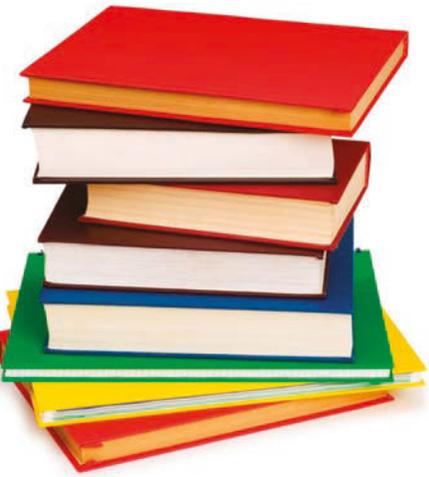


GSD Parent Resource Center Provides Helpful Material



By Galen Holley
Staff Writer

For every GSD parent who's suffered cold sweats at the thought of helping their child with math, or wondered how to pry some online "screen time" from their progeny's white-knuckled grip, help has arrived.

In fact, its been here for some time. The Grenada School District Parent Resource Center offers how-to lessons and practical, step-by-step material on almost every subject imaginable. From pamphlets on cyber-bullying and calculus to college readiness guides, help with financial aid forms for college, and French flash cards, the resource center, located in the old Lizzie Horn School Building next to the Boys and Girls Club on Line Street, has just about anything a parent could want to bolster their child's educational experience.

"This is a hidden gem and so few people are taking advantage of it," said Center Coordinator Myra Muirhead. The resource center is funded in part by the 21st Century Grant, a dispersal of \$1.6 million awarded to GSD over five years, to provide alternative learning opportunities for students and parents.

Every Tuesday night at 6:00pm the Parent Center provides Parenting Classes. They are free and open to the public.

Muirhead gestured toward the south wall, past shelves of bright, educative toys for the little ones, past rows of worn, formidable-looking textbooks and racks of pamphlets saying things like "Effective Parenting" and "Improve Critical Reading." "Over here, we have five computers with internet access," said Muirhead. "Color printing is available at no charge." She paused, as if searching for a description. "It's like a world of learning and resources right here for the taking," she said.

On one table, forms for federal student aid were laid out, along with booklets about the GED test. Information about every college in the State papered the east wall, alongside instructive material on everything from peer pressure to Petrarchan sonnets. The modules on improved parenting had kindly, almost musical titles, like *Love and Logic*, and all were from esteemed, accredited sources. The racks even held a manual on good, old-fashioned cursive writing, a rather patrician, antediluvian skill that ranks right up there in relevance with butter-churning and chimney sweeping for today's youngsters. "Maybe it's coming back," said Muirhead, smiling.

The resource center has been open for eight years, but Muirhead scratches her head about why more parents of Grenada School District students don't visit. As best she can figure, not many know it's there.

"We need to get the word out and invite more people in," Muirhead said, opening her arms wide. "We're here to serve." If you have any questions about the Parent Center, please call 662-227-3370.

GHS Band Members Chosen for Lions All-State Band



Photo by Lisa Holland

Dylan Teas and Jadarius Avery were selected to represent Grenada and the State of Mississippi to perform with the 2015 Mississippi Lions All-State Band. Over 500 students across the State attended the two week audition process, with only the top 150 chosen for the group. In July, this year's band will travel to Fukuoka, Japan, and compete in the International Lions Convention parade.

Students Recognized for Contest Participation



Suzanne Smith and Zac Cook



Janiya Rounds and Suzanne Smith



Matthew Melton, Suzanne Smith and Jayvon Herron

By Suzanne Smith
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During August, September, and October over 150 students in grades K-8 participated in a statewide reading contest. The contest was sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Educators and provided students the opportunity to read books for a chance to win tickets to the Egg Bowl. For every six books that the students read, they were allowed to choose a team and submit their entries. In November, names were drawn and the tickets were awarded. Although no Grenada students won the statewide competition, the Grenada Association of Educators drew the names of two students from



Genesis Amorin, Suzanne Smith and Makenzie Jones

each school to reward them for their participation in the contest. Each student was awarded a Mississippi State or an Ole Miss mug filled with candy and a Wal-Mart gift card as encouragement to continue their reading efforts.



The Grenada Lions Club is taking applications to sponsor 2 high school boys and 2 girls for weekend Leadership Conferences in March. Students can be either 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. The Conferences will be held in Jackson area at Roosevelt Park facilities and will be paid for by The Grenada Lions Club. The Girls Conference is the weekend before spring break, March 11-13. The Boys Conference is the weekend after break, March 18-20. Anyone interested, please call Pamela Hubbard at 226-1955 or 662-374-3710 for more information.

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