

GMS Basketball Cheerleaders Earn Awards



Photo by Stacia Jackson

(front l to r) Kyla Steele, Keochius Rhymes, Jakayla Ammons, Nadia Lemon, Taniya Townes, Madison Hughes, (back l to r) Ashlyn Boclear, Ashareah Williams, Autumn Davis, Zion Lott, Kayla Herrington, Erinisha Savage, Mersie Watkins, Katelyn Winters, Aubrey Colbert Not Pictured: Skyler Buchanan

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GMS Basketball Cheer Sponsor

The Grenada Middle School Basketball Cheerleader Squad recently attended a UCA summer camp at Mississippi State University. Although there were some prestigious squads in attendance, the GMS basketball cheerleaders brought home the overall trophy for superior ratings. They also won numerous gold ribbons for squad performances throughout the week.

In addition, six members of the squad were selected to try out for the UCA All-

American Cheerleader Squad. These girls were; Jakayla Ammons, Aubrey Colbert, Kayla Steele, Ashareah Williams, Madison Huges, and Kayla Herrington.

Zion Lott received an award for demonstrating her leadership skills. Jakayla Ammons and Kayla Herrington were chosen for UCA All-American Cheerleader Squad and received an honorary medal for their accomplishment.

Our District is extremely proud of the 2016-2017 Basketball Cheerleader Squad.

GUES Students Entertained with "Move to Learn"



Coach Calhoun with the "Move to Learn" project explains to the GUES students the importance of respecting their teachers. Students were attentive as he gave a motivational message intertwined with a physical workout. "Move to Learn" is a program developed by The Bower Foundation to help students become better learners through physical activity breaks in normal classroom activities.

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Reject All Tobacco Group Entertains GUES Students



Photo by Tonya Wiggins

Nayah Dean, Anne Elizabeth Pittman, Jacelyn Frierson, (back, l to r) Lauren Grant, Kyle Gordon, Dominique Black, Andrew Gardner, Margaret Adams, Sam Hartnett, and Rat Coordinator Sara Johnston

The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi sponsored a performance by the "Reject All Tobacco" (RAT) Pack at Grenada Upper Elementary School. The RAT Pack is touring nearly 70 schools statewide this year. The educational troupe reaches thousands of elementary students through its clever performances and teaches them to "Reject All Tobacco".

The teenage performance group is led by Terrance the Rat and their performances target children in grades K-6. Terrance encourages the students to "Tell Somebody" about the dangers of tobacco usage, exposure to secondhand smoke, and electronic nicotine delivery system products.

RAT Pack performances are interactive and teach health lessons in an entertaining way for the students. Mississippi artists have helped to provide their support of tobacco-free lifestyles in children by

writing the lyrics and music for all of the songs used during the performances.

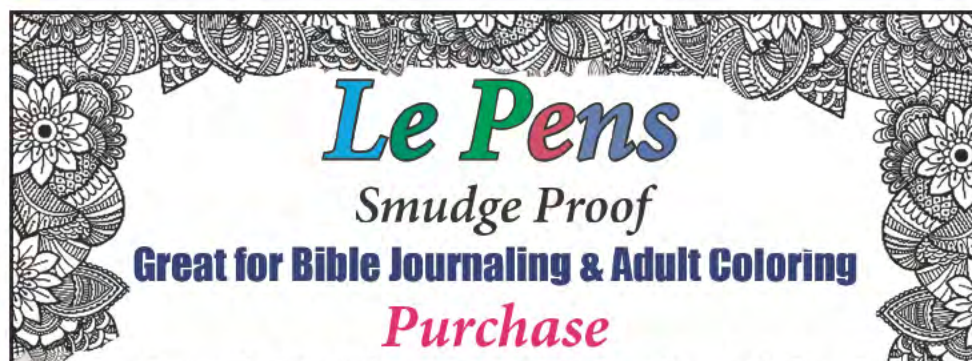
"The teens have a lot of fun performing for the various schools," said Suzanne Ellis, Youth Programs Director for the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi. "But the greatest part of performing is in knowing that we are impacting the lives of these children and the future choices they will make."

For a schedule of RAT Pack performances, please call the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi at 601-420-2414 or visit www.gorat.com.

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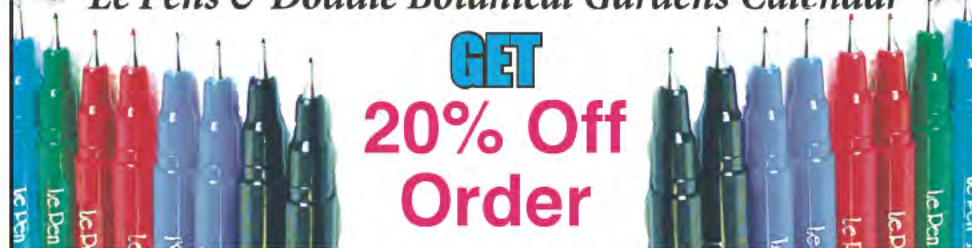
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