

Elementary News

Grenada Elementary is Science Savvy

Author Alyssa Killebrew reads *Charlie the Peanut*



2011 GES Best of Fair
Heidi Clark

Heidi Clark was the overall winner of the GES Science Fair. With fifty participants, her project "Cleaning Up a Spill" won Best of Fair. The purpose of her experiment was to investigate which material would clean up an oil spill the best. She tried hay, hair, and wood shavings. Her hypothesis stated that hair would soak up oil better than the other materials, but the results proved hay to be the best at cleaning up an oil spill.



Jamya Benson, Alyssa Killebrew,
and KimHong Kangheng

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Alyssa Killebrew visited the LEAP 2nd and 3rd grade students. She read her book *Charlie the Peanut* to a class of enthusiastic children.

The idea for her story came from a dream her husband had one night while he was planting his peanut crop. Mrs. Killebrew, who is working on her doctorate in counseling, wrote the book to teach children that they should learn to be happy with where they are and what they have instead of always wishing for more.



2011 GES Runner Up Best of Fair
Reagan Wooldridge

Reagan Wooldridge won Runner Up Best of Fair for her project titled, "Smell a Licious". Reagan's hypothesis stated that people who can smell can taste better. In her experiment she used suckers to test people's ability to identify flavors after they had smelled and then tasted them. All eight of her subjects guessed more flavors correctly when they were able to smell them first.



Clayton Cox, Sterlin George, and Colin Keys enjoy using peanut butter to make healthy treats while waiting their turn to hear *Charlie the Peanut* by Alyssa Killebrew.

GMS and GHS Information and News

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Life Skills Activity Presented for GHS Students



The Mississippi State University Extension Service recently presented the “Welcome to the Real World” life skills program to GHS students. Presenters Rita Green, MS Extension Service Area Agent, and Jan Walton, 4-H Youth Agent, assigned student participants a variety of scenarios indicating their occupation, salary, and family situation. The students were instructed to take their designated monthly income and make basic living purchases by visiting 14 booths. As they visited each booth, they were instructed to deduct the chosen amount from their monthly income on their checking account statement. The activity was designed to provide a life skills awareness of financial realities. Several of those participating in the activity were, from left to right, 4-H Youth Agent Jan Walton, MS Extension Service Area Agent Rita Green, Sharnell Bowdry, Ethan Burke, and KimLeang Kangheng.

GMS Best of Fair Winner



The GMS local Science Fair was held recently on January 25 in the Middle School Gym. Forty-three entrants from grades 7 and 8 competed for local awards, vying for the opportunity to compete further in the Regional Fair to be held in Oxford in March. Eighth grade student Savannah Griffin garnered the title of Best of Fair prize for her project, *Bubbly Blast*, entered in the Chemistry category.

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Banners Made for GES Partners

GES students from Mrs. Cole’s art class recently made banners for Grenada Elementary’s adopters celebrating American Education Week. Students, from left to right, Jayden Phillips, Jakaila Ammons, Layney Goss, and Elena Chaney put the finishing touches on a design ready for delivery.