

# Kidzeum Hosts Pioneer Week



Kendall Tyner and William Holland participate in Pioneer Week at the Kidzeum.

By Beth Muslewhite  
Kidzeum Director

The Kidzeum hosted Pioneer Week, October 7th-11th at Grenada Elementary School. This week was a culmination of the Fall exhibit in the Kidzeum titled, Pioneer Days! Pioneer Week provided an opportunity for the students at GES to involve themselves in the time of the westward movement of the 1800's. This week was sponsored by the Grenada Elementary School PTA and by proceeds from the sales of Kidzeum t-shirts.

Artisans from different areas of Mississippi shared their talents to entertain the K-3 students during this week. Storytellers, beekeepers, a juggler, quilters, and farriers brought



Pat Arinder demonstrates a toy doll that was popular during the pioneer days.

the children back in time to the Pioneer Days! The artists' visits were financed through Grenada Elementary PTA and Kidzeum t-shirt sales.

On Monday, students visited David Livingston, a juggler

and string game expert. He has been a frequent visitor to GES for previous Pioneer Weeks. He explained how pioneer children invented their own games as he presented a great juggling show. He involved each child in making a personal string game to take home.

On Tuesday, local beekeeper, Brad Garrett, shared his love of keeping bees. His sessions included; information about beehives, history of beekeeping, and lots of bee fun!

Pat Arinder, an avid Early American History buff came from Amory to make history come alive. Arinder presented details of a pioneer's everyday life and told how the settlers gathered their food and made their clothing. The children even had a chance to participate in playing wooden instruments and adding costume pieces to



Sanford Bennett explains the importance of beekeeping to the pioneers.

their attire. In addition to his storytelling, Arinder shared his talent of playing his homemade banjo.

The students enjoyed June Caldwell, a storyteller from Pontotoc on Wednesday. She combined her energetic storytelling style with humor and the magical sounds of the dulcimer and guitar. She involved the children with hands-on experiences throughout her program.

The children also enjoyed



Mrs. Jerry Hammonds displays a quilt pattern popular during pioneer times.

exhibits from ladies from the Stitching Sisters Quilt group from Gore Springs. Mrs. Jerry Hammonds explained different quilt patterns that pioneers might have used. Quilting is a creative activity perfect to enjoy with friends and community members. The ladies demonstrated the process of quilting for the students with the same methods used by the pioneers.

Thursday brought another local beekeeper, Sanford Bennett. Sanford's sessions included beehives, live bees, and lots of fun! Sanford included an explanation of how he processes delicious honey each year.

Doris Jones, a storyteller from Madison, helped the students discover the fun that stories and reading can bring to their lives. Jones kept the

audience engaged with her animated, interactive storytelling style she is so well known for throughout Mississippi.

Two of our very own teachers from GES, Tasha Lemley and Lekela Lancaster, are farriers and demonstrated for the children when blacksmiths created horseshoes and other metal works with their own hands. With a real horse as their assistant, these two teachers demonstrated their talent and love for horses.

The students also benefitted from an Outreach Conservation Educator from the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science.

Jennifer Jerrolds is a wildlife enthusiast who shared her desire for wildlife and the outdoors. She brought a few reptile friends from the museum in Jackson to help encourage the children to explore Mississippi's natural environment.

The Kidzeum would like to thank all of the pioneer visitors, PTA, and students at GES for making Pioneer Week such a wonderful, fun-learning success!

The next exhibit in the Kidzeum will be Christmas Down Under! Watch for more information and details as this exhibit opens October 28th. Look for the new schedule coming soon for The Kidzeum's Open House for Grandparents that will be Friday, December 13, 2013.

## Grenada Bands Host State Marching Festival

By Steven Hugley  
Band Director

Saturday, October 12, the Grenada High School and Middle School campuses were filled with over 20 bands from around the region. Grenada High School was the host of the Region 2 MHSAA State Marching Evaluation and the Grenada Lake Marching Classic. Over 2,600 performers, dozens of band directors, and thousands of spectators from Desoto County to Webster County and throughout Northwest Mississippi came to Grenada for adjudication on the state level and to support their communities.

The bands received a number rating from 1-4

that corresponds with their level of performance; 1 – Superior, 2 – Excellent, 3 – Fair, 4 – Poor. All bands were judged by a panel of 6 judges; 3 overall band judges, a color guard judge, a percussion judge, and a drum major judge. For the 34th consecutive year the Grenada Bands received All Superior ratings. The judges were of the highest quality and were from throughout the Southeast.

The band directors are extremely proud of the students' performance and hard work throughout the year. The band staff would also like to thank all administrators and the band booster organization for their help with the festival. Without those people the festival would not have been possible.

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