



Carr Lane News & Views

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A SPRING LIKE NONE OTHER



7th Grade Science Teacher, Mr. Darnell Young, stands with the Carr Lane VPA Chess Club. Mr. Young has sponsored the club for 2 years. The Chess Club took this picture for the Jaguar 2020 Yearbook. At the time the photo was taken, in the days leading up to the start of Spring Break, no one foresaw that no one would be returning to the building in the 2019-2020 school year.

BOYS' BASKETBALL



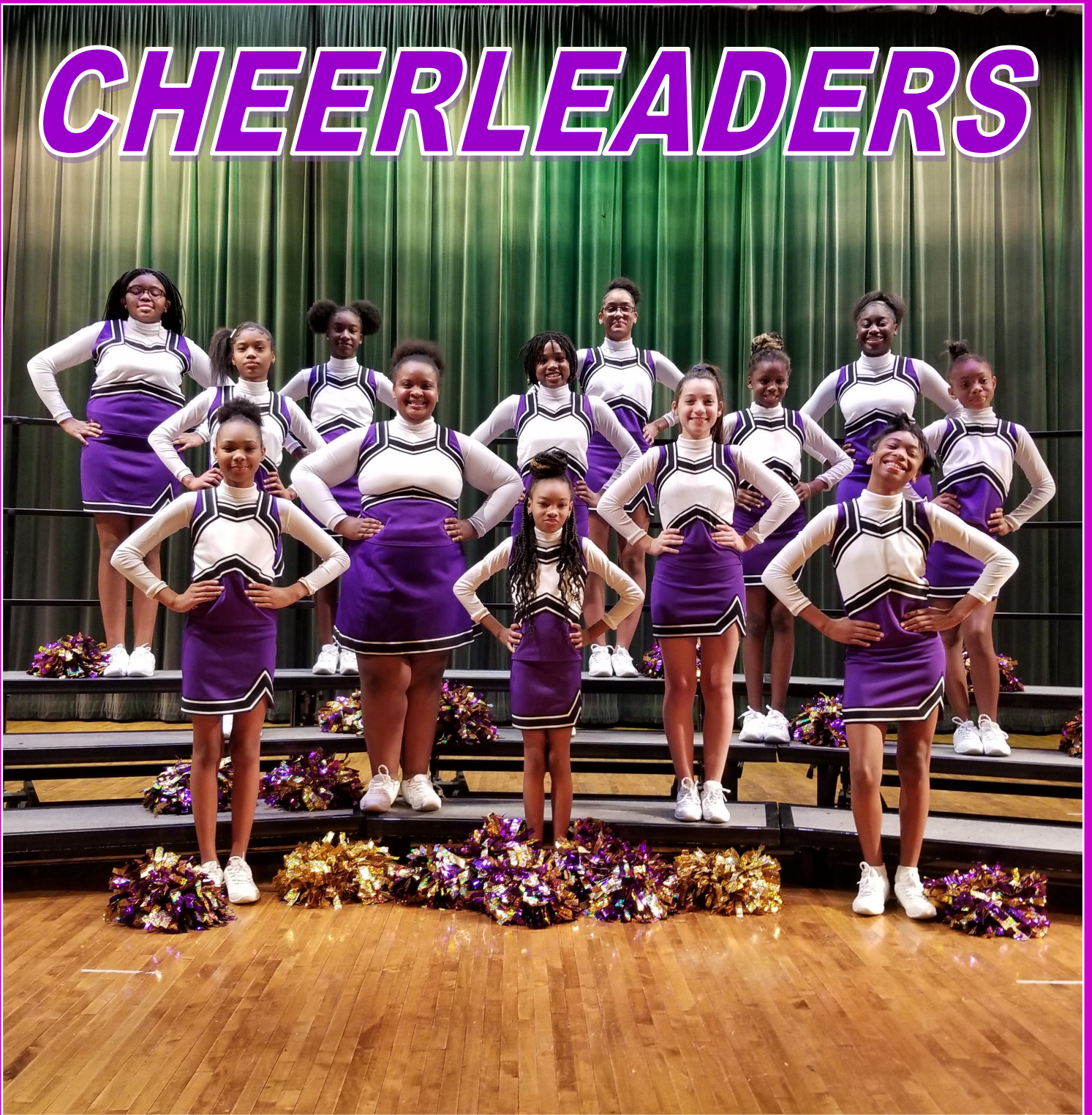
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Second Row: Ronnie Crenshaw, Derrion Smith, Kamran Bailey

Back Row: Calvin Cooper, Kamron Hudson, Da'Mon Branom, Jirhee Paster, Lorenzo Gordon

Not pictured: Coach Fox

CHEERLEADERS



Front Row: Joylynn Simpson, Coreyana Brooks, Ariel Williams

Second Row: Arianna Lacey, Samantha Rivas

Third Row: Arin Warren, Shaqola Ruffin, Makayla Gholston, Kamryn Strong

Back Row: Aaliyah Herron, Kenya Love, Cianna Nolan, Camille Brown

Not pictured: Coach Tuggle

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Front Row: Kahmia Jones, Jasmine Fletcher, Coach Petty, Valeria Dominguez, Timiya Mosley, Asia Shepard

Top Row: Briana Williams, Semaj Stracuther, Leah Macon-Ford, Janae Trevillion

FLAG TEAM



Front Row: Ahmylah Gunn, Jakayra Little
Middle Row: Arie Yarborough, Jenaiya Buchanan, Jaiyana Stallworth
Top Row: Kamiliya Dickens, Saniah Swinson, Amijah Elliot
Not pictured: Coach Shipp

STEP TEAM



Front Step: Naomi Williams, Timiya Mosley
Second Step: Deandra Whitfield, Nailah Hamm, Janae Trevillion
Top Step: Jasmin Fletcher (Captain), Kadin Johnson
Sponsors: Left: Ms. Bolden Right: Mrs. Goode-Lockley

DRUMLINE



Front Row: Kamran Bailey, Hassan Evers, Donovan Anderson, JaRon Delancy
Second Row: Imani Neal, Makhi Ford, Jeremiah Green, Courtez Hall, AJ Neal
Back Row: Landon Ruffin, Lawrence Harmon, Andre Rush
Not Pictured: Coach Phillips



DRUMLINE MAJORS

(Left to Right)

Josiah Muhammad

Keith Brown

Bryson Jones

SPIRIT SQUAD DANCERS



Front Row: Charity Lockhart, Savannah Tate
Middle Row: Kamori Rucker, Tasia Gill, Spirit Keeper, Khyla Lacy, Jaylen Smith
Top Row: Neveah MMartin, Shania Wilbon, Sariah Allen, Deasia Clark
Not Pictured: Nyla Jones, Alexandria Bell, Coach Parker



Spirit Squad at a Basketball Game at Carnahan High School

ONLINE LEARNING AT CARR LANE VPA

In their final computer literacy assignment for their 4th quarter, students in all three grades were asked to reflect on their experience of on-line, “virtual” schooling. Here are some the responses.

Demetrius, 6th Grade

During the past five weeks of school, it is getting harder. All my classes are different from regular school. In online classes, I learned a lot about computers. Over these last five weeks I have experienced and learned a lot about computer science. I have experienced typing better and faster, and I am learning about key-board short-cuts, and where to put my hands on the keyboard. My favorite short-cuts are Ctrl-C and Ctrl-V, because it copies all typing and images, so you don't have to keep doing it over and over. These are some of the things I experienced over the last weeks of Carr Lane Middle School.

Keith, 6th Grade

It has been hard doing work on laptop. Sometimes it isn't working. I wish we could go to school. It is not so bad working from home, because I don't have to get timed on my work, and now I can go to the bathroom any time I want. The work is not so hard now. I'm happy that I can stay home and do my work in the house and not at school. I went to Branson a few days ago. It was fun. I went paddle boat riding in the middle of Table Rock Lake. It was so fun. So, what did you do for the last five weeks?

Jardin, 6th Grade

It's been an OK time the past few weeks for online learning. I don't really mind it at all. I would rather get up and do the work on the computer than write on paper all the time. Sometimes it's hard to get it all done, because I have other stuff to do, but I try to make it work in any way I can. Online school isn't all that different from actual school. I really feel stressed when doing it, but I work it out. I try to do my work when I wake up, but I've been waking up later than usual. I do my chores, focus on myself, and do my work every day. Now that we have less than a week of school left, I want to try to do as much as possible. I do my work, but I send it in emails instead of clicking “turn in,” on my Teams classes. That way, I think that the teachers know I have given them the work, and that I don't just click the “turn in” button. People don't really like online school, but I think it's cool. I don't really like seeing people I don't really know every week for five or less days. We get about 35 hours of school each week, and 48 hours of the weekend. It seems really close, too. School is important in many ways. We learn, make friends, enjoy it, and we leave. We go to bigger jobs and chase our dreams. I don't like school, but I know it'll be worth it. You might not want to go to school, but it'll help you in life if you want a specific job. Some jobs may not use all the things you've learned in school, but they will all have some type of school education to achieve things.

Brandon, 7th Grade

Home

I like to stay at home to play games. I have to do work, too. I didn't think it was worth it to work every single day. I like to watch TV now and then. I watched some shows I didn't watch in a long time. I stay up all night and wake up super late or early, so, it's just some random thing I like to do, and it's sometimes fun to do.

School Work

It is important to do all the work that they have given us. I rather read a book than do all the work every single day. I know some people are not ever doing the work. I almost forgot about science and social studies. I have to do a lot, but I get on it. I hope we can stop, soon. It is very annoying to do this every day.

Coronavirus

I see some people at fast food restaurants. I think some want to get food at Schnucks. I saw more people wearing masks. Toilet paper is just nowhere to be seen at the store. It was very sad to say, but you are only allowed to get one or two rolls. Some people just wait for a truck to get the toilet paper, because they cannot ever get any in the store.

Tristan, 7th Grade

I would say the past few days have been boring, because I rather be at school where, they help with the assignments instead of just having to figure it out on your own. One thing I dislike about online work is instead of doing

the MAP test we have to do finals because of coronavirus. I am using a real computer because our mom bought us a laptop to do our schoolwork. At first, when the school year was ending, I was so excited. Now, I hope you have a happy summer, even though we have to stay indoors.

Joseph, 8th Grade

These last couple weeks have been rough for me. My teachers get mad because I don't put the work in, but that was because I didn't know how to right it down. Also, I had to do a lot of work around the house because nobody else was here to help. But out of all that, there was I experience that made it all worth it, I finally got to see my oldest sister. I haven't seen my oldest sister in years, I haven't even talked to her over the phone, oh and I mean literally years. I missed her so much, and now that she's back I'm happy to finally get to see her after so many years. I personally, DO NOT recommend working at home if yours is like mine.

Quintin, 8th Grade

The last few weeks work online has made class easy for me. It makes it easy to do assessments. I have been getting the assessments, and I have been learning more. I have been learning how to type without looking at my hands on a keyboard.

Christian, 8th Grade

One thing I like about online school is that we get to ask questions to the teachers because if we never asked questions we would never get the work done. Another thing I like about online school is that when we are hungry we have food next to us and we can eat while we are learning. Things I dislike about online school are that we get distracted by the people who are in the house with us. One thing I dislike about online school is that it is way harder than regular school, and I don't get most of the work especially computer because we don't have the same setup as we do in school. More things I dislike about online school are that I don't get to some of the work, so I just leave them there. I prefer regular school to online school. I don't get the things here. I didn't even use the iPad they [SLPS] sent us. I just used my cell-phone the whole time. And on online school, it feels like you guys [teachers] send us more work than in regular class.

Genora, 8th Grade

In the past five weeks working from home it has been alright because you have people to help you. Still, in school you get more understanding because the teachers break it down in small little pieces, and they make sure you understand before moving on to the next level. In addition, you can be in a group with friends to help each other out. That said, being at home, I can take my time and move slow and get a better understanding of what I'm doing and what the teachers are asking me to complete.

Another hard part of doing this at home is you can't easily ask questions. For instance: to ask someone questions that you need to ask will mean that you have to email your teachers and get them to explain back and forth. The past five weeks have been a challenge for me. I am reaching out to my teachers, if I can't understand what I'm doing. I will ask for help, or I will get one of my cousins to help me understand things. It helps me to understand something if it's broken apart, and it's also better when they leave feedback on it so I can know what to do.

Arianna, 8th Grade

Reflection Essay

The experiences working from home on schoolwork is really more complicated than at school. Sometimes I must reset my Internet in order to do my schoolwork. This is my work routine: First, I get up in the morning, and then eat my breakfast. Next, I brush my teeth, and finally do some assignments that were assigned to me for schoolwork. After that, I take a break and eat lunch. Then, I do some more assignments, and I'm done. Three things I like about online schoolwork are that you can wake up whenever during the day, you can easily turn in late assignments, and you can get help from family members easily, too. Three things I dislike about online schoolwork are that it's really complicated, hard in many ways, and I don't have a teacher to teach me or help me. I work on the laptop, so it's kind of an advantage to me compared to working with other devices. This is my reflection essay.

CARR LANE'S "ON-LINE" STAFF



Ms. Bolden



Ms. Choate



Mr. Davis



Ms. Dickson



Mr. Durley-Petty



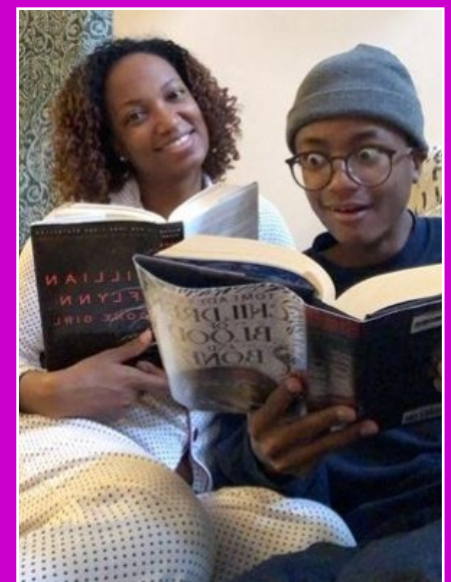
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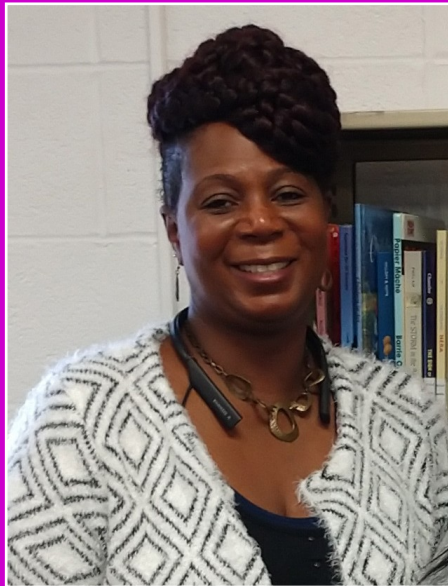
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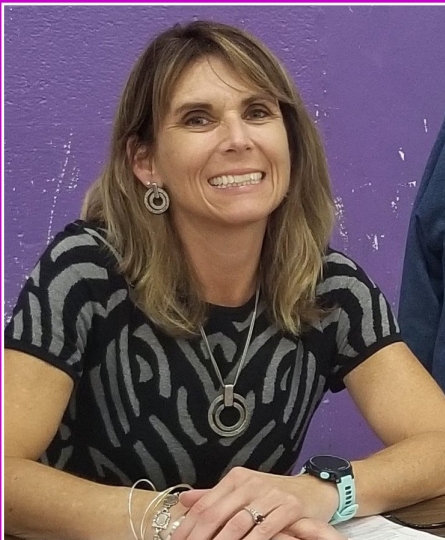
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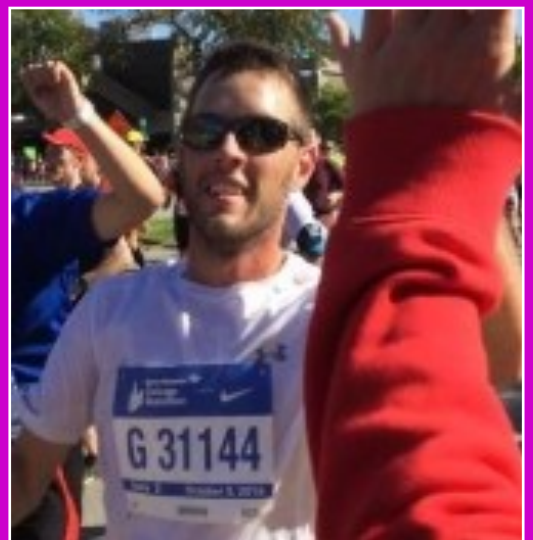
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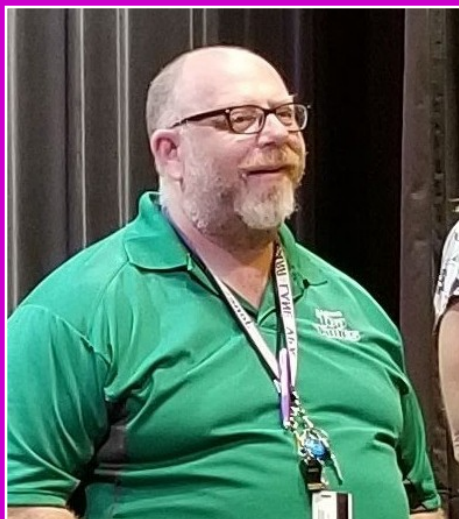
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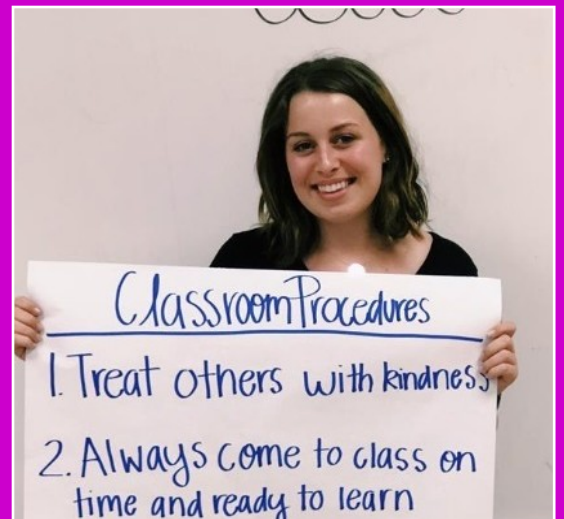
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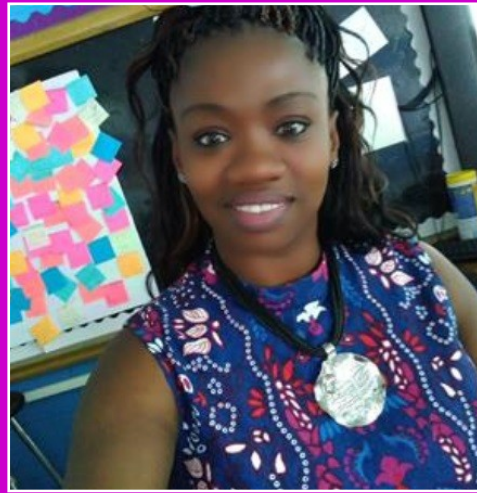
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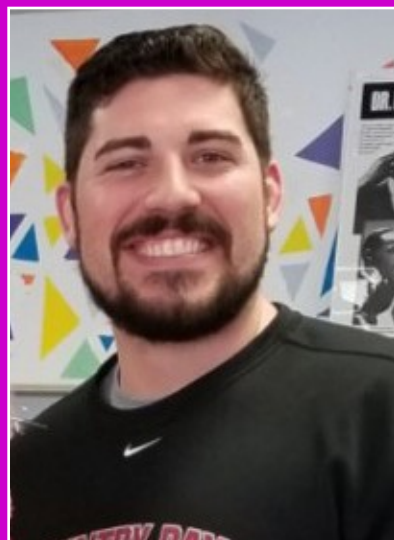
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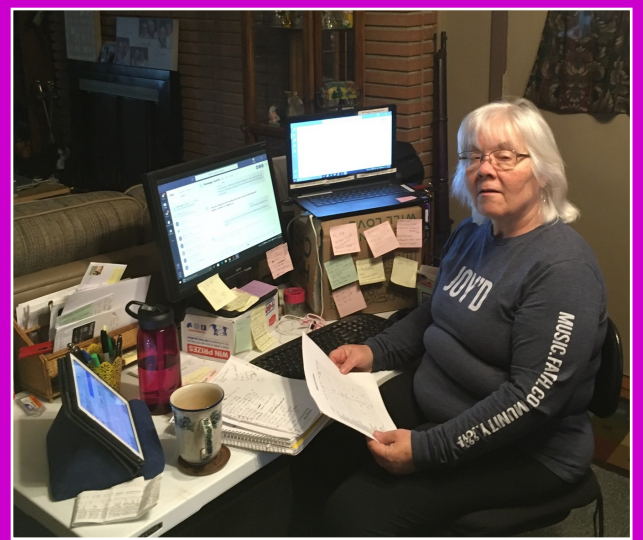
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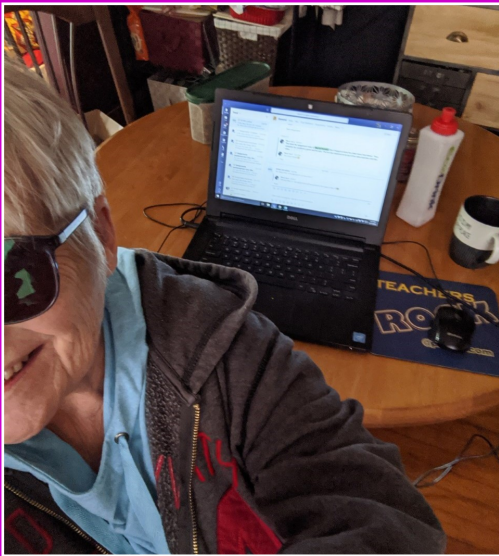
Ms. Shipp



Mr. Spink



Ms. Strode



Ms. Ward



Mr. Walker



Ms. Watson... Ms. Watson?



Ms. Williams



Ms. Wilson



Mr. Wise



Mr. Young



Ms. Parsonage and her assistant.

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Look here daily for updates and links to important information

The Carr Lane VPA Home Page, part of St. Louis Public Schools' District website, an essential source of information and outreach during the months of social distancing and online-learning.



Staying in shape and physically fit! Carr Lane's Mr. Folkes and son! On our Home Page you may view a video produced by the district and featuring Coach Folkes and his young son. The video provides some great ideas for staying physically fit during this time of social distancing. Check it out!

STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICE

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Greetings Carr Lane VPA Middle School Family:

The Student Support Office wants you to know that we are here to assist you with navigating through our "new normal." Please see our personal message to you and contact information below.

Sincerely,
Ms. Abram, Mr. London and Ms. Williams

Ms. Abram, Social Worker



Hello Carr Lane Students and Parents!
During these times of uncertainty, you may have questions that are not related to your child's academics. As the School Social Worker I am here to assist you, my virtual office hours are 9-11am and 1-3pm daily. Do not hesitate to contact me via phone, (314)439-1240, email, gayle.abram@spls.org, as needed. In the meantime take care and be safe!

Mr. London, Counselor



Greetings Carr Lane Family,
I hope everyone is doing well at home practicing social distancing during these difficult times. Rest assured we will soon get past this and return to normalcy. If there is a need for any assistance, please contact me at (314) 764-5150 or ronald.london@spls.org. My office hours are Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Ms. Williams, Counselor



Hello Parents and Students!
We are all experiencing a new "normal" with the Coronavirus. You and your children may have a difficult time adjusting to the shut-down. I am available Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM for assistance. Please contact me at 314-485-5773 or at dejanette.williams@spls.org. Please be careful and stay safe.

Resources

Please see the resources listed below to assist you during this time.

<https://www.spls.org/meals>

<https://www.foster-adopt.org/resource-roundup/>

<https://www.mercy.net/content/dam/mercy/en/pdf/mmm-resources/food-pantry-resources-st-louis-city.pdf>



April 2020 saw the debut issue of the Carr Lane Student Support Team's Newsletter produced by Williams, Abrams and London!



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A photo of the 2019-2020 Staff from way back in August!!!

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That Purple Banner with the White Lettering at the top of the Home Page is the "Navigation Bar." When you "click" on the various words, you will link to other parts of Carr Lane VPA's "Web Domain." When you click on "Teachers," for instance, you will navigate to the Carr Lane VPA "Teachers Directory." Pick a teacher, click on the name of the teacher whose pages you wish to visit, and you will land on that teacher's "home" page. From there you may learn more about the teacher, current online class assignments and lots of other important information.

If you click on "School Life," you will land on an archive of past issues of Carr Lane News and Views. Over 270 pages of content looking back on the great history of Carr Lane VPA!

DAY ONE - 2017-2018 Carr Lane VPA News & Views



Faculty and staff with Principal Taylor (white shirt, front row, right) following the first full day for students on August 16, 2017.



6th Grade Writing Teacher, Ms. Gallon, 6th Grade Math Teacher and 6th Grade Trans-Leader, Ms. Watson, and 6th Grade Resource Teacher, Ms. Watson, stand in for a photo at the very first day of the 2017-2018 school year in the CLVPA cafeteria. It was a super-great first day at Carr Lane VPA!!!



CLVPA Assistant Principal, Mr. Ferris, Fine Arts Band Director, Mr. Stah, and Ms. Parker, Fine Arts Dance Director.

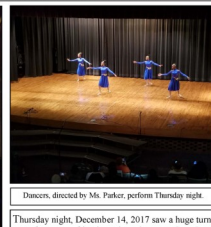
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The 2017 Winter Show opens with the Carr Lane VPA Middle Choir directed by Ms. Afternoon.



Excitement in the wings as dancers prepare to take the stage.



Dancers, directed by Ms. Parker, perform Thursday night.

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January 26, 2018: Spirit Day begins at Carr Lane VPA. Mr. Phillips leads an early morning Pep Rally with the Drum Line, the Jaguar Spirit Squad, and Jaguar Cheerleaders. Carr Lane celebrates its Honors Students, its students with perfect 100-percent attendance and the victors of both the Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams under the coaching direction of Ms. Groves and Mr. Foster!!!



Girls' Basketball Coach and 6th Grade ELA Teacher, Ms. Groves with Mr. Phillips in the early morning on January 26, 2018, preparing for the day-opening Spirit Assembly.

CARR LANE VPA by Christian, Grade 6, Period 3

Carr Lane VPA is one of the best schools in Downtown. It is located on Cole and Jefferson Street not far from Downtown. Our principal and our staff are so cool. Our principal's name is Mr. Young. He used to work in a school named Compton Drew. This school

was made in 1958. This school is so fun because we have everything. We have a basketball, volleyball, teams. We even have strings, band, and cheerleaders. Every time Carr Lane plays basketball Carr Lane is there to cheer for them. This is why Carr Lane VPA is one of the best schools.

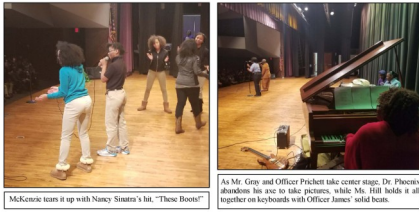
DANCE by Leah, Grade 6, Period 1

In Ms. Parker's 6th grade 3-day class the students are learning 3 dances for the big spring show at the end of the school year. In the show we are doing a tap, jazz, and ballet routine. On 2/8/18 we were supposed to do cups for the tap dance, but that did not happen because some people came from down town to take pictures. So, we are supposed to do it on 2/13/18. To not get cut we have to know the dance or almost know the dance. If not, Ms. Parker will give us a smaller part. So, I'm going to practice and practice, so I will not get cut. Wish me luck!

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Mr. Gray takes the stage with Officer Pritchett on back-up vocals, Officer James on drums and Ms. Hill on keyboard. In the wings, vocal performer Ms. Jackson and Talent Show host, Mr. Phillips watch their colleagues bring it to the audience. Staff members, the Carr Lane VPA drum line, and other students performed for the Carr Lane VPA student body at the Talent Show on March 13, 2019.



McKenzie teams it up with Nancy Sinatra's hit, "These Boots".

Carr Lane VPA News & Views



The Carr Lane Administration, Faculty and Staff gather for a "group shot" at the close of the first day of school with the return of our students. It was Tuesday, August 14, 2018 and the Carr Lane adults recommitted to making "reading" a daily activity!



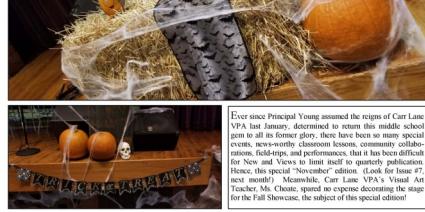
Carr Lane VPA Team Leaders, Ms. Jarrell, Ms. Gallion, Ms. Watson, and Carr Lane VPA Dean of Students, Ms. Veching!

Reading opens doors to knowledge, history and power. St. Louis Public School's Reading Initiative is a simple, but powerful approach to the old adage: "Reading is fundamental." Reading and Writing, Speaking and Listening (really, listening are foundational skills that can be taught and learned. They are the tools, the keys, to unlocking the future for each and every student in our school, our district, our city, and our nation. Early in August 2018, Carr Lane faculty and staff posed for pictures with favorite books!

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Under the direction of Ms. Parker, The 8th Grade Dancers take the stage in a brand new holiday-themed number choreographed especially for the school-wide Fall Show performed in the Carr Lane VPA auditorium on Tuesday, October 30, 2018.



Ever since Principal Young assumed the reigns of Carr Lane VPA last January, determined to return the middle school years to all its former glory, there have been so many special events, new-to-school classroom lessons, community collaborations, fieldtrips and performances, that it has been difficult for News and Views to limit itself to quarterly publication. Hence, this special "November" edition. (Look for Issue #7 next month!) Meanwhile, Carr Lane VPA's Visual Arts Teacher, Ms. Choate, spared no expense decorating the stage for the Fall Showcase, the subject of this special edition!

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8th grade Carr Lane VPA students attended the High School Here We Come field trip on September 28, 2018. Ms. Jarrell and the 8th grade team took their students to a day-long event at Harris Stowe, where students learned about many opportunities for high school. Representatives of high schools from all across the metropolitan area were on hand. Photo courtesy of Ms. Jarrell.



The Winter Show, presented in a final dress rehearsal to the Carr Lane Student body, paved the way for the evening performance for parents and the general public presented on Thursday, December 13, 2018.

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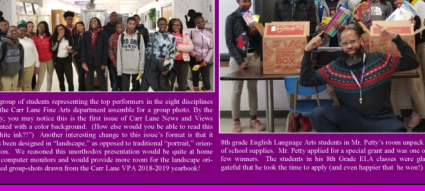
Puting together the 2019-2020 school year book kept us busy the past several months, but we have not forgotten our quarterly News and Views. We have experienced so many performances, field trips, and special events here at Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle school that we have material for yet another issue of the newsletter to appear during the last week of school. For now, let's look back at some of the images from the end of first semester, the holiday season, and the Fine Arts Department Winter Show.

evolving performance for parents and the general public presented on Thursday, December 13, 2018. Hundreds of people were in the auditorium for the annual celebration, showcasing the work of Carr Lane VPA Middle School students. Highlights of the evening included numbers performed by the Purple Pride Orchestra under the direction of Miss Hopp, performances by the Concert Band, directed by Ms. Andriak, and theatrical selections presented by Mr. Maher's drama students. Rounding out the evening, the choir sang under the direction of Ms. Williams, and students performed a number of dances under the direction of Ms. Parker.

CARR LANE VPA NEWS AND VIEWS



A group of students representing the top performers in the eight disciplines of the Carr Lane Fine Arts Department assembled for a group photo. In the ways, you may notice that in the first issue of Carr Lane News and Views presented with a winter theme. (How else would you be able to read this "Who ask?") Another interesting change to this issue's format is that it has been designed in "landscape" as opposed to its traditional "portrait" orientation. We realized this month's presentation would be quite a home on computer monitors and would provide more room for the landscape-oriented group-photos down from the Carr Lane VPA 2018-2019 yearbook!



8th grade English Language Arts students in Mr. Petty's room impact boxes of school supplies. Mr. Petty applied for a special grant and was one of very few in the district. The students in his 8th Grade ELA classes were glad and grateful that he took the time to apply (and even happier that he won)!

Carr Lane VPA News & Views



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!



Behind the scenes as Ms. Blylock introduces the performance, from stage left, with a view to the house.

FALL FEST 2019!



The activity at Carr Lane VPA is so incessant that a single issue of News & Views can't begin to capture the special events, sports, classroom projects, assemblies and special performances. Last issue we left off with a review of the banquet sponsored by Wells Fargo, 6th grade over-ride camping, and the hectic days leading up to Red Ribbon Week and preparations for the Halloween Dance. This issue starts out on October 25, 2019 with Carr Lane's Annual Fall Fest. Pictured above, Carr Lane Band Director, Ms. Blylock debuts with the Carr Lane Concert Band at the school-wide assembly presented by the Fine Arts Team.



Behind the scenes as Ms. Blylock introduces the performance, from stage left, with a view to the house.

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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 Teacher, Mr. Walker, conducts the orchestral ensemble Vocal Music Teacher, Ms. Williams who conducts the Choir, Ms. Hill of Trio, accompanies on the grand piano.

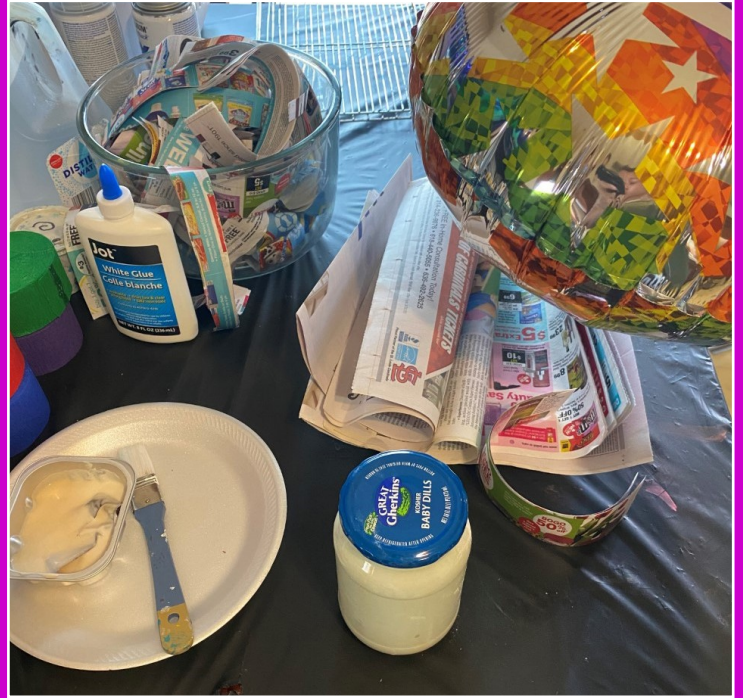
pective, a tribute to Black American History comes. Ms. Choate had a slide show presentation of her students at work on the doorknobs celebrating famous Black Americans through history. There was a segment of portraits taken by her advanced students studying portrait photography and lighting. Performances 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?" caricatures, where Ms. Love read facts about various, famous, Black Americans.

Piñata!

Thanks to Mr. Jones and Ms. Tuggle for sharing these photographs sent in by Mr. Jones' 7th Grade Social Studies students! Mr. Jones assigned an "at home project" to create a Piñata!



7th grade student Amijah Elliott wrote: "Here's the Piñata I made. I'm not even sure if I wanna smash it anymore!" Can't blame you!



Anatomy of a Piñata! Thanks to 7th grader Jeremiah Robinson for this step-by-step guide to creating a Piñata!



Here you see the balloon has been covered with Papier-mâché!



In this photograph, you can see that Jeremiah covered the papier-mâché globe, with colorful crepe paper. You know what happens next! Hang it up and get out the baseball bat!

And a few parting thoughts from a Carr Lane graduate...

Preshon, 8th Grade

These past 6-7 weeks have been hard. It's boring staying in the house all day. You also start to miss your friends from school. The school work has been hard too. Especially for math. It's hard not having somebody in front of you explaining it to you. You also get tired of doing it. The only good thing is you get to spend time with your family more. You also can do your work whenever you want instead of waking up early for school. I really don't like the iPad. I would prefer the computers. I don't like the Teams. For some assignments it was hard to do on the computer. But for others it was easy. The other thing I like about this is you can eat your own food. You don't have to eat the cafeteria food. It was also hard, because I'm in eighth grade. This was my last year with some of my friends. I was also looking forward to awards day and graduation. I was also looking forward to prom too, and field day. One good thing is I get to play my games a lot, but sometimes it gets boring. It feels like every day I get bored. Sometimes you get tired of doing the same thing every day. If I think about it, school was actually fun, even though you had to do work. But this coronavirus makes sure you can't do a lot of things. I am tired of staying in the house. All three years were fun at Carr lane. Especially sixth grade. Seven grade was a little fun. Eighth grade had its moments. But this is how I feel about the coronavirus and how I felt about these past six to seven weeks.



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