

## Elementary News

### Swedish Christmas at Kidzeum



Breanna Fielder is dressed as St. Lucia in honor of St. Lucia Day which is celebrated in Sweden.



Gracie Gaston and Jazlyn Mitchell, (above) get ready to enjoy their "reindeer sandwiches," one of the many interactive Christmas activities at the Kidzeum.

Hundreds of snowflakes, icicles, Swedish flags and happy children are all part of The Kidzeum's holiday exhibit, A Swedish Christmas. This year the children's museum is honoring the traditions of the Land of the Midnight Sun.

"We Americans share Christmas traditions from many other countries," said Kidzeum Director, Eloise Portera. We are a nation made richer by the legends of those who came to our country many years ago.



Grenada Upper Elementary School recently hosted a Project Fit America (PFA) Physical Education Conference. GUES received one of 60 Project Fit America grants in the State of Mississippi last year.

The goal and driving purpose of Project Fit America is to create new opportunities for kids to be active, fit, and healthy as part of the everyday school experience.



Anna Francis easily climbs to the top of the Pole Climb



Logan Pitcock demonstrates the Horizontal Ladder

This is accomplished through educational programs and equipment that will allow the school to successfully teach fitness education year after year. The grant provides state-of-the-art outdoor, above-ground fitness equipment as well as mobile, indoor fitness equipment.

Story by Stephanie Raper



## PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Kailey Jones and Patricia Coleman put the finishing touches on handprint turkeys which were delivered to all 2nd and 3rd grade partners.

# GMS and GHS Information and News

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## Grenada Career and Tech Student Achieves Professional Computer Certification



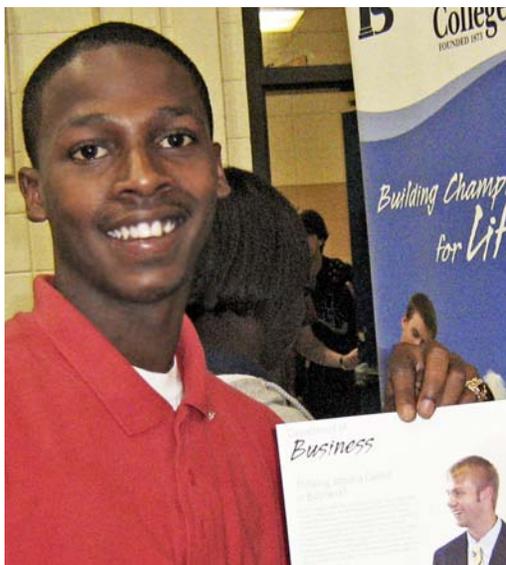
*Grenada Career and Technical Center Student Grayson Morrow proudly displays his IC3 Certification. He is the first GSD student to complete the Internet and Computer Core Certification or IC3. This certification is an internationally recognized standard for digital literacy.*

Grayson Morrow, a junior at Grenada High School, has completed the Internet and Computer Core Certification or IC3. Grayson is a student in Mr. Matthew Howell's Information Technology Class at the Grenada Career and Technical Center. As a bonus to his students, Mr. Howell offered to help any of his students that wanted to achieve the IC3 certification in conjunction with his class. Grayson Morrow is the first student in the Grenada School District to complete the IC3 Certification. When asked about his accomplishment, Grayson replied, "Info Tech is my favorite class because of what we learn and the way that Mr. Howell teaches. Now that I have this certification, I have a better chance to get a job in a computer related field. It feels like I have accomplished something my father would have done anything for when he was my age. Honestly, the day I saw my certificate, that was the greatest day of my life."

A recent study showed that companies have difficulty finding employees with the computer skills appropriate to the newly developing job market. Currently, only 22% of adults who are entering the labor market possess the technology skills that are required for the jobs open now. The Internet and Computing Core Certification or IC3 provides the knowledge needed to succeed in environments that require the use of computers and the Internet. The Global Standard 3 is an internationally recognized standard for digital literacy and reflects the most relevant skills for business today. The IC3 provides a globally recognized and highly valuable credential for people to use in their professional pursuits.

The Information Technology program is designed to provide the basic foundation, skills, and knowledge for computer networking, applica-

tions, and support, along with an introduction to programming. Students acquire network planning and management skills and the ability to provide technical support. The program provides hands-on experience in computer systems support and skill in network setup and maintenance. Industry standards referenced are from the Skill Standards for Information Technology published by the National Workforce Center for Emerging Technologies.



## Career/College Day presented at GHS

Dominique McGee visits with one of the colleges during the Grenada High School Career / College Day held recently at GHS. Grenada High School juniors and seniors were able to consult and discuss their future education goals and job ambitions with representatives from colleges, Job Corps, WIN Job Center, and career vocational trainers.

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