

2013 Red Ribbon Week



Students at Grenada Middle School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week from October 28- 31st. The Director of the Mississippi Tobacco Free Coalition Sue Mashburne will present each student with stickers, ribbons, and other incentives during the week as a reminder to say no to all drugs and tobacco products. Students (l to r) Peyton Trotter, Elizabeth Braswell, and Cas Britt share a few of the incentives with Teacher Suzanne Smith.

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program. The week's activities reach millions of Americans. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life, including tobacco.

The Mississippi Tobacco Free Coalition of Grenada, Yalobusha, and Calhoun Counties work to reduce tobacco related disease and death by educating children, teens, and adults about the dangers of

tobacco, encouraging communities to implement smokefree ordinances, and promoting tobacco cessation services. Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable death in the United States. The MTFCs in Mississippi work together to educate our citizens - both young and old - about the dangers of tobacco use.

Red Ribbon Week activities at all GSD schools offers parents an excellent opportunity to discuss drug abuse prevention with their students.

Charger Stadium Adds New Scoreboard



Community Donors contributing to the new scoreboard are: Grenada Paper - Wes Banks, True Value-Jimmy Jeffords, Renasant Bank- Tommy Jones, Kirk Auto Group- Dynamite, Scott, and Cannon Kirk, Sunset Chrysler-Jason Neal, Farm Bureau-Al Cummins, WalMart - Jim Legge, and Talahatchie General Hospital.

Bull Bottom Farms Visit GES Students

By Katie Hood
GES Librarian

On Monday, September 18, the children at Grenada Elementary School got a real treat. Librarian Katie Hood invited the owners/operators of Bull Bottom Farms to read aloud to K -3rd graders. Katie Robinson from Bull Bottom Farms began by reading the story *Spookley the Square Pumpkin* by Joe Troiano, and then showcased a variety of pumpkins grown at their farms. The children were allowed to see, touch, and experience the different pumpkins which came in all shapes, sizes and colors—not just your typical Jack-O-Lantern-style!

The combination of the story and the colorful, sometimes crazy-shaped, pumpkins allowed the Bull Bottom Farms' volunteers to promote an important message about accepting differences in each other. The book taught the kids a valuable lesson that not only applied to pumpkins, but also to people. Just like the pumpkins



Katie Robinson from Bull Bottom Farms recently shared a book with GES students.

come in all shapes, sizes, and colors, so do the students of Grenada Elementary School! The pumpkins, which were donated by the family owned and operated Bull Bottom Farms, are currently on display in the GES library for children to continue to enjoy.

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GES Students Collect Tabs



Photo by Martha Liberto

GES students Sydney Reece and Ethan Hobson invite the community to donate pop tabs to Blake Kendall, the son of GES teacher Laura Kendall. Blake was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Each quart of pop tabs will finance a treatment for Blake at St. Jude. Donations of pop tabs can be sent with any GES student or staff member.