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CELEBRATE SPRING BREAK!

By Sadie Whitt

Greenville Christian School celebrated spring break on the week of March 10-14th. Students and teachers were happy to spend some time away from school. Many took trips. Pre-k student Avery Gumpert says she went to Dinoland. First grader Miracle Peters went to Arkansas and visited an aquarium. Grant Ellis from fourth grade went to Mexico. A highlight of this trip was swimming with dolphins. He also went bowling. Freshman Jacob Wacasey traveled to Broken Bow, Oklahoma with his family to spend some time on the lake. Secondary teacher Mrs. Erin Galyean visited Fort Worth with her family. They toured the Stockyards and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Some of our GC families stayed close to home, but still had a good time over spring break. Secondary teacher Mr. Lewis Smith enjoyed giving some guided tours and artifact hunting on the North Sulphur River. Pre-k student Will Money said he rode four-wheelers. Freshman Sam Maxwell got a new phone over spring break, and sophomore Khloe Montenegro went tanning with some friends.

Several of the secondary students spent their free time over spring break sharing the gospel. Students from Crosspoint Fellowship in Greenville led a backyard kids' club at Pradera Estates. Elizabeth Galyean, Nathan Galyean, Kade Nelson, Jillian Nelson, and Ryder Brantner participated in this missions opportunity. Sadie Whitt and Owen Pittsinger also went on a mission trip to Richardson, Texas. Overall, members of the Greenville Christian community had a fun and eventful spring break.

COMING SOON

April 2: Class Pictures

April 3: HS track meet

April 4-5: Father/Son Campout

April 7-11: Testing for grades 1-8

April 10: 4th grade ice cream shop

April 11-12: HS choir/vocal contest

April 11: 6th grade rocket launch

April 14: 7th grade Field trip

April 17: 7th grade to Music Festival

April 17: 2nd grade field trip

April 18-21: No school-Easter Break

April 22-25: Elementary book fair

April 24: PK3- 6th Open house

April 26: Prom 9th-12th

April 28: Meet GCS

April 29: 7th-12th grade choir concert

MISSIONS WEEK

By Ryder Brantner

From March 3 to March 7, Greenville Christian secondary students participated in the first annual Missions Week. GC students are familiar with serving the community through our BMW (Be My Witness) program, but this year they were given opportunities to serve in a variety of different ways over a full week.

On Monday and Tuesday, the GC freshman class prepared geography lessons with Biblical principles for the elementary students on campus. Please see the article on page 4 for more information about his activity.

On Tuesday, the students picked up trash in conjunction with the Keep Greenville Beautiful organization. Student Jack Feezel said it was a good experience. "Honestly, it felt good to see the progress that we made picking up the trash. We could

see how good it looked afterwards," said Feezel.

On Wednesday the secondary students served at Hunt County Shared Ministries (FISH) by packing over two thousand bags of food for children in need and loading them onto a trailer for distribution. Finally, students prayed over the new FISH ministry building and wrote scripture on the unfinished walls. 7th grader Cameron Faseler said "It was fun writing Bible verses on the walls. I wrote good stuff."

At the end of the week, students served at the Arms of Hope ministry in Quinlan. They did some cleaning and yard work for this organization.

Greenville Christian hopes that these experiences are valuable for students as they set a Christlike example of service for the local community.



GC students help with yard work.



Kylie Hogue, Claire Sundeen, Ella and Avery Rocky, and Avery Hudgeons sort items.



Ally White and Landon Boles pick up trash.

COLLEGE TOUR

By Jillian Nelson

During Missions Week, a group of junior girls from Greenville Christian School were able to participate in a College Tour. The tour was planned by GC staff members Dr. Shelby Miller and Mrs. Melissa Wrinkle. The group visited four college campuses in east Texas: East Texas A&M in Commerce, University of Texas at Tyler, East Texas Baptist University, and LeTourneau University. They viewed the college grounds and dorms, sampled the cafeteria foods, and

even attended a few classes.

They also reunited with GC alumni on the college tour. While at the University of Texas at Tyler, they met with GCS alumnus Shade Gladden to have lunch. At East Texas Baptist University, they had dinner with Hannah Wrinkle, a 2023 GC graduate.

GC junior Katie Bass said the college tour was a "great opportunity" to learn about colleges.



Katie Bass, Hannah Johnson, Gabby Lumby, and Allison Blaske went on the college tour.

ARKANSAS MISSION TRIP

By Sofia Wagon

During the 2025 Mission Week (March 3-7) several Greenville Christian students traveled to Arkansas to serve the Every Arkansan non-profit organization and the Arkansas Dream Center. During this week they were able to build amazing relationships with each other and within the community they were serving.

While at the Dream Center GCS students helped clean, serve food, and play with the kids. Junior Sofia Wagon said, "It was such an amazing opportunity to serve the Lord and share the love of God with others." Similarly, sophomore Khloe Montenegro states, "I liked the worship we did with the kids. That was my favorite part."

Students also worked at the Everyarkansan warehouse and got to help construct orders of food and supplies for different churches in Arkansas. The team that the GC students worked with helped the students to understand how even small things make an impact on others. According to junior, Sadie Whitt, "It was fun meeting the kids and the warehouse staff, and they really brightened our days."



Khloe Montenegro enjoys playground time with kids at the Arkansas Dream Center.



Jenna Gilley helps renovate the Arkansas Dream Center



Maddie Montenegro enjoys playground time with kids at the Arkansas Dream Center.



GC students and the staff of the Every Arkansan Warehouse.



Sean Holt, Aiden Black, and Owen Pittsinger pose at the Every Arkansan Warehouse.

GEOGRAPHY ROOMS

By Jillian Nelson

During the first two days of Mission Week, the GC ninth grade World Geography classes created Vacation Bible School-style themed rooms to teach geography facts and Bible lessons to elementary classes. The rooms were designed around Russia, Australia, and the rainforests of South America and Central Africa. The secondary students created a slideshow lesson that taught about the geography of the location and connected it to scripture. They also prepared some other fun activities to reinforce the lessons.

In the Russia room, children learned about the history of Russia and its cold climate. They got to make Russian Faberge egg crafts and were able to play in fake snow because of the cold climate in Russia.

In the Australia room, students got to guess the funny Australian word for things, and play a traditional Australian game where they try to nibble a cookie into the shape of Australia. They also learned about Uluru, a giant monolith in Australia, and how Jesus should be the rock or foundation of our lives.

In the rainforest room, kids learned all about different animals and biodiversity of the rainforest while reviewing the 6 days of creation with play dough. They also had a snack that looked like a monkey.

The geography rooms were a fun experience for the freshmen as well as the elementary students. The elementary classes voted the Australia room as their favorite.



Russia Room team members Jillian Nelson, Erin Adams, Davery Denney, and Reagan Love. (not pictured: Colton Cook)



Liam Fauley makes a Monkey Cracker snack in the



Abigail Blaske displays her Faberge egg craft from the Russia Room.



Students guess the meaning of Australian words.



Allison Tjaden creates a flower from play dough in the Rainforest Room.



Will Mahan and Levi Robbins play with the fake snow in the Russia Room.



Students try to hit the kangaroo with a paper rock during this game in the Australia Room.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

By Sadie Whitt

The Greenville Christian School theater department recently presented their spring musical. This year's performance was *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* There were three performances from Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22, 2025 in the Multi-Purpose Activity Center (MPAC) at GCS. The performances were directed by GC theater arts teacher Mrs. Jen Brown.

The performances were well-attended, and considered a success by all involved. From the acting, to the choreography, and the lighting, the whole production was wonderful. Student Khloe Montenegro said, "The music was great, and the characters were perfectly cast."

In her final GC performance Senior Taylor Mahan was outstanding as the beautiful Belle opposite sophomore Link Brown as the Beast.

Two of the youngest actors from GC also received important roles. Sixth grader Levi Robbins was cast as the butler Cogsworth, who was magically transformed into a clock. Another sixth grader, Will Mahan was selected to play Chip, the iconic boy turned teacup in the musical.

A fan favorite was Kylan Donnelly who was cast as Gaston. Donnelly said, "I didn't know how to sing at first, but with Mrs. Shasteen's help, this play gave me the opportunity to find my voice."

Sophomore Elizabeth Galyean played Madame de la Grand Bouche. She said the part was fun, but challenging to play. She also had one of the most elaborate costumes in the play.

GC music teacher Mrs. Becky Shasteen said, "I am so proud of all the students in *Beauty and the Beast*. Not only are they talented, but they also worked so hard! They did a wonderful job bringing the story to life. Congratulations to Mrs. Brown and the cast for another great GCS musical!"



*Taylor Mahan and Link Brown
as Beauty and the Beast*



*L- Braeden Smith as LeFou and Kylan
Donnelly as Gaston*



Freshman Davery Denney



*L-R KeeLee Donnelly, Will Mahan, Jamison Smith, Levi Robbins, Elizabeth Galyean,
Seated: Anabella Wagnon*

SEUSS WEEK

GC elementary students celebrated the birthday of famed children's author Dr. Seuss with a variety of events from March 3-7. Students were encouraged to dress up for Dr. Seuss theme days. On Monday, the students dressed up as a future profession to match the reading of *Oh, The Places You'll Go*. On Tuesday, students read *The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins* and wore Seussical hats. On Wednesday, students wore crazy socks for the reading of *Wacky Wednesday*. On Thursday, the theme was Dr. Seuss characters with *Hooray for Diffendoofer Day!* Friday was pajama day and DEAR DAY (Drop Everything And Read).



Back row: Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Traverse, Macie McAfee, Josie Nelson, Essie Franklin, Mrs. Cook, Luke Renshaw
Front Row: Jessica Adams, Mia Phillips, Madeline Audo, Ellie Faseler, and Emmy Lowe

DEAR DAY

By Jillian Nelson

On March 7, GC elementary students wrapped up their Dr. Seuss Week activities with "DEAR Day." DEAR stands for Drop Everything And Read. Many guests visited the GC campus to present books to the students, and they all had a fun activity for the kids to do.

Mr. Aaron Sherman read *Go Dog Go!* by P.D. Eastman to students in the gym. Students ran through an obstacle course after the reading. Mrs. Traverse read *There's a Wocket in my Pocket!* by Dr. Suess. After enjoying this book, the students colored their own wocket and put it in a small pocket. Mrs. Paula Witt, a volunteer who helps greet students at GC every morning, read *Happy Birthday to You!* by Dr. Seuss. She brought noisemakers for the students, and they all sang "Happy Birthday" to Dr. Seuss. They also enjoyed a fun popcorn snack with M&M's. Former GC teacher Mrs. Kristi Luedeke came to read *Yertle the Turtle*. She also planned a fun cup-stacking game for the students.



Former GC teacher Mrs. Paula Witt reads to students in first grade.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

By Ryder Brantner

GCS faculty would like to say a big thank you to Bradford Elite Real Estate agency for providing a popcorn bar on Thursday, March 27th. Our faculty enjoyed having a snack during the day and appreciate the support from Bradford Elite Real Estate.



Representatives from Bradford Elite Real Estate pose at the popcorn bar

GC STUDENTS GO ON 8TH GRADE TRIP

By Ryder Brantner

The Greenville Christian class of 2029 embarked on their annual 8th grade class trip on March 5-8, 2025. The 8th grade trip has been a traditional rite of passage at GC for many years.

The trip began early on Wednesday morning, and the first stop was the State Capitol in Austin. While they were at the Capitol, the House was in session so the 8th graders got to meet and talk to GC alumnus and State Representative, Brent Money. Nathan Galyean said that the tour of the Capitol was his favorite part of the trip.

Several activities were planned in the San Antonio area. For example, the students viewed the Spanish architecture at the San Jose Mission and completed a guided tour from the park service. According to the trip leader Mrs. Catherine Dierschke, this “helps connect the purpose and results of the mission and for the people who lived there.”

The 8th graders also visited the Natural Bridge Caverns, the largest cavern system in Texas while they were in San Antonio. The caverns are known for their rock formations such as stalactites and stalagmites.

The GC group also visited one of the most famous historical sites in Texas, the Alamo mission. The Alamo played an important role in the Texas Revolution, and is still a symbol of Texas independence and pride.

The students also visited the beautiful San Antonio River Walk during their trip.

On the last day, the 8th graders went to Sea World where they watched the orca, dolphin, and beluga shows. Ellen Dierschke enjoyed the orca show. The roller coasters at Sea World were also popular with the students. Student Emmett Ross said these rides were his favorite parts of the trip. Dawson Stephenson agreed, saying “I liked the Steel Eel.” All the students enjoyed the River Ride at Sea World and tried to predict who would remain dry at the end.

The 2025 8th grade trip was a great success. The students enjoyed spending time together. Class sponsor, Mrs. Catherine Dierschke loved her time on the 8th grade trip and she said, “I saw a group of students who were confident, inclusive, independent, and engaged for 3 days.”



The Orca Show at Sea World



GC Class of 2029 visits the Alamo.



GC students met Sea World mascots.



GC 8th Grade with Representative Brent Money



GC students enjoy roller coasters at Sea World

WILBURN SCHOLARSHIP

By Landon Wilburn



On February 28, GC senior Austin Wilburn signed a letter of intent to attend Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. Concordia is a Christian university that competes in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC). Wilburn received a full scholarship for his academic success and athletic ability. Greenville Christian held the signing ceremony in their gym with his teammates, coaches and family in attendance. Coach Dodson stated: "GCS is excited to announce that Austin Wilburn has signed with Concordia University of Nebraska to play football on scholarship next fall. Austin's hard work in athletics and in the classroom has earned him this achievement and we are extremely proud of him and the way he has represented GCS. All the glory be to God!" Austin Wilburn is the son of Todd and Becky Wilburn, and has been attending Greenville Christian for two years. Wilburn shared his gratitude by saying, "I'd like to thank all of my teammates, my coaches, and all my family for their support. I hope I will be an example to always set your goals high."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

By Sofia Wagnon

Kylie Hogue has been attending GCS since her freshman year. According to Kylie, "While at school, I have grown in my faith in several ways. My friends have supported me through tough times, which has helped me strengthen my faith the most. Participating in class group discussions and sharing my prayer requests has deepened my faith in knowing I have a community I can rely on to help. I have learned to see challenges as growth opportunities, strengthening my faith." After high school Kylie plans on attending East Texas A&M to get a bachelor's in Human Resource Development and then get a Teaching Certificate to become an elementary teacher.

KYLIE HOGUE



JENNA GILLEY

Jenna Gilley has been attending GCS since pre-k, and is a senior this year. While attending GCS she has made many memories and can not wait to make more. According to Jenna "I look forward to graduating and meeting new people in college." One of Jenna's favorite memories while attending school has been field day in elementary school. One piece of advice Jenna would give would be to do your homework because grades matter. After high school she plans to attend college and become a sonography technician.