

Carr Lane VPA News & Views



Fall 2019

Issue No. 10

Welcome Back! It's been a while, but we are back in business with the late, great, issue #10 for the Fall of 2019-2020! For this staff and faculty photo you'll have to turn the way-back machine to August 13, 2019. Technically, it was still the Summer of 2019, but it was the very first day that students returned to school following their summer break! The adults at Carr Lane, turned out too!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!



Carr Lane's School Counselor, Ms. Williams, and School Social Worker, Ms. Abrams staff the Carr Lane Welcome table on "Back to School" night, held the evening of August 20, 2019! Faculty, staff and dozens of families turned out for the event where everyone had a chance to meet and greet teachers and the tremendous staff that supports the work at Carr Lane VPA!



Top: Carr Lane's Family and Community Specialist, Mr. Phillips, addresses families, parents, friends and students in the auditorium on Tuesday night, August 20, 2019! **Below:** Principal Young introduces the audience to the 8th Grade Team!





Principal Young introduces the 7th Grade Team: Mr. Spink, Ms. Dickson, Ms. Kozak, Mr. Young, Mr. Jones, Ms. Grove, and 7th Grade Team Leader, Mrs. Goode-Lockley. **Below:** The 6th Grade Team: Ms. Love, Ms. Joyce, Mr. Risch, and Team Leader, Ms. Gallion



A future, Carr Lane VPA student? Time will tell!

Principal Young and the Head of The Carr Lane PTO!

SPECIAL GUESTS!



Local Radio Personality from St. Louis Radio Station 104.1 talks to students.



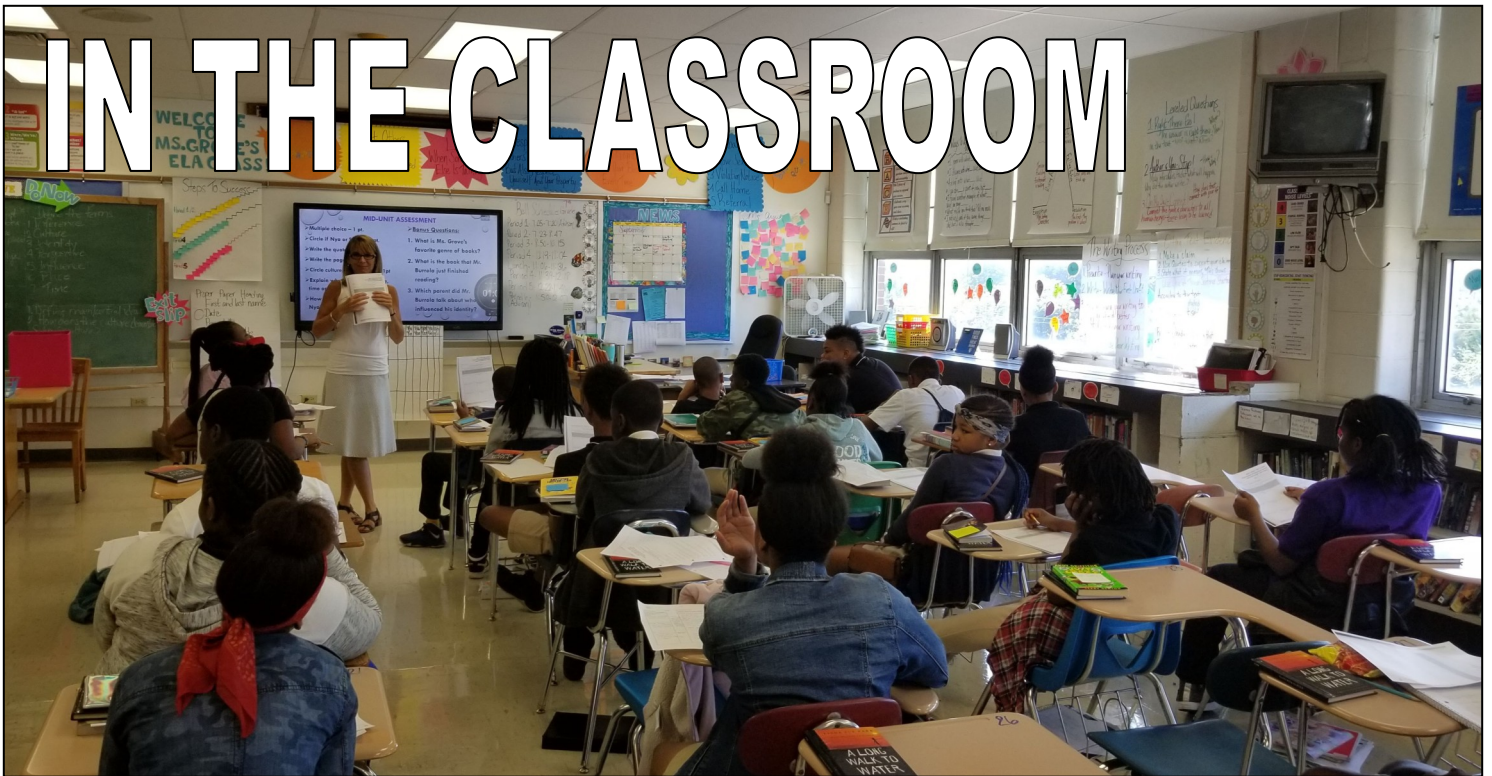
Representatives from St. Louis Public Schools' High School Recruitment Department address 8th Grade students.



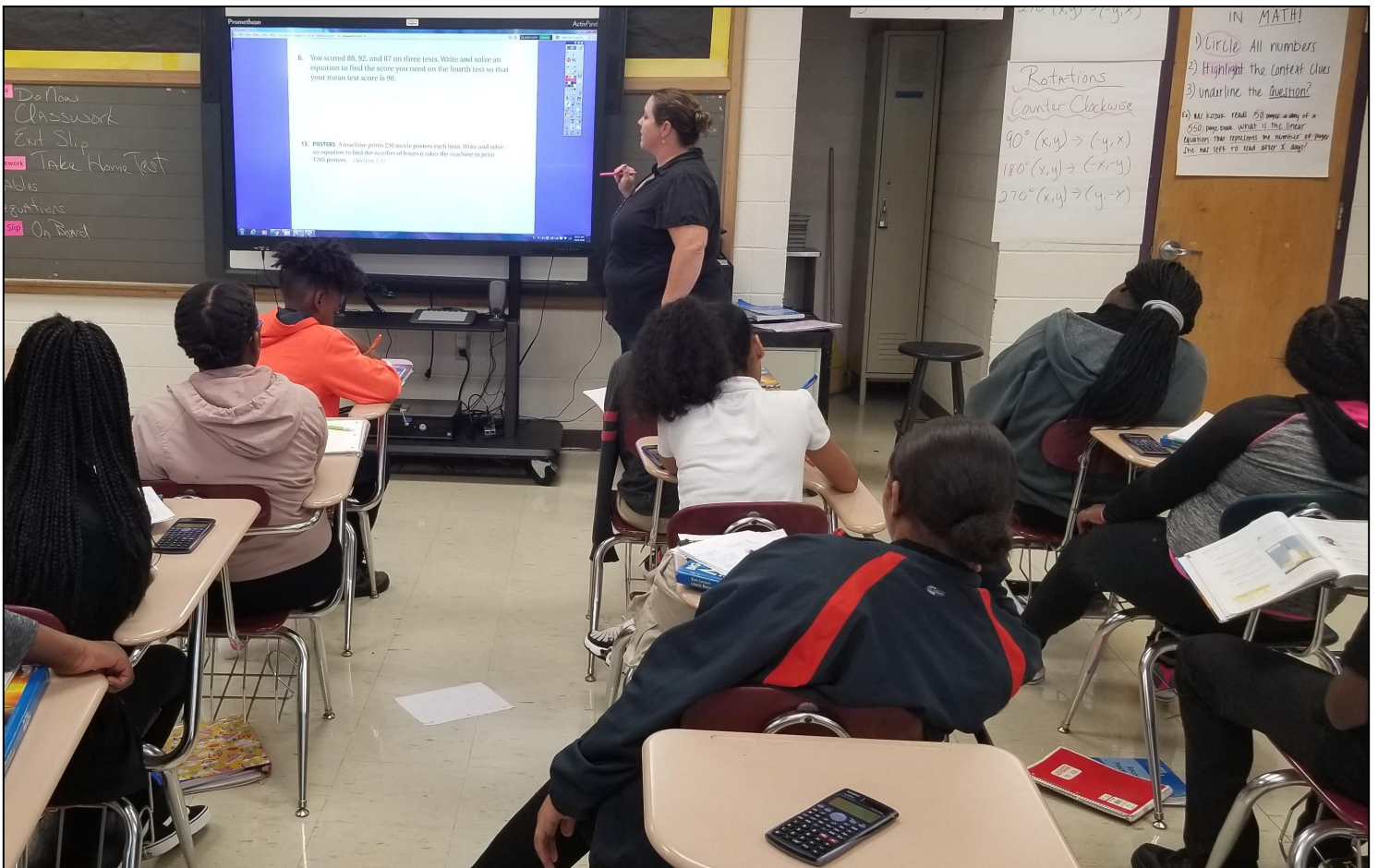
Maurice listens to what the High School recruiters have to say.



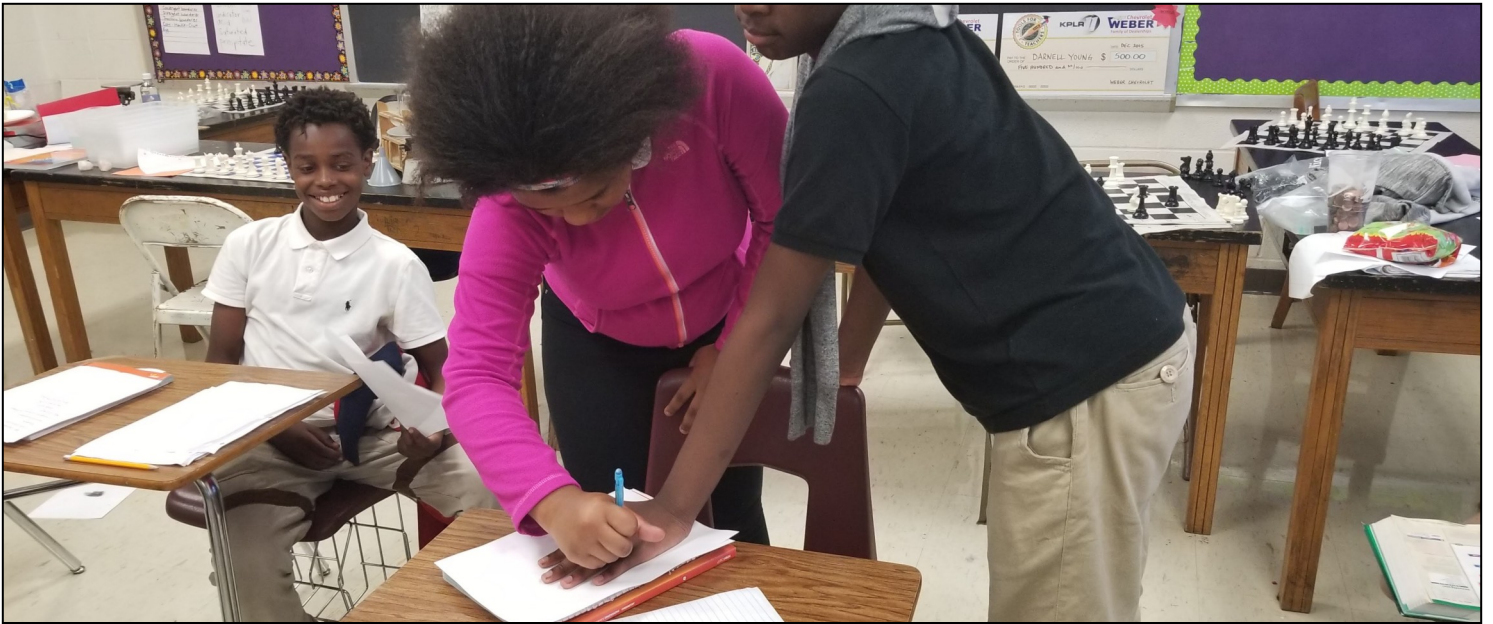
8th Graders help-out with the presentation!



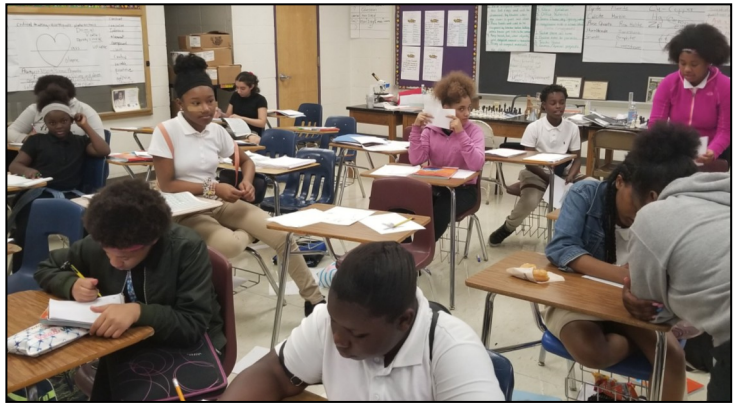
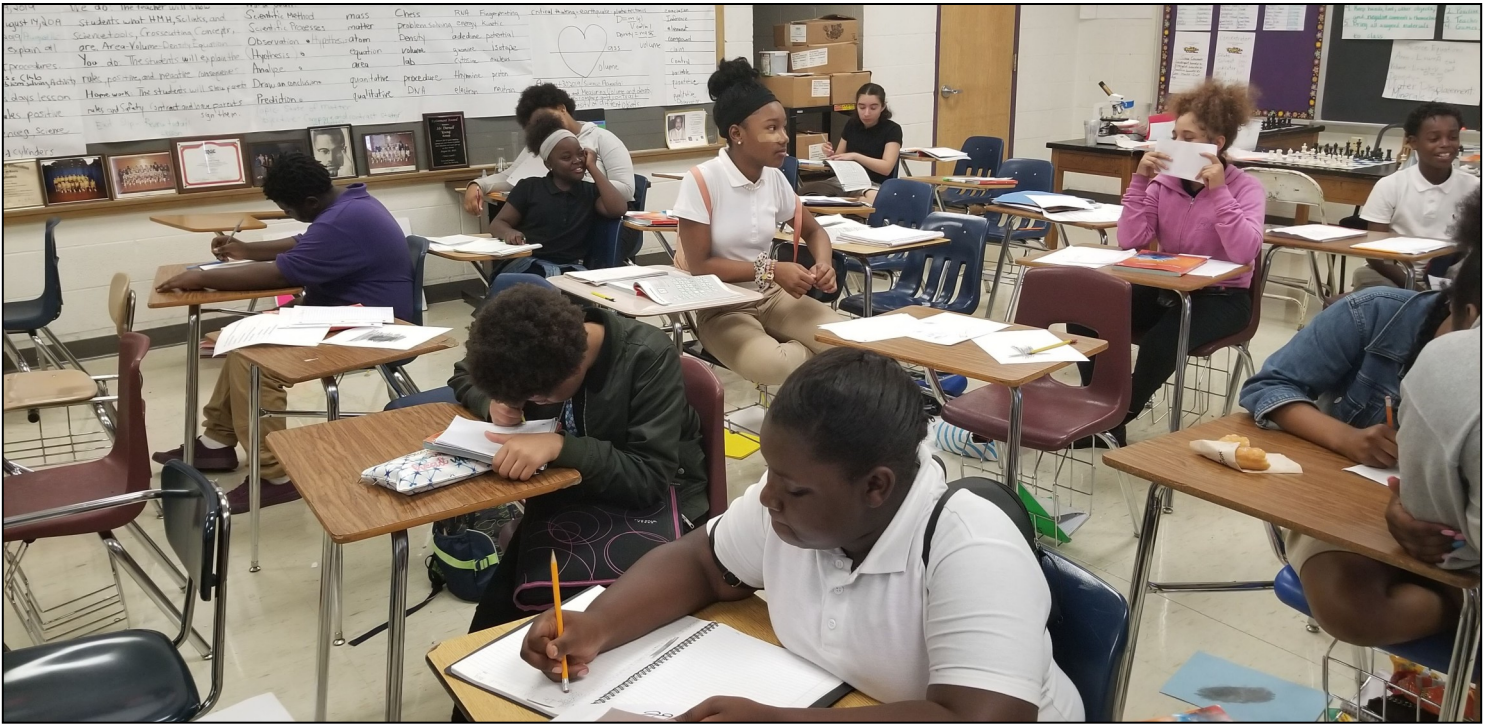
Reading Specialist and English Language Arts Teacher, Ms. Grove conducts her class.



8th Grade Team-Leader, Ms. Jarrell holds her 8th grade mathematics class.



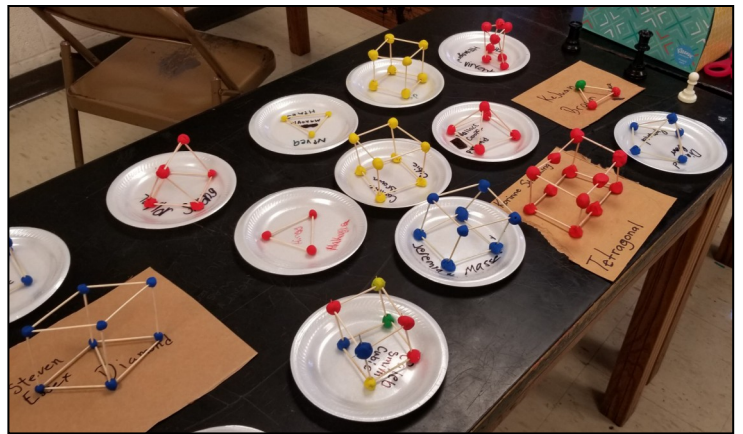
Students in Mr. Young's 7th Grade Science class use a multi-step scientific method to gather data. Ultimately, the students produced their finger-prints, unique to every individual, similar to a person's DNA "finger-print." Below, students record information.



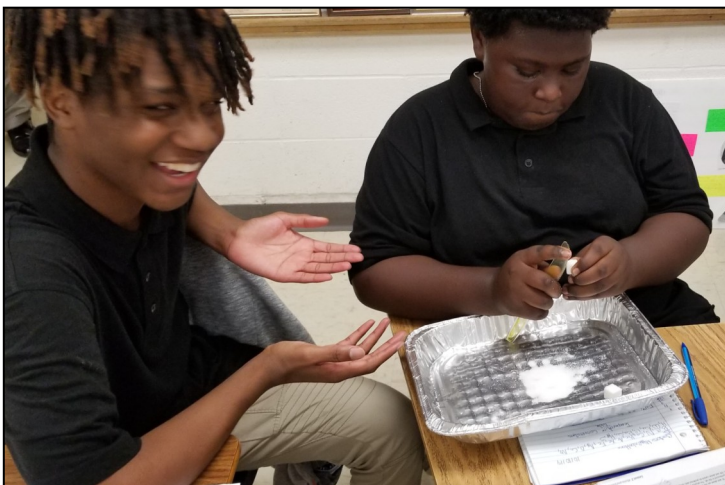
THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF MATTER!



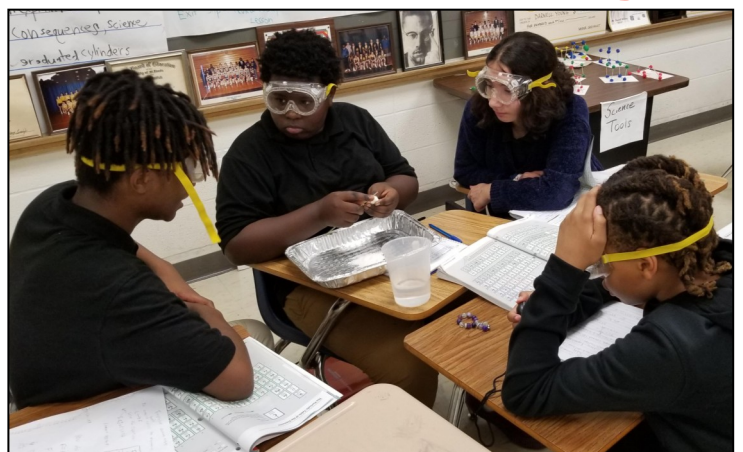
Students in Mr. Young's 7th Grade Science classes study molecular structures and represent their understanding with 3-dimensional models, with lumps of colored clay signifying individual atoms. Later, the students put their structures on display!



Meanwhile, in the Laboratory...



Crishawn "teases the product" as Carlos and team-members prepare for their experiment with chemical solutions.



How long will it take a sugar to go into solution? Will a sugar cube, or a sugar-cube shaved into fragments dissolve more quickly? Zechariah is armed with a stop-watch to record results!

CHESS!



7th graders play a game of chess during their lunchtime.

Chess: One of the world's oldest, most popular, complex and respected games! St. Louis is home to one of the world's major centers of Chess activity. At Carr Lane VPA, 7th Grade Science Teacher, Mr. Young is the sponsor of the school's Chess Club.

Chess: The classic game of strategy, invented in India in the 6th Century AD, further refined in Persia, and later developed in the Western World in Europe. The journalist Nathaniel Cooke is credited with the modern design of the chess pieces and named them after English chess master Howard Staunton. The first 500 sets were hand signed and numbered by Staunton. Jaques of London first marketed this style of playing piece in 1849, and they quickly became the world-wide standard for playing the game!



7th Grader, Steve, plays a St. Louis Police Officer during Chess Club after school in Mr. Young's room, and Steve wins the game!

HIGH SCHOOL HERE I COME!



8th Graders pose for a photo during their field trip to the annual high school fair on the Harris Stowe Campus on September 20, 2019



Carr Lane Students assemble in a Harris Stowe auditorium before heading out to learn about all their various options for High School, beginning in 2020. It was all about helping students take ownership in determining where they will spend the next four years of their lives!



Thanks to Ms. Jarrell for the great photos from the trip!

In The Studio...



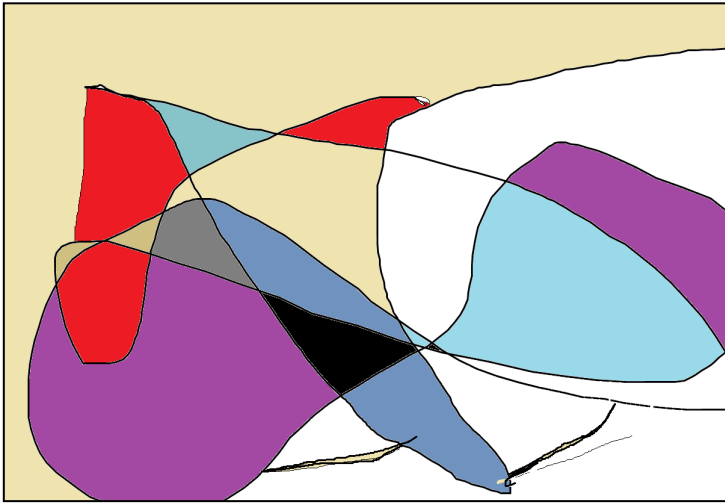
Artistic Directors from Dance St. Louis visit Carr Lane and observe a workout in Ms. Parker's dance studio!



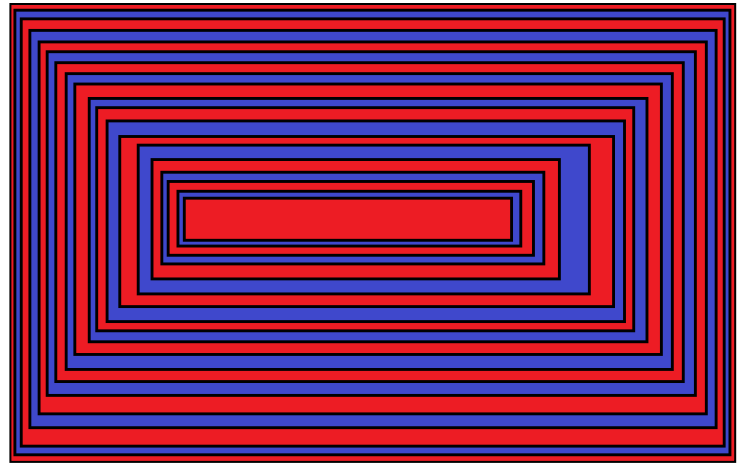
October 8, 2019. Professional dancer and star of stage and screen, Jill Allenby, visits the students with her little friend.

COMPUTER LITERACY

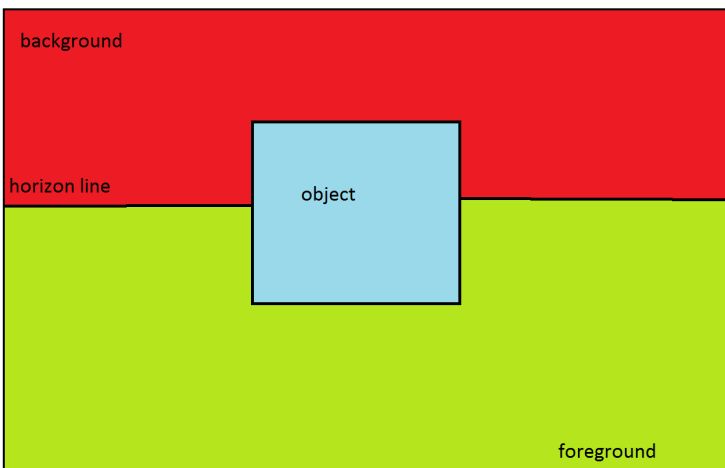
In opening lessons in their Computer Graphics Unit, students learned software tools such as resize, fill-with-color, shape, line and curve. They applied computer graphics concepts from visual art, including object, background, foreground, and horizon line.



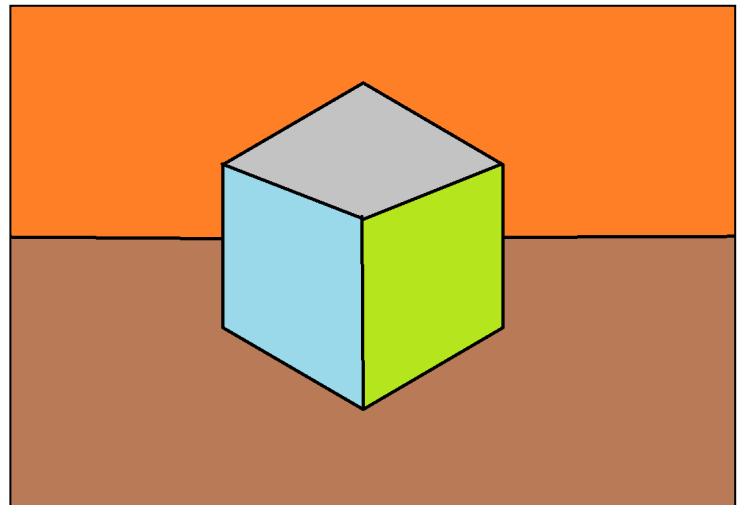
Tania's "Mosaic" (6th grade)



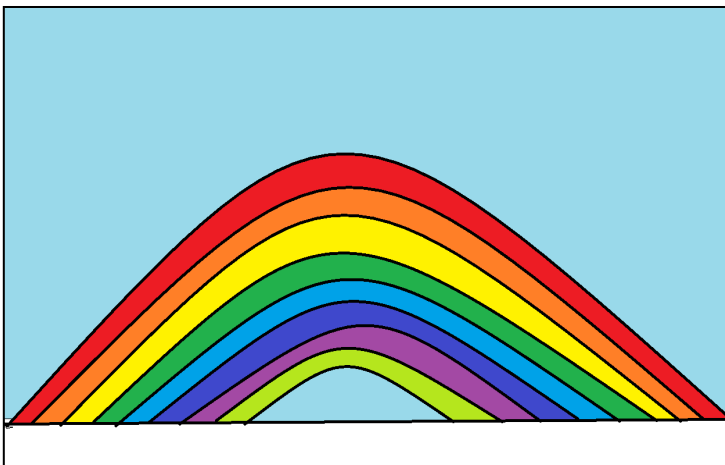
Reality's "Frames" (7th grade)



Tatum's "Object" (6th Grade)



Tatum's "Cube" (6th Grade)

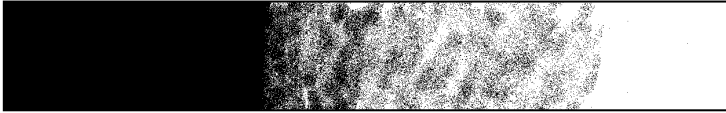


Tatum's "Rainbow" (6th Grade)

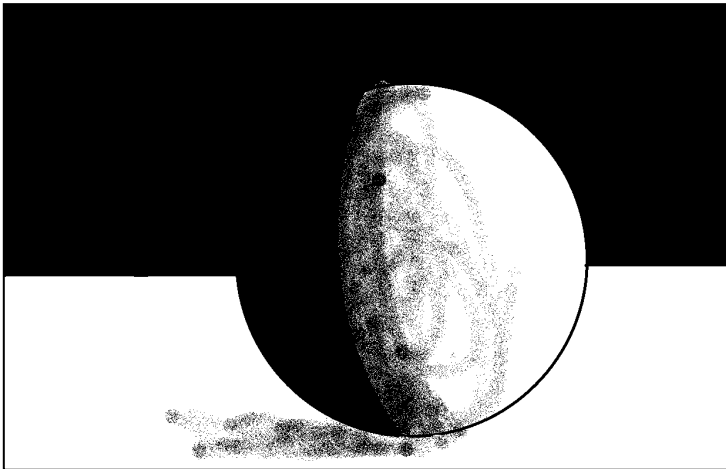


Layla's "Wavy Mavy" (7th Grade)

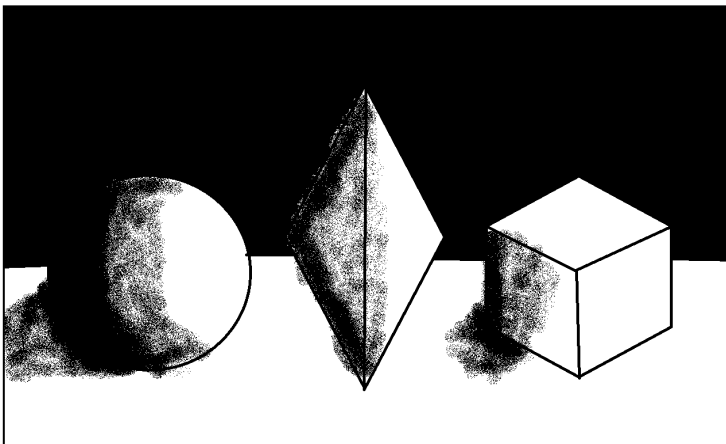
In later lessons, students used tools such as air-brush, transparent free form selection, draw-filled, copy and paste to give form and shape to concepts such as gradient, light source, shade and shadow, tessellation, perspective, point-of-view, and vanishing point.



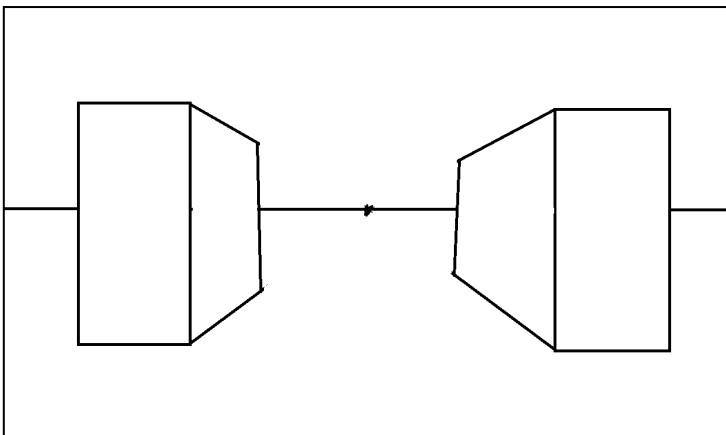
“Twilight Zone” by Reality (7th Grade).



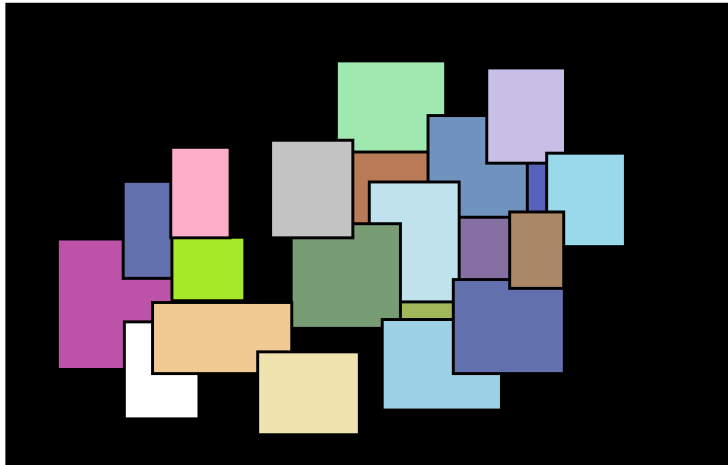
“Moon” by Tania (6th Grade).



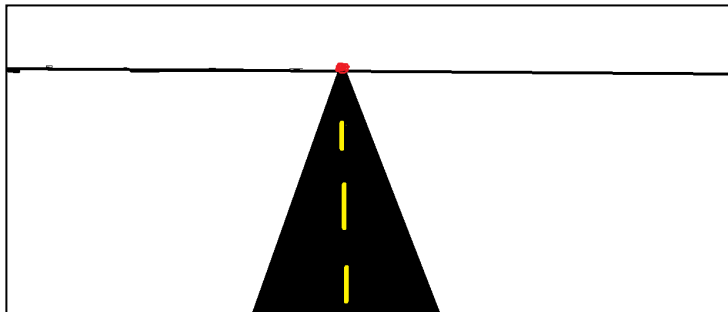
“Sphere, Pyramid, and Cube,” by Tatum (6th Grade).



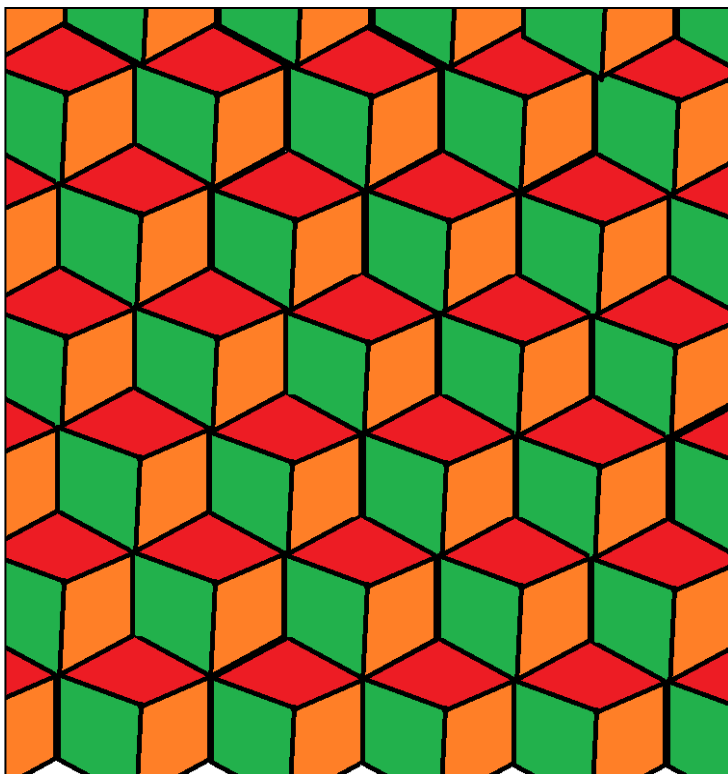
“Buildings in Perspective” by Reality (7th Grade).



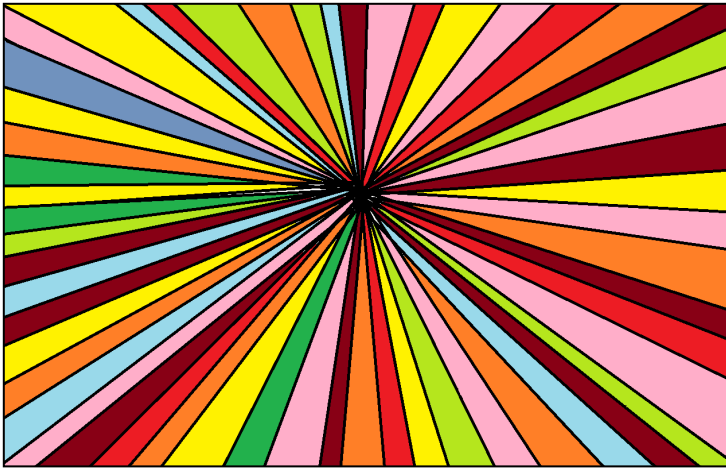
“Draw-filled” by Tania (6th Grade).



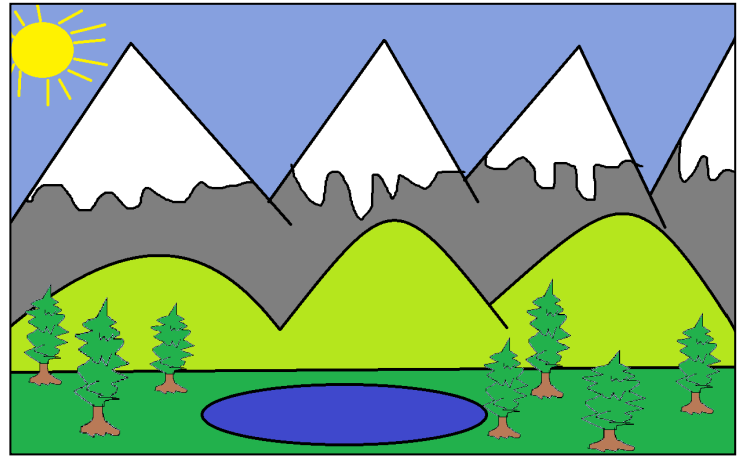
“Vanishing Point” by Tania (6th Grade).



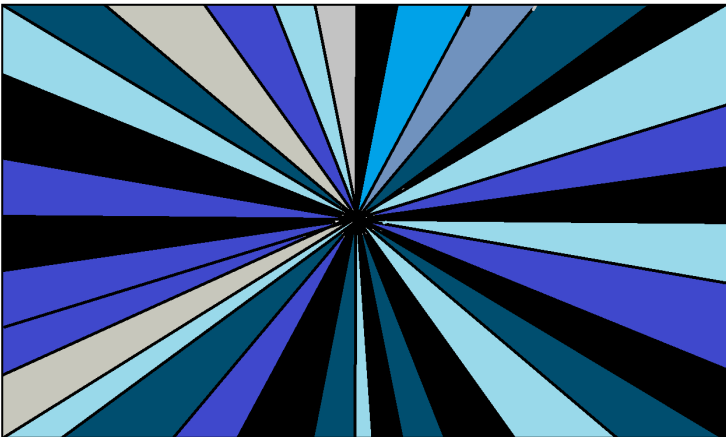
“Tessellation” by Tania (6th Grade).



"Star Burst" by Layla, 7th Grade



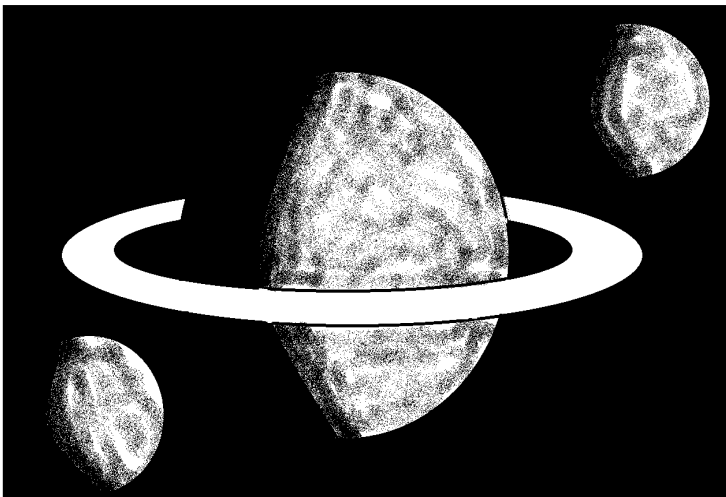
"Country Scene" by China, 7th Grade



"Starburst" by China, 7th Grade



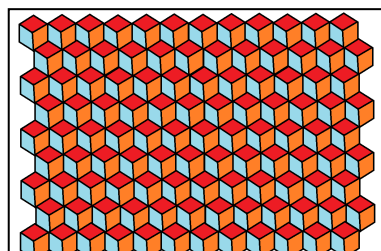
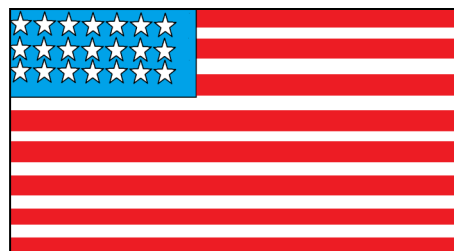
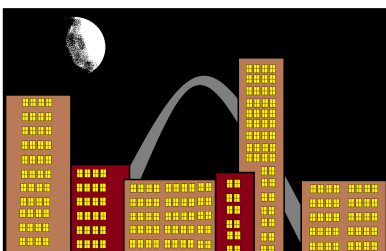
"City Scene" by Maliyah, 8th Grade



"Saturn" by Omarion, 8th Grade



"Pumpkin Patch" by Adrian (8th Grade)



Left: more pix from Tatum, (Grade 6):
City Scene
American Flag
Tessellation

ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLY



Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School pulls-out all the stops for its school-wide assembly on September 27, 2019!



VPA! Choate, Whitfield, Parker, and Folkes!



Ms. Parker's advanced dancers perform for Jaguar Nation at the Attendance Assembly on September 27, 2019! Be There!!!



Ms. Joyce and Mr. Cohen, Grade 6



7th Grade Trip to Eckert's Farms



On October 11, 2019, 7th Grade students headed east into Illinois and the wonders of 175-year-old Eckert's Farms!





The 7th Graders came home with pumpkins in time for Halloween! Thanks to Mrs. Goode-Lockley and Mr. Spink for their wonderful photographs!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

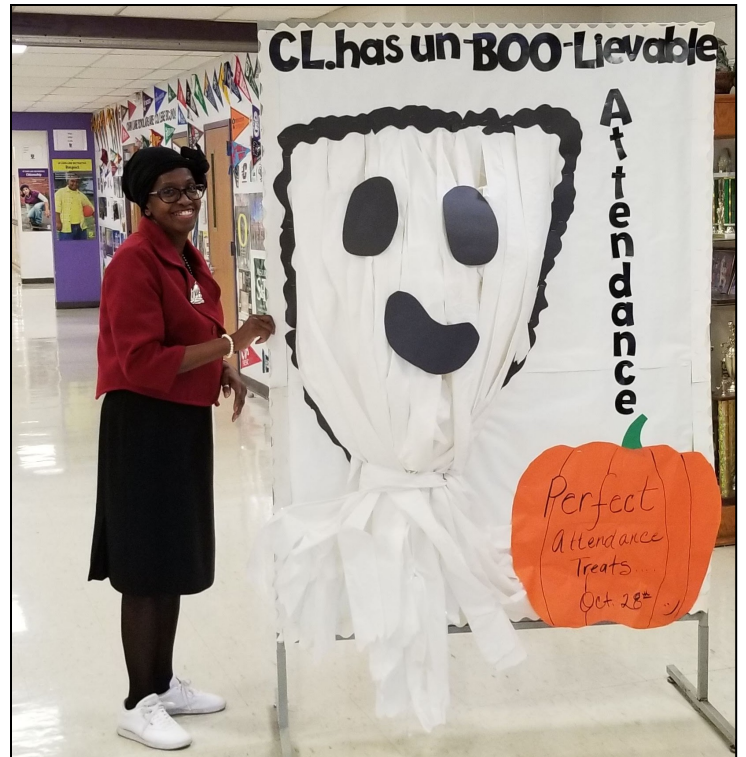
October 15-16, 2019



Parents and families arrive for the first night of Carr Lane's Parent-Teacher Conference on October 15, 2019!



Thanks to Carr Lane's Ms. Bolden who organized Carr Lane's Annual Book Fair. It started on the first night of Parent-Teacher Conferences and ran through the week!



Carr Lane VPA's School Secretary, Ms. Curry, stands-in with a Halloween display encouraging students for perfect attendance!

7th Grade Team Members!



7th Grade Team Members: Mr. Burrola, Ms. Grove, Ms. Wilson, and Ms. Kozak!

6th Grade Team Members!



6th Grade Team Members: Mr. Cohen, Ms. Hester, Ms. Gallion, and far right, Ms. Joyce, speaking to a parent!



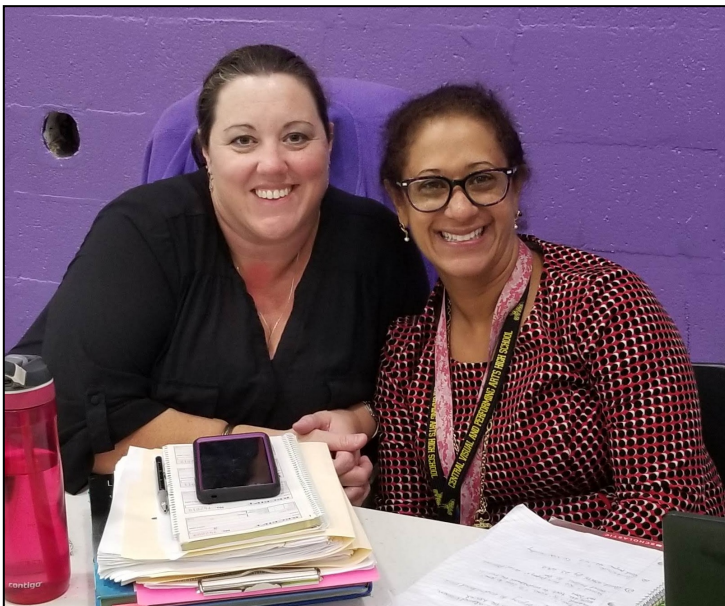
Ms. Hagler and Ms. Green!



Ms. Shipp, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Petty of the 8th Grade Team!



8th Grade teachers, Mr. Petty, Mr. Hommowun, and Mr. Wise!



8th Grade teachers, Ms. Jarrell and Ms. Garwood!



7th Grade Mathematics Teacher, Ms. Dickson!



Fine Arts Team Members, Ms. Williams and Ms. Blaylock!



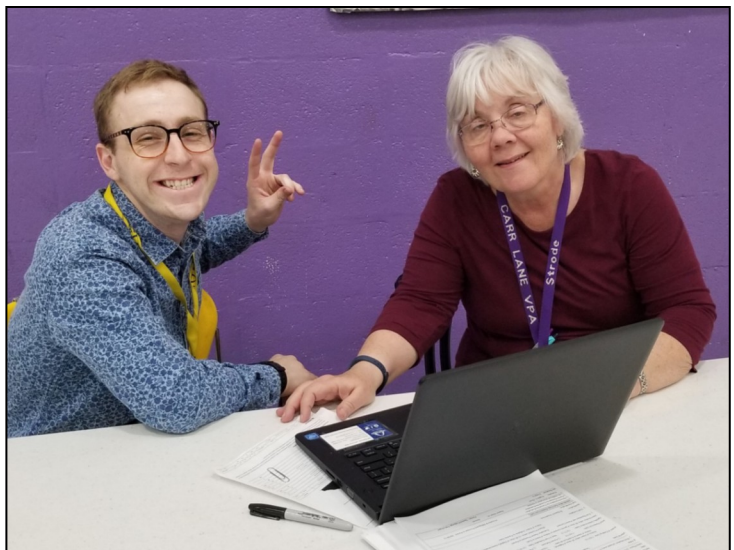
Coach Folkes and Ms. Choate!



Selfie, with Mr. Whitfield and Dr. Phoenix! (Smile, Phoenix!)



Fine Arts Team Leader, Ms. Parker and a parent!



Mr. Farmer and Ms. Strode!

Strings Assembly!



On October 17, 2019, four professional musicians took the Carr Lane VPA stage to present a strings concert for the entire Jaguar Nation. The concert high-lighted the violin and cello with moving, original compositions, vocals and keyboards.



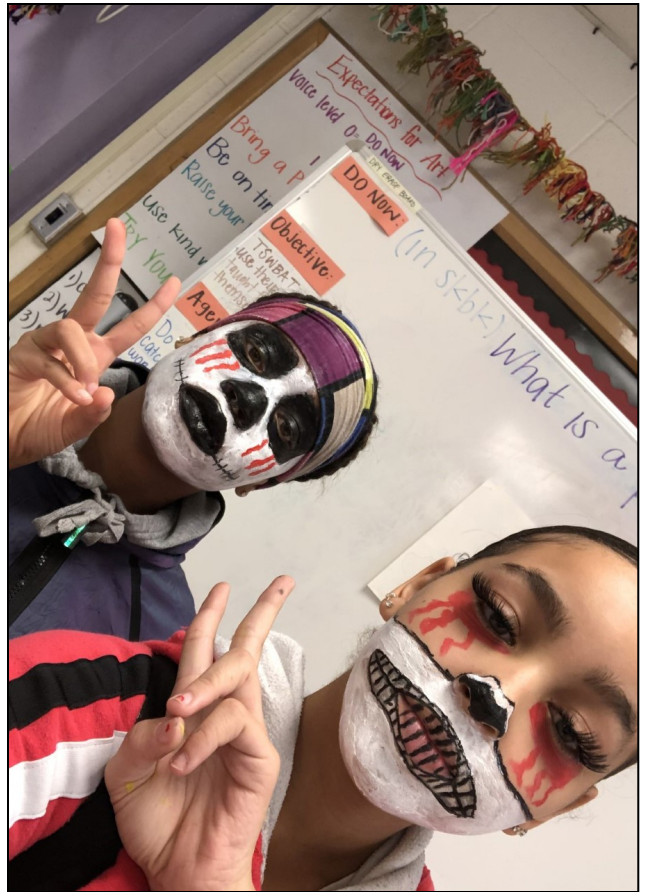
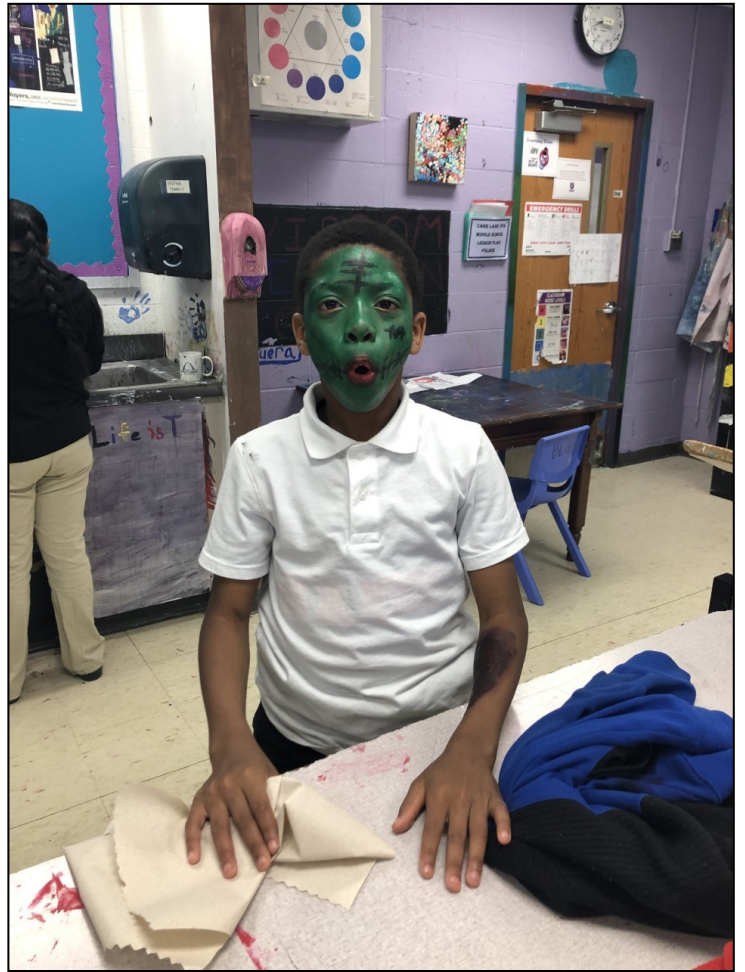


At the close of the assembly, the four performers stand-in for a photo with Principal Young and local media celebrity, Mr. Zip Rzeppa!

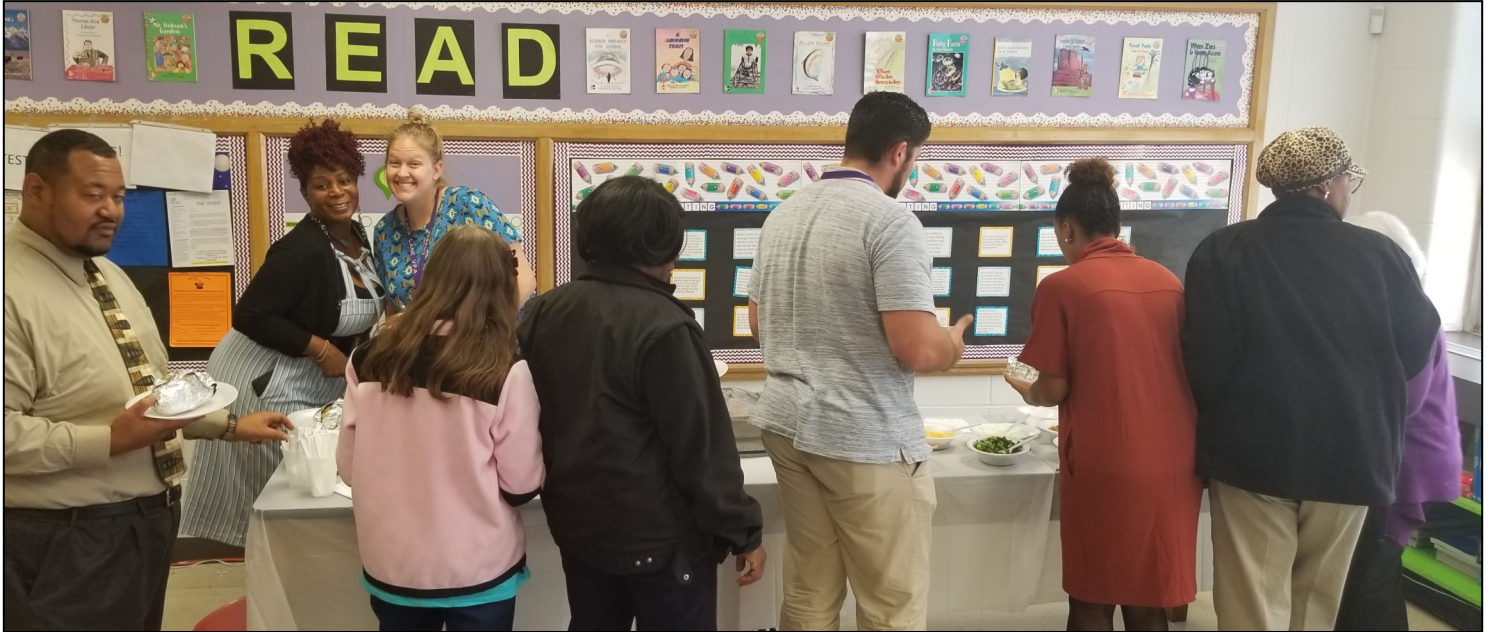
Putting the "V" in VPA!

It's Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School! The "V" in VPA stands for "Visual Arts," and Art Teacher, Ms. Choate, provides opportunities for her students to stretch their understanding of the term. As you may see in these photos provided by Ms. Choate in advance of "Red Ribbon" and "Halloween Week," often times the artistic "medium" extends to the human body itself!

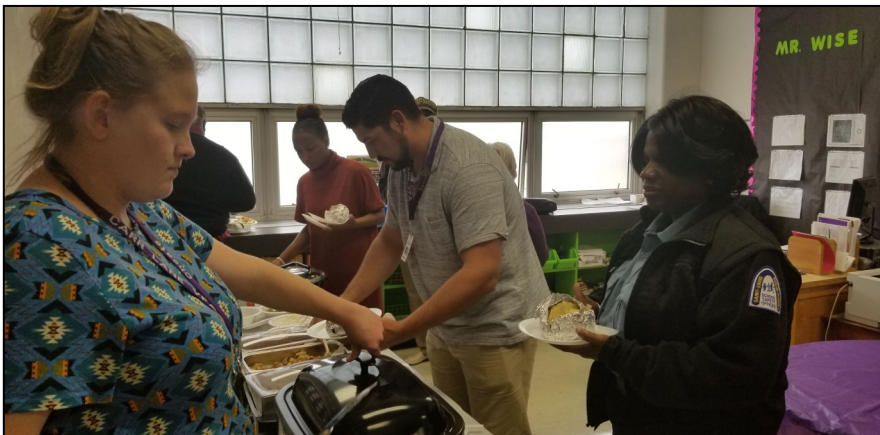
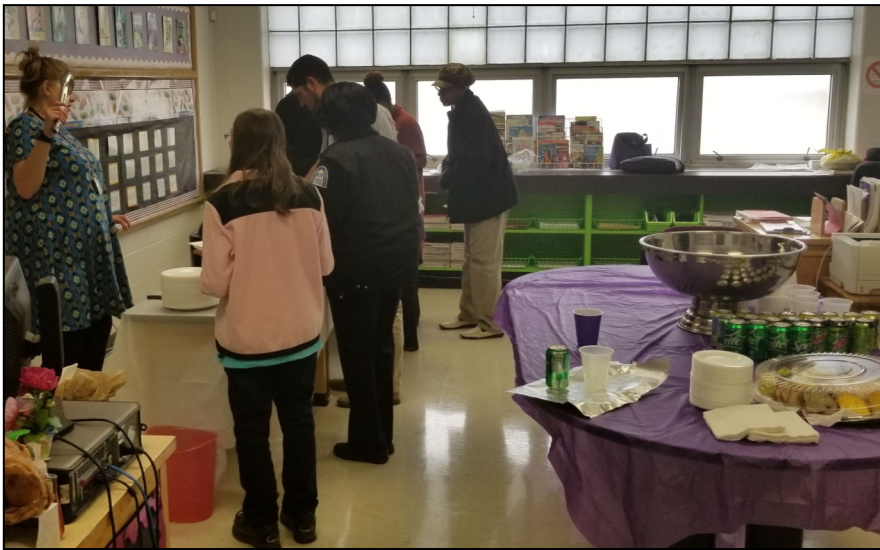




HOSPITALITY AND CLIMATE!



It's Service with a Smile! No time to catch dinner before the start of the second night of Parent-Teacher Conferences? Carr Lane Hospitality and Climate Committee came through to help! The Committee supplied a wonderful meal for its members.



Hospitality and Climate Committee Chairwoman, Mrs. Goode-Lockley and committee member Ms. Choate work the serving line on 10-16-19!



6th Grade Team Leader, Ms. Gallion, prepares to depart the school on October 11, 2019 for an over-night camp-out with 6th graders!



It's October 23, 2019 and Mr. Phillips, Carr Lane Family and Community Specialist, invites parents to Carr Lane!



A gift from staff for “Boss’s Day!” Thanks from the Carr Lane Staff to Assistant Principal Gross and Principal Young!



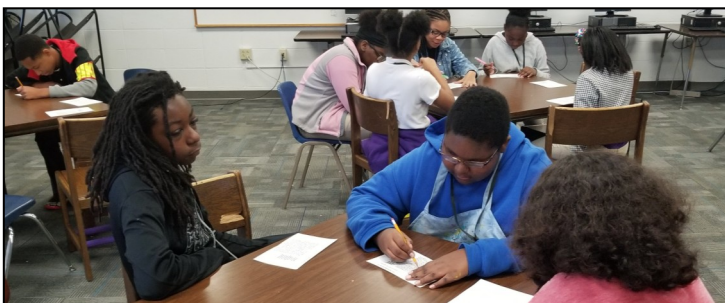
Carr Lane VPA welcomes two of our newest faculty: Ms. Wilson and Ms. Kozak: members of the 7th Grade Team!



A pic of some of the cake celebrating Mr. Young and Ms. Gross on National Boss’s Day at Carr Lane VPA on October 16, 2019!



Volunteers from Wells Fargo provide a luncheon to students in the Carr Lane VPA Library on October 24, 2019! (See below.)



Carr LaneVPA students preparing for the luncheon sponsored by Wells Fargo and its corporate volunteers on October 24, 2019!

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