

Data Walls Guide Instruction



Superintendent's Message Dr. David Daigneault

In order to ensure academic growth for each child, GSD is developing "Data Walls" to provide a visual image of academic growth. Developed by GMS Principal Marshall Whittemore, Data Walls provide a visual, interactive representation of data displaying results over a period of time. Data Walls offer an "at a glance" look at a school's data as a whole, for specific classrooms, and for individual students.

Data Walls use magnetic color-coded boards and magnets to define hallway and classroom charts of progress. Student scores are shown with a number system to ensure data confidentiality. Status of progress is easily observed in color-coded score ranges. This graphic enables teachers to utilize the info from the Data Walls to guide instructional decision-making, determine small group instruction, and assist students in achieving their goals.

The information displayed on the Data Walls tracks the progress of each student toward their personalized goal of academic achievement. The tool used to measure the

student's progress is called District Common Assessments (which are the Nine Weeks tests).

After each District Common Assessment, teachers and students analyze results to determine if students are on track to achieve their goals. Students and teachers identify areas of strength and areas of growth, so teachers can provide enrichment and remediation in areas needed.

Students goals are determined from yearly standardized score data required by the State. Each child's scale score and proficiency and accountability level is based on their standardized tests. Last year's test was called Questar or PARCC, this year's test is MAP (Mississippi Assessment Program).

The goals and assessment statistics are portrayed on the Data Walls to create a picture of individual, classroom, and grade level progress. Data Walls is a visual communication tool that assists students and teachers in measuring academic progress and establishing goals throughout the school year.

DATA WALL

SUBJECT/GRADE:

SCORE RANGE SCORE RANGE SCORE RANGE SCORE RANGE SCORE RANGE



GHS Beauty Review



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Grenada High School top six winners for the 2016 Beauty Review are: (l to r) Katlyn Hargett (5th Alternate), Catherine Pannel (3rd Alternate), Presley Caldwell (1st Alternate), Ladayjah Buchanan (Most Beautiful), Madison Martin (2nd Alternate), and Lyndie DeLoach (4th Alternate)



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The winner of Most Handsome was announced at the Grenada High Beauty Review. Handsomes are: (l to r) Jadarius O'Neal, Javaris (J.J.) Russell, Most Handsome Christopher (C.J.) Avery, Stone Henley, Bryan Barrow, and Tristan Anthony.

Armory Enables Expansion of Services

The Mississippi Army National Guard has relinquished the National Guard Armory facility on Jackson Avenue to the Grenada School District to enable the expansion of services and opportunities for the children of Grenada. The blueprints and keys of the facility were given to the District October 21. The District received maintenance information and a tour of the facility. GSD is grateful to the Mississippi Army National Guard for their service in offering the space for the education of our children.

The facility, near Grenada High School, the former Central Office Building, Softball Field, and Athletic Facility, will provide easy access for GSD students. The Armory will offer spaces for classroom space, offices, and storage. GSD will continue to utilize the facility for community events such as voting, military recruitment, and St. Nicholas Treasure Chest functions.

"The Armory has so many possibilities for increasing our services for our students, says GHS Principal Jerry Williams. "The proximity to Grenada High School has great potential for expanding classroom options and providing needed space."

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The Mississippi Armory National Guard, represented by Col Paul McDonald, left, LTC William Walley, Branch Chief, Facility Office, second from left, and Chuck Evans Facility Manager, far right, present the blueprints and keys for the National Guard Armory to the Grenada School District, represented by Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault, second from right. The Armory will enable the expansion of services and opportunities for the children of Grenada.