

Carr Lane VPA marks the culmination of the annual Black History Month celebration with a school-wide performance in the Carr Lane Auditorium on Thursday, February 27, 2020. In this photo from the performance, Strings Teachers, Mr. Walker, conducts the orchestra alongside Vocal Music Teacher, Ms. Williams who conducts the Choir. Ms. Hill of Trio, accompanies on the grand piano.



Pre-show slide presentation of activity in and around Carr Lane VPA since the Winter Break as students take their seats.

Carr Lane VPA celebrated Black History Month for 2020 in the auditorium with a school-wide assembly and presentation by the Fine Arts Department under the direction of Ms. Parker, the VPA Department Head. Students were entertained by a pre-show ret-

rospective, a tribute to Black American History courtesy of the Computer Literacy students. Ms. Choate had a slide show presentation of her students at work on the doorway murals celebrating famous Black Americans through history. There was a segment of portraits taken by her advanced students studying portrait photography and lighting.

Performances included the debut of Ms. Elking conducting the Carr Lane VPA Concert Band. Strings teacher, Mr. Walker conducted several strings numbers and teamed up with Ms. Williams and the VPA Concert Choir. Ms. Williams went on to showcase three of her advanced Piano Students who each took the stage in turn to perform solo selections on the grand piano. The Concert Choir presented another two vocal selections.

Timiya Mosley served as Master of Ceremonies for the entire event, introducing "Guess Who" curtainraisers, where Ms. Love read facts about various, fa-



Mr. Walker conducts the strings students.



Students show concentration in performance!

mous Black Americans from History, and students in the audience had to guess the name of the person based on the clues. A line of students across the stage, directed by Ms. Parker would turn large portraits, revealing a picture of each famous person as they were revealed. The show ended with two dramatic dances choreographed and directed by Ms. Parker. The entire auditorium exploded in appreciative cheers at the conclusion. Afterwards, Ms. Parker thanked the audience. Principal Young came to the stage to address students and staff and to share a few thoughts on the significance of Black History Month. Finally, students, by grade, were dismissed to afternoon advisory and dismissal at the end of a memorable day.







Carr Lane VPA Band Teacher conducts the Concert Band.



Ms. Love leads the audience in two rounds of "Guess Who!"



Vocal Music and Piano Teacher, Ms. Williams, conducts the Carr Lane VPA Concert Choir.





Ms. Hill of Trio, accompanies the choir on piano.

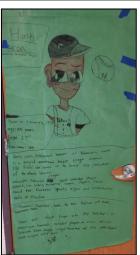




Computer Literacy students and Visual Art students contribute to the program with slide-show presentations on Black America's Civil Rights movement and the creation of "doorway murals" on famous Black Americans, displayed throughout the hallways in February!























Courageous students from Ms. Williams' piano classes each take the stage alone, in turn, in three memorable solo performances!





Ms. Choate and her art students decorate the stage. Sound and light check on the Black History Slide Show.









Powerful images from the Ms. Parker and her dance students complete the program.



At Carnahan High School!



Chaifetz Arena on the campus of St. Louis University!



The LeMoyne-Owen College Tour in Memphis!



The Tree of Lights Celebration!











Photos from the December 13, 2019 7th Grade Field Trip to Incredible Pizza!





6th Grade Field Trip!



6th Grader's Rock-Climbing Field Trip!















Carr Lane's Girls' Empowerment Magic Visits the St. Louis Chess Club in February 2020.







Carr Lane students and staff celebrated Valentine's Day on February 13, 2020 with a school-wide dance!





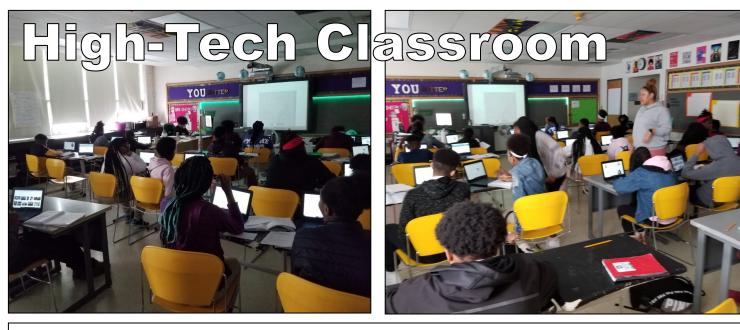




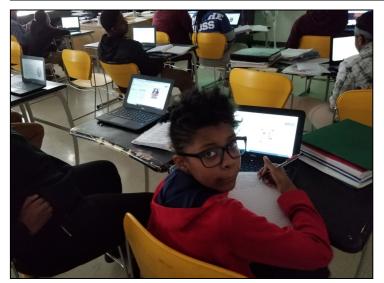


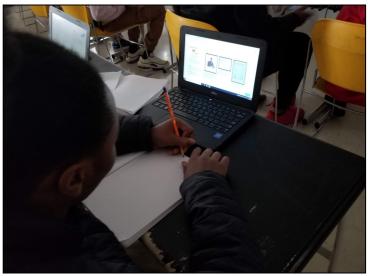






Ms. Shipp has integrated modern technology into classroom lessons in a major way.









8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Ms. Shipp applied for a grant, receiving classroom lap-tops for her students!!



The Carr Lane Hospitality and Climate Committee gathers for a group shot!





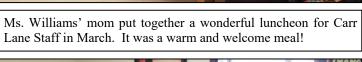
Carr Lane Faculty and Staff gathered in the Library to celebrate the pending birth of Mr. Spinks' daughter.















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6th Grade Students visited the new, interactive Aquarium located at Union Station in downtown St. Louis!



7th Grade Students enjoyed a trip to the skating rink for games, fun, and food!





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## CHESS!





The Carr Lane Chess Club participated in a City-Wide Chess Tournament!













**Top Left:** Ms. Hill of Trio greets two prospective college students. **Above:** Mr. Folkes supports the Girl Scouts with a purchase of cookies from Ms. Williams. Both images are from the recent Parent Teacher Conferences held on March 10-11, 2020!



Fine Arts Students of the Month for February 2020!



Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Facility Techs, Mr. Graham and Mr. Gray and our wonderful Ms. Pennington!



Our wonderful Carr Lane Cafeteria Staff!

In these trying times check back often to www.slps.org for up-to-date information from St. Louis Public Schools' Central Office. As we practice social distancing we will entertain our selves with books, writing, games, social media, daily exercise and chores. Months and years from now, many details of the Spring of 2020 will fade from memory; what will be recalled is how we treated one another. Stay well!

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