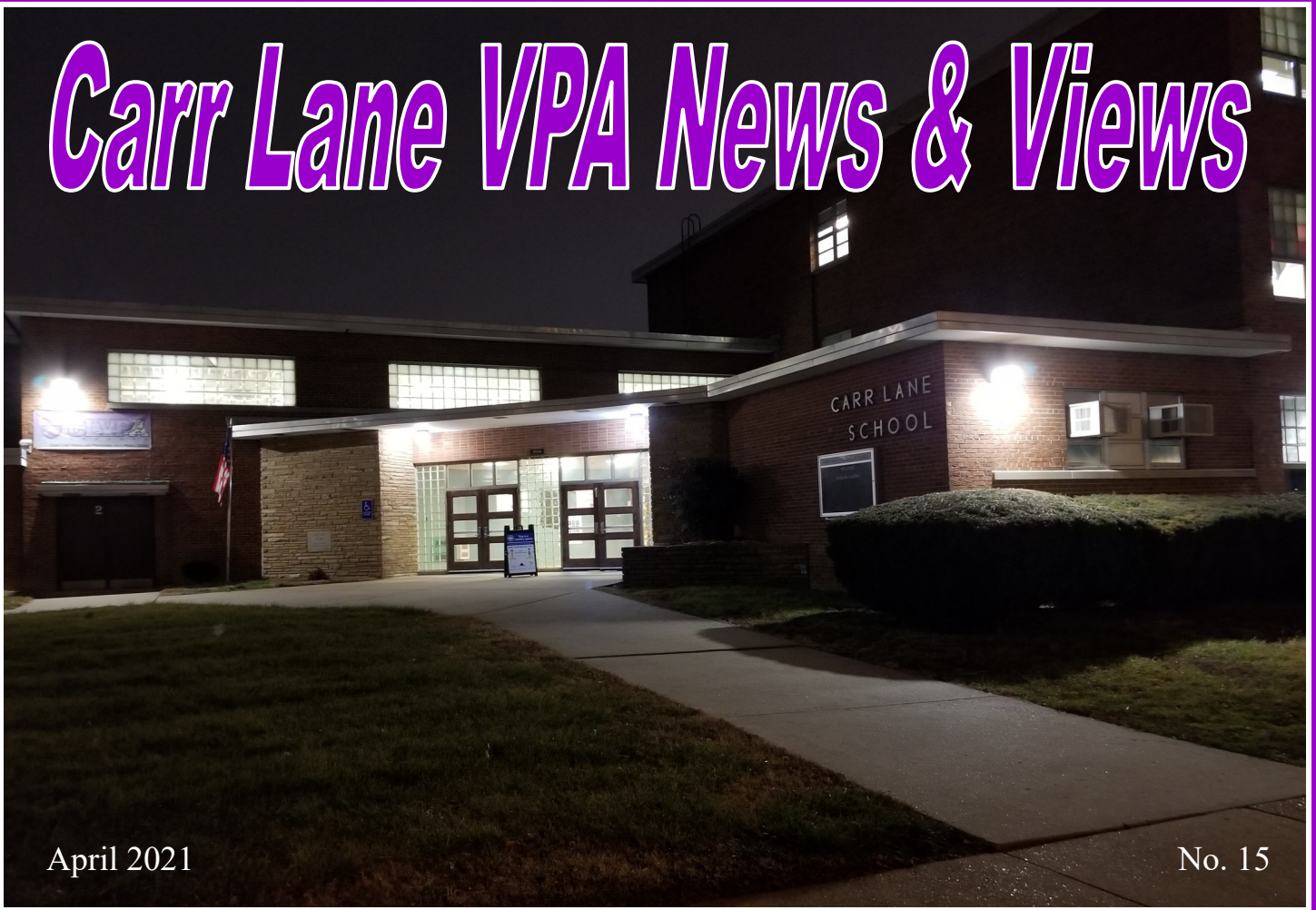


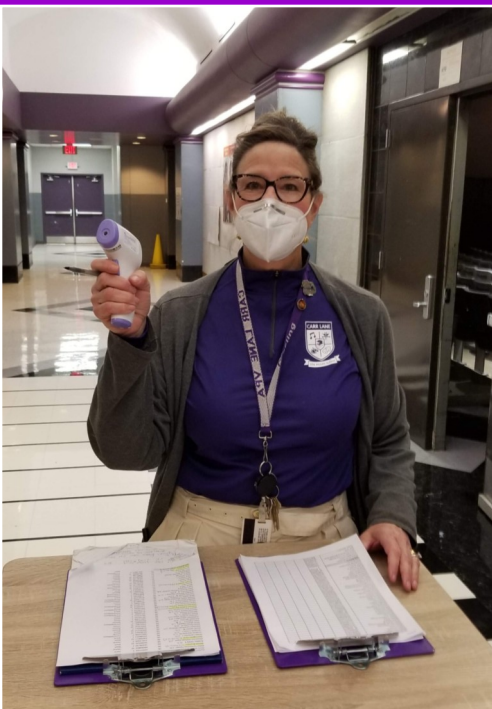
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April 2021

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Students and Teachers return: Monday, January 11, 2021. It's 6:30 in the morning. Life stirs in the imposing structure built in 1958. It has been nine months since Carr Lane VPA students and teachers left this place in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Now, the building opens its doors, welcoming students and teachers for in-person instruction. Meanwhile, many students continue to learn virtually from home.



Left, Dean Of Students, Ms. Vierling at morning check-in with Nurse Cook who assists with temperature checks as students enter the building. Students follow a careful, socially-distanced pathway.



Past the officers and the metal detectors at the security checkpoint, students proceed past the Gym where they can get their take-out breakfast from Ms. Nelson and Ms. Killings who run the Carr Lane VPA Cafeteria!



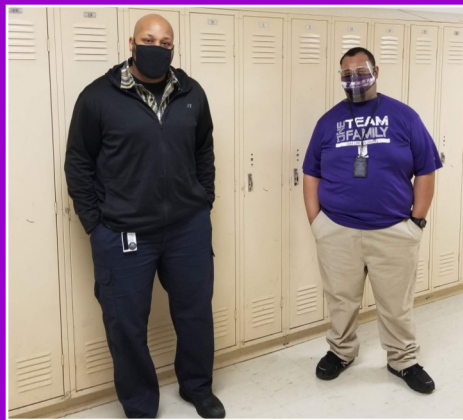
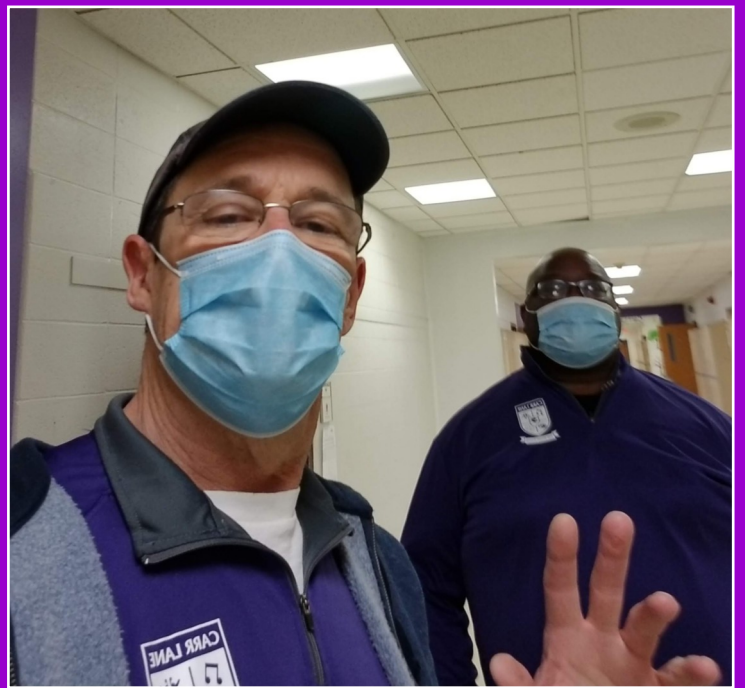
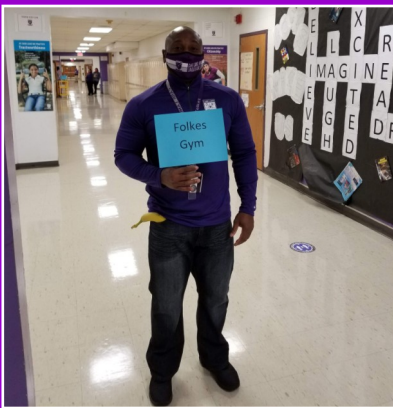
As students approach the main, first floor hall-way, they are greeted by Mr. Phillips, Carr Lane's Family and Community Specialist!



Students pass the Carr Lane Student Support Center and our School Social Worker, Ms. Abram and our School Counselor, Ms. Williams on the way to class!

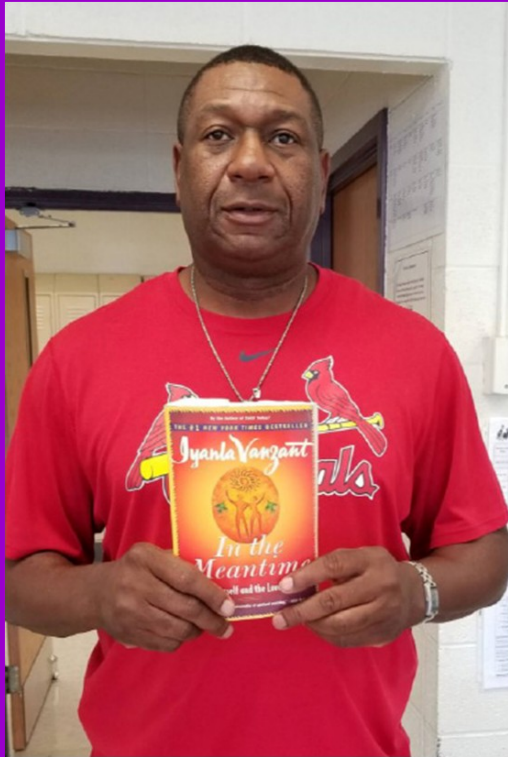


View up the eighth grade hall! 6th and 7th graders have already turned left off the main hall to the stairway and their respective floors. Students will meet lots of faculty and staff along the way to their morning advisory.



Early morning, 1-11-21. Clockwise from the bottom row, left: Mr. Brown and Mr. Wise; Mr. Whitfield; Mr. Folkes, Mr. Gray; Dr. Phoenix and Mr. Fox.

Carr Lane teachers — pictures from another time and place...



Mr. Banks



Mr. Beemer

In Memoriam...



Ms. Bolden



Mr. Boston



Ms. Casel



Ms. Choate



Ms. Dickson



Ms. Elking



Mr. Folkes



Mr. Fox



Ms. Garwood



Mrs. Goode-Lockley



Ms. Green



Ms. Hester



Ms. Holmes



Mr. Hommowun



Ms. Jarrell



Ms. Joyce



Ms. Kosinski



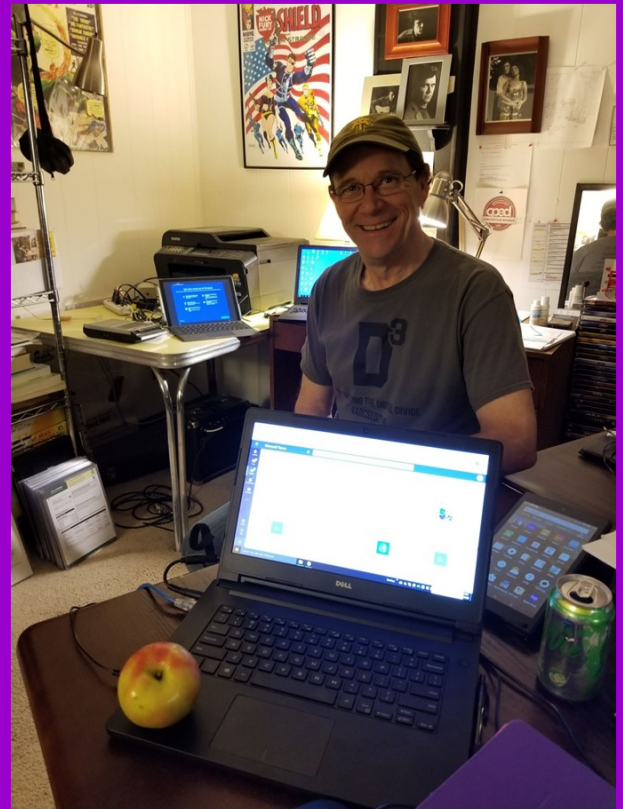
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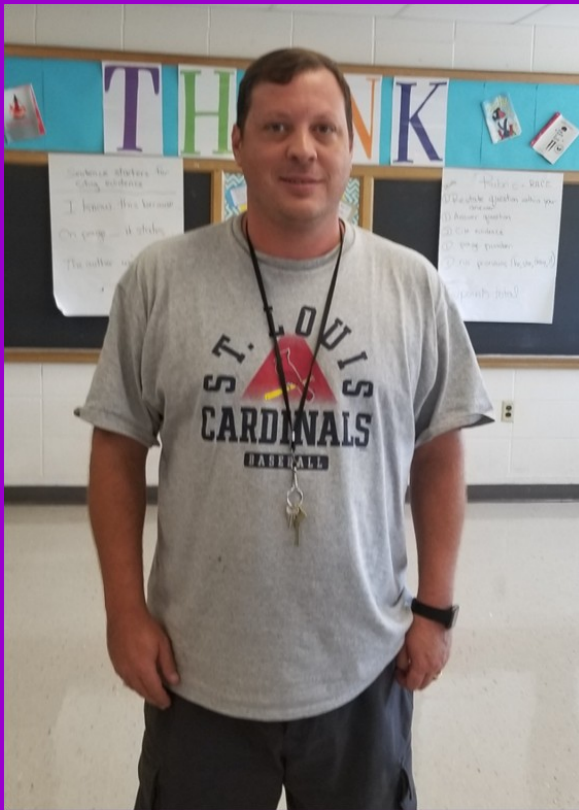
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Mr. Petty



Dr. Phoenix



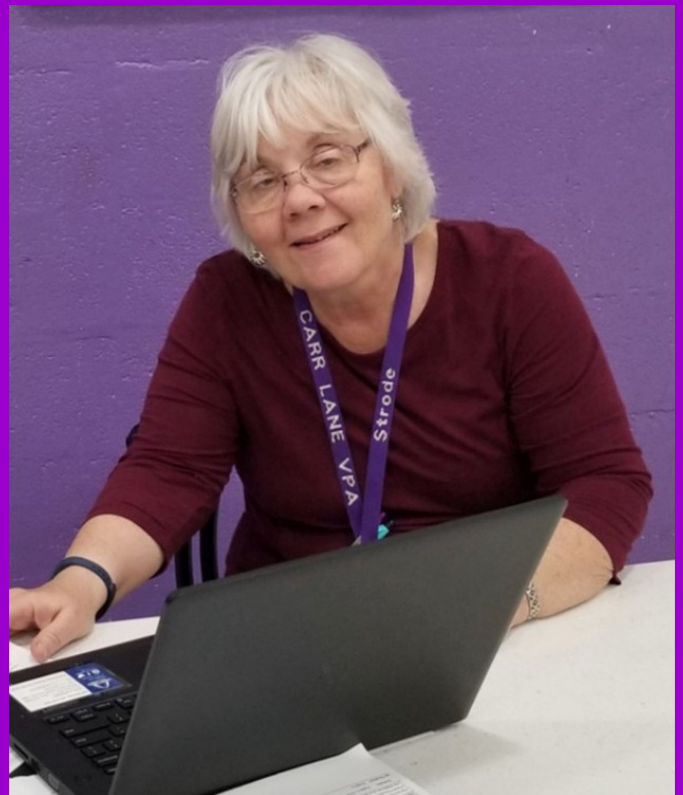
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Ms. Shipp



Mr. Spink



Ms. Strode



Mr. Walker



Ms. Ward



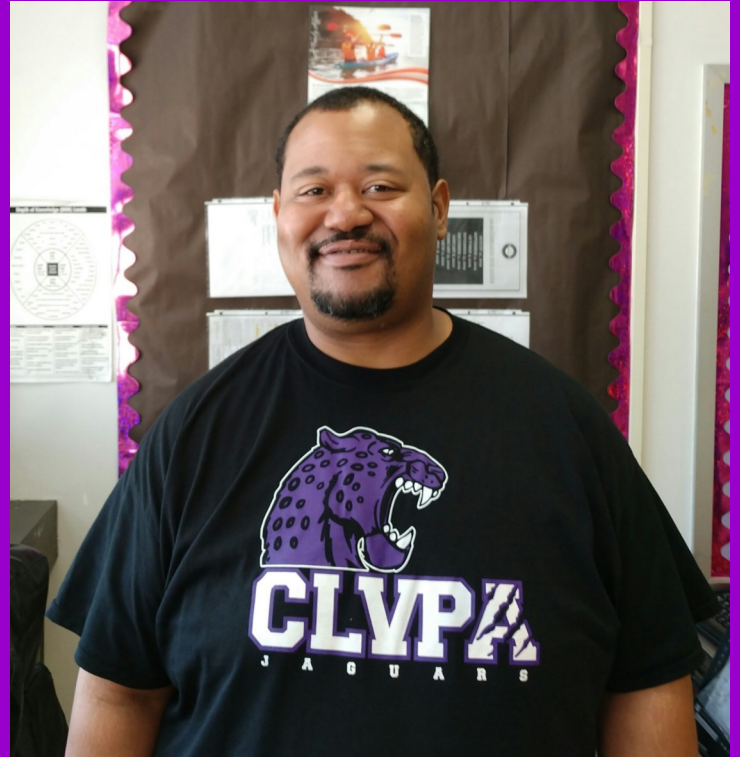
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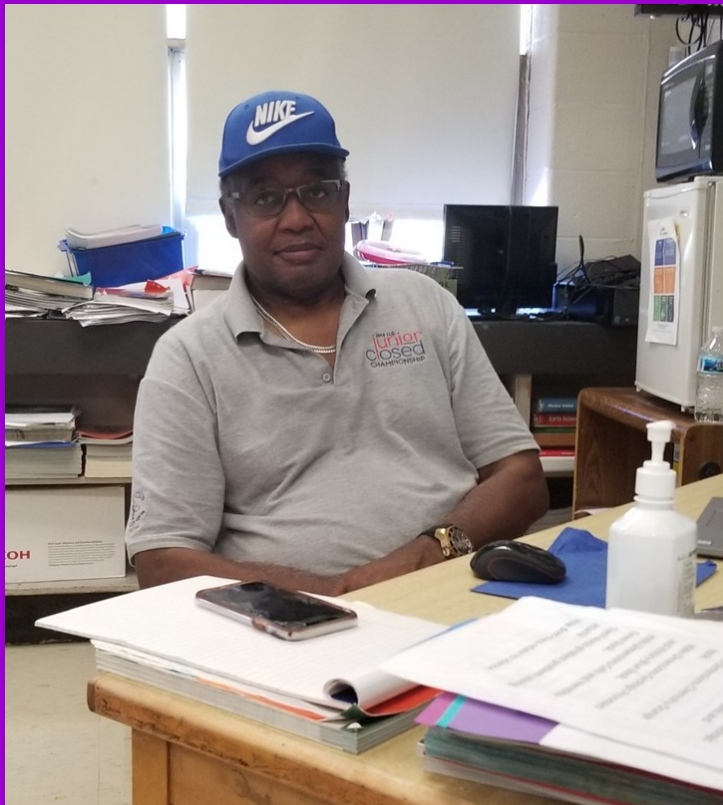
Ms. M. Williams



Ms. Wilson



Mr. Wise



Mr. Darnel Young



Carr Lane Community Partners —



Ms. Hill
TRIO, Community Partner



From 2020, Ms. Hill addresses questions from two, prospective college students.



Seen here in the Carr Lane Cafeteria with Mr. Phillips, Ms. Riney and Ms. Bogosian are new community partners from the Assistance League of Missouri. The Assistance League will partner with Carr Lane to provide family support.

Carr Lane Support Staff —



Ms. Abram
School Social Worker



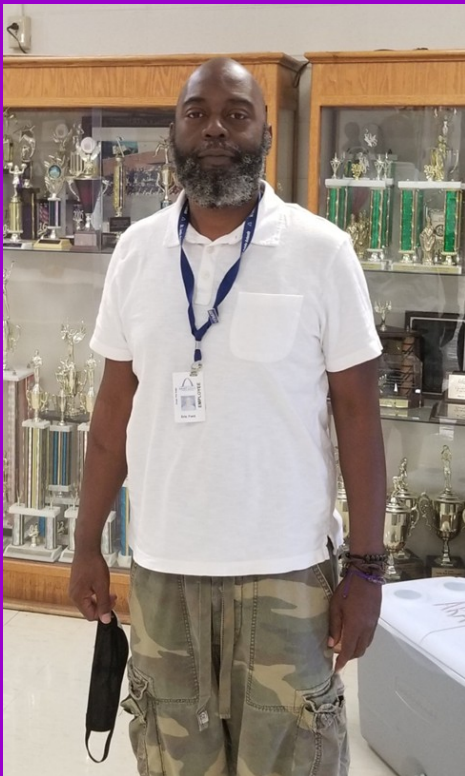
Ms. Cook
School Nurse



Ms. J. Cotton
School Librarian



Ms. V. Cotton
I.S.S. Monitor
Congratulations on your retirement!



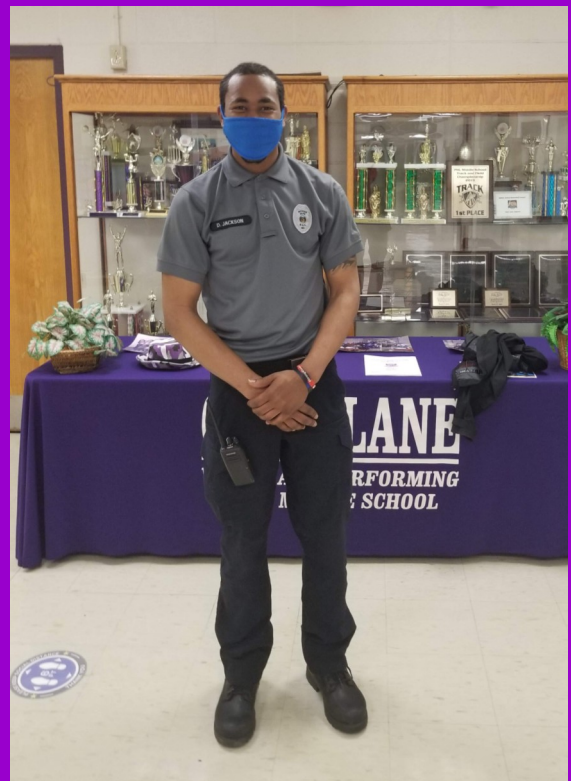
Mr. Ford
School P.B.I.S. Coordinator



Mr. Farmer
Speech



Mr. Gray
Lead Facility Technician



Mr. Jackson
School Safety Officer



Mr. London
School Counselor



Ms. A. Parker
I.C.A.

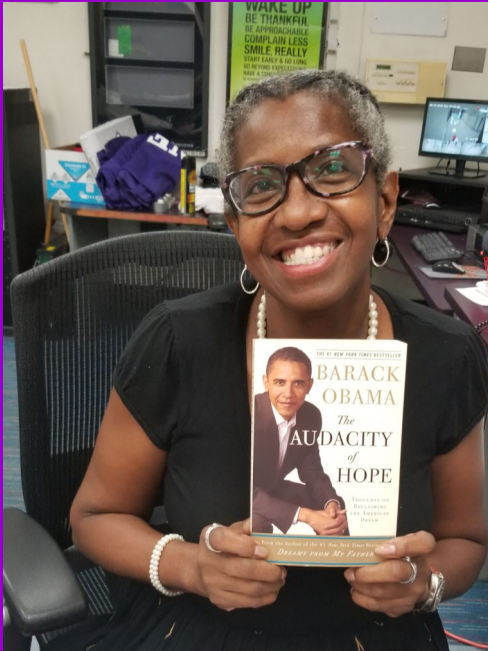


Mr. Phillips
Family & Community Specialist



Ms. D. Williams
School Counselor

Carr Lane Administrative Staff —



Ms. Curry
School Secretary



Ms. Gross
Assistant Principal



Ms. Tuggle
A.I.C.



Ms. Vierling
Dean of Students

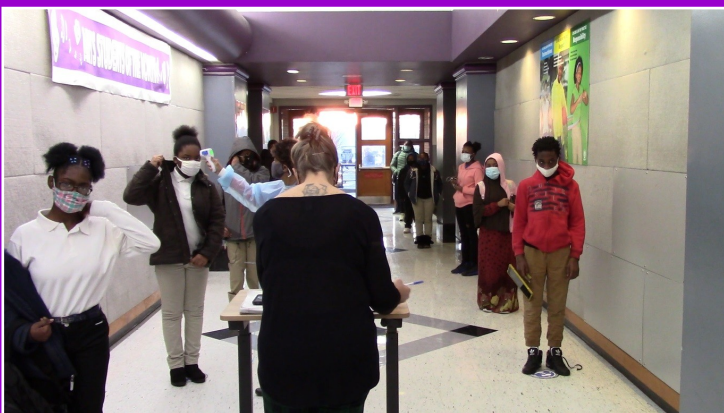


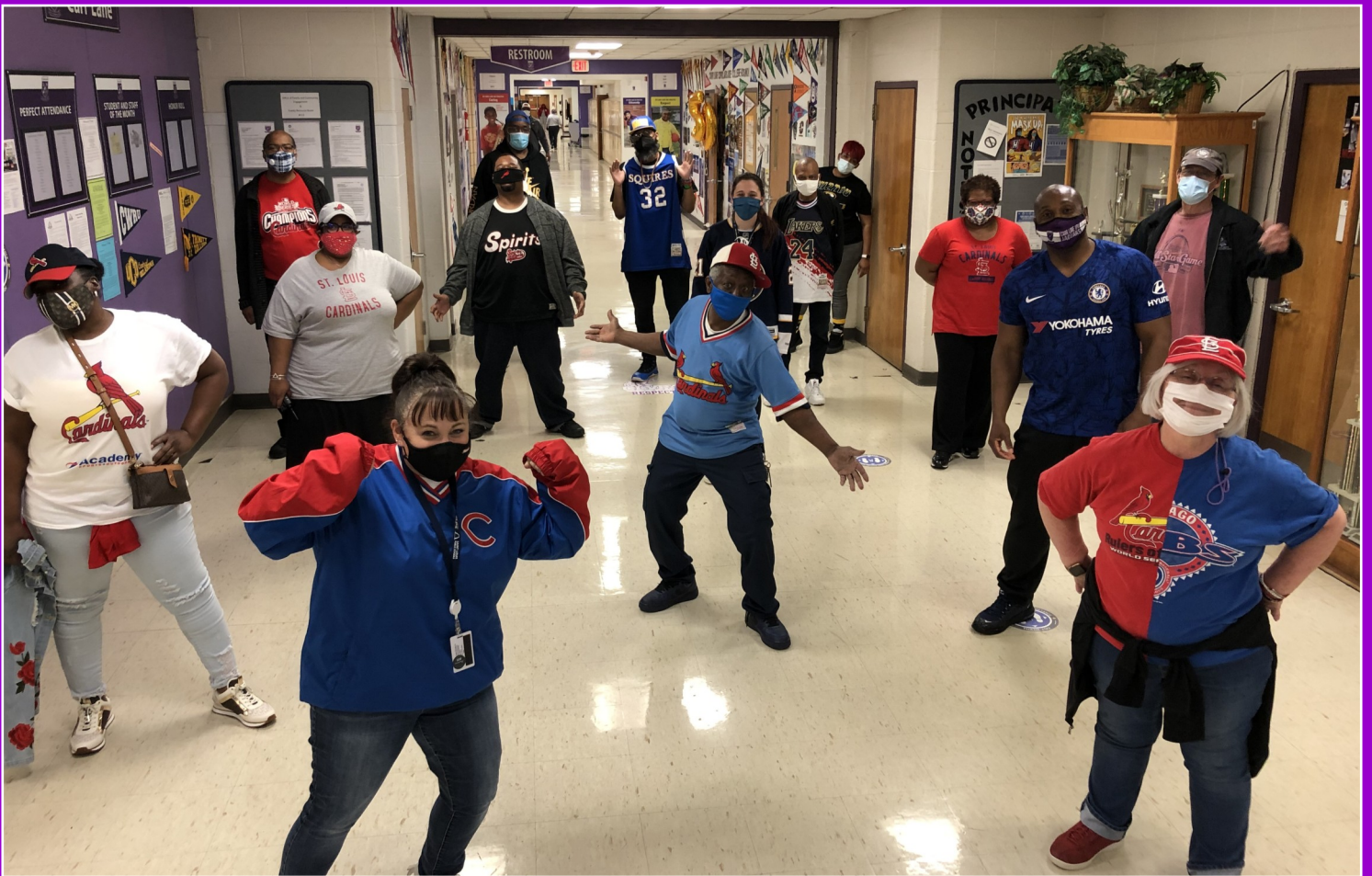
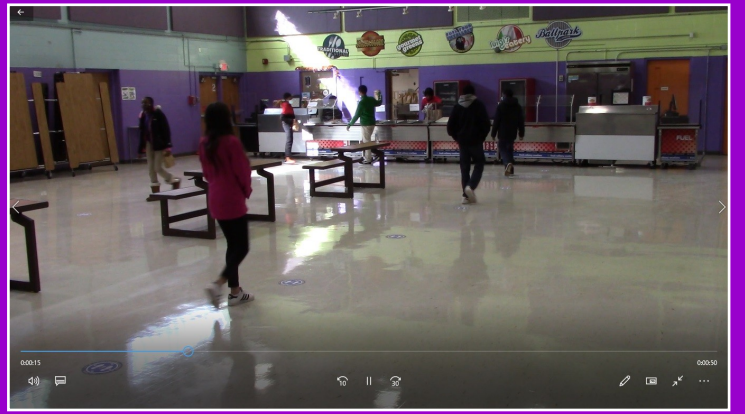
Mr. Young, Principal



A TYPICAL DAY IN AN ATYPICAL YEAR

Ms. Gross purchased some digital camcorders for the school. In the future, Phillips and Phoenix plan to record school events like sports games, shows, school performances and special assemblies. The screen shots below are grabbed from video shot during a school day in February. You may have seen some of these videos playing over the office video screen near the security desk before Spring Break.

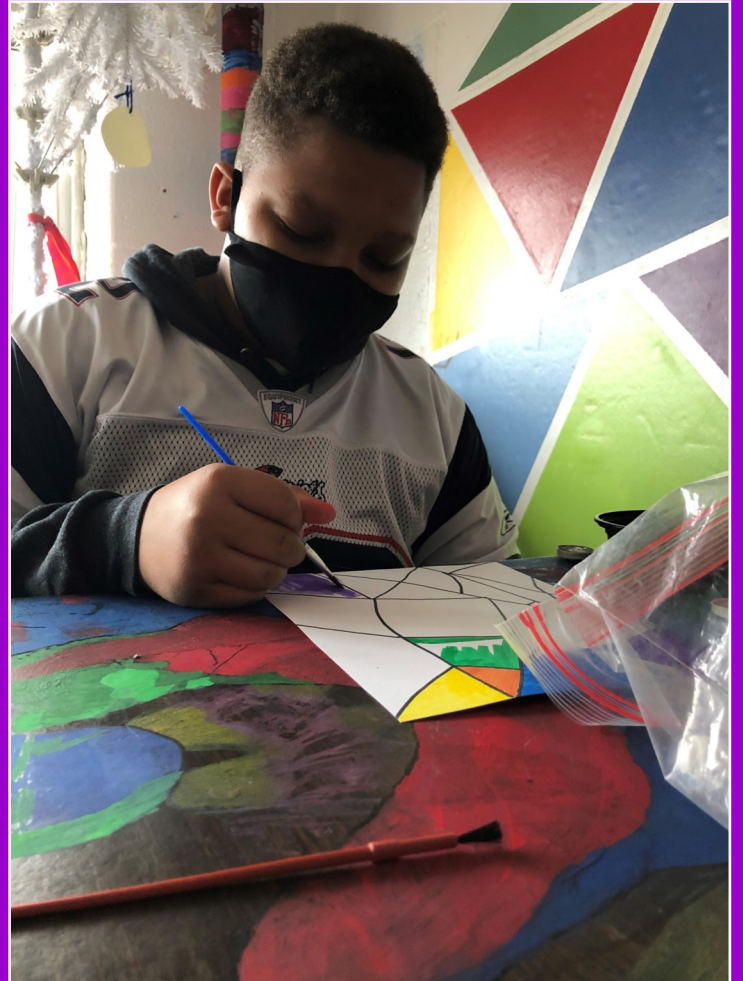
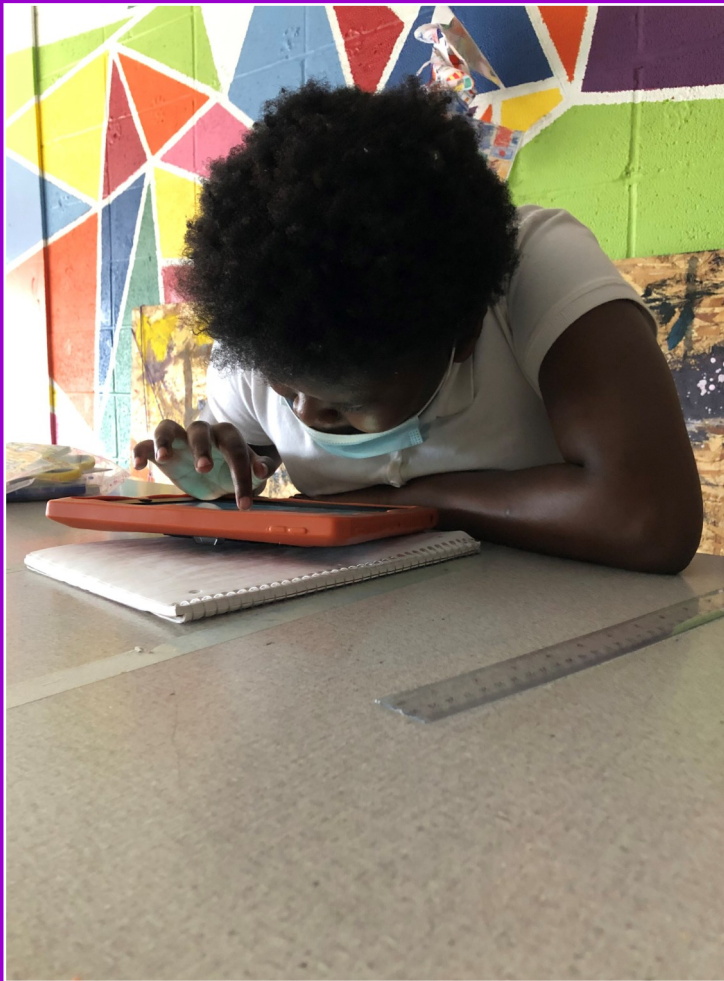
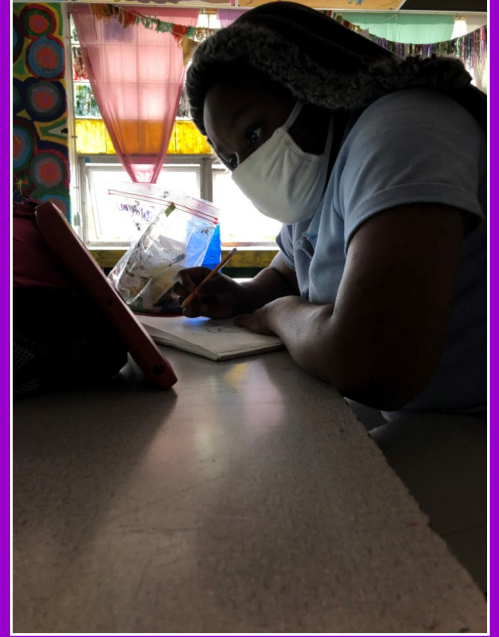


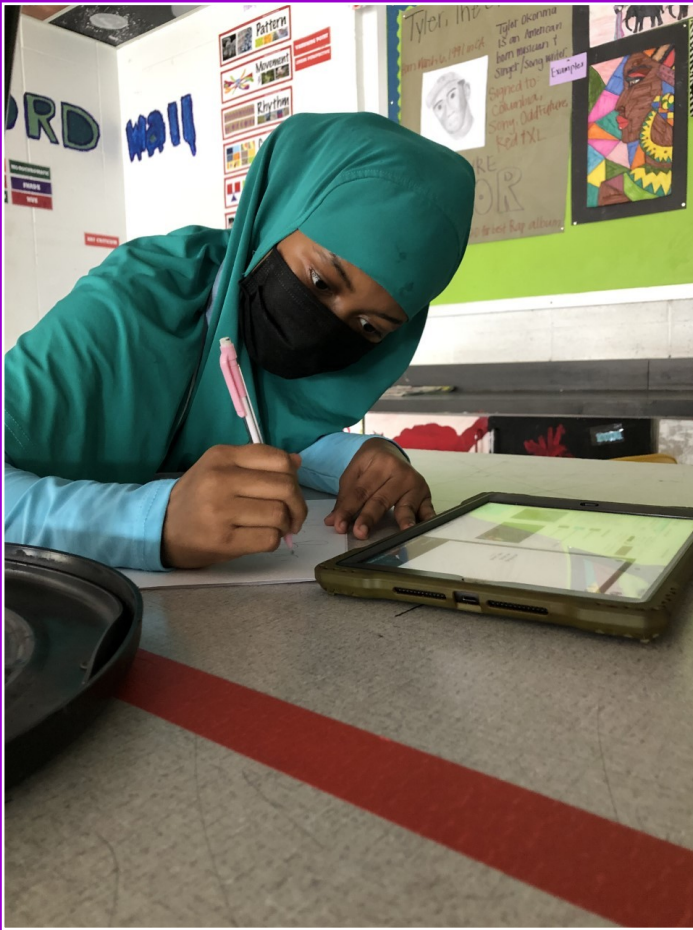


Showing their colors! Mr. Phillips captures this photo of staff on Sports Team Day. Students and staff wore their favorite team colors.

ARTISTS AT WORK

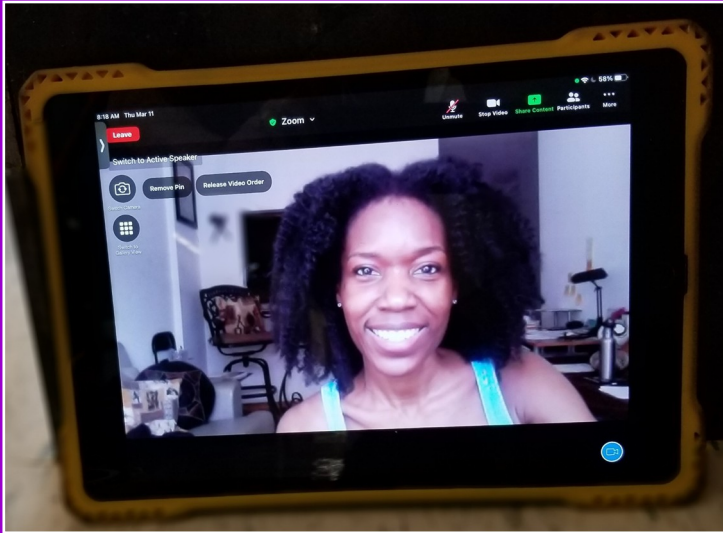
Students returning to school in person got to work in Ms. Choate's Art Room on 2nd Floor. Ms. Choate provided art supply packets for students working from home. In the blended classroom, Ms. Choate teaches her lessons virtually and live, in person.





CARR LANE DANCE

Once again Ms. Parker has partnered with Dance St. Louis to provide instruction through its Residency program with a professional dancer. This Spring Ms. Parker's students got the chance to work with Lisa Nicole Wilkerson, a dancer with EVIDENCE Dance Company. Ms. Wilkerson is an award-winning actor, voice-over artist, writer and speaker. Her Broadway credits include Motown: The Musical, The Lion King and the Tony Award-winning, The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess. In addition to Broadway, she has performed in multiple national tours and at numerous regional theaters.

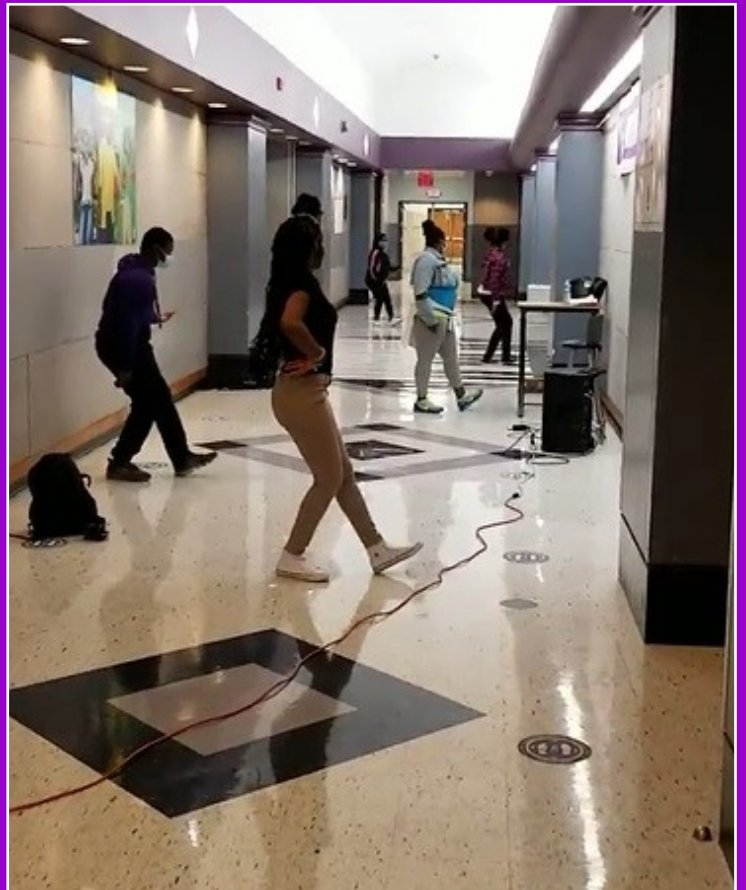


Students work with Ms. Wilkerson on-line.

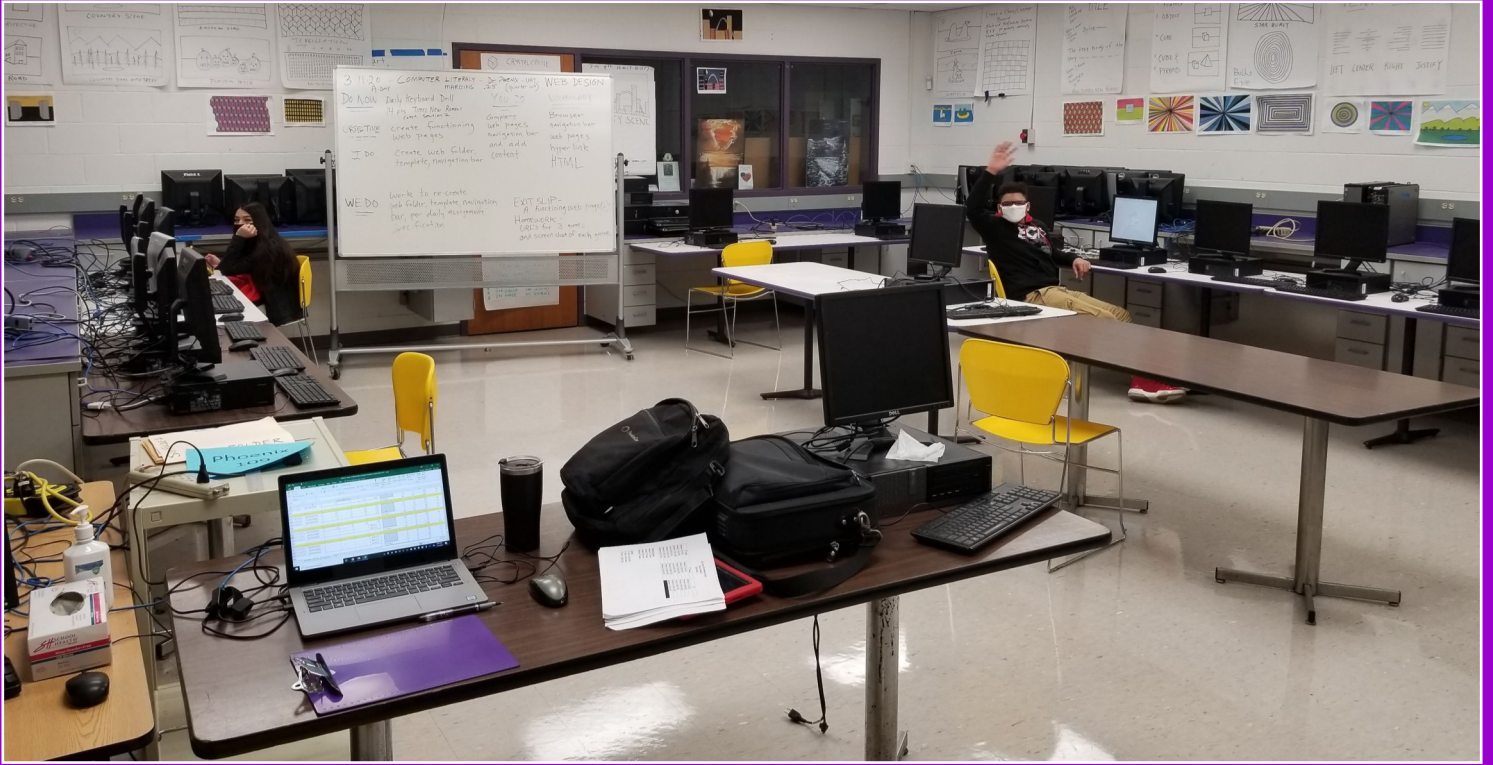
Ms. Wilkerson, live from her studio in New York City!



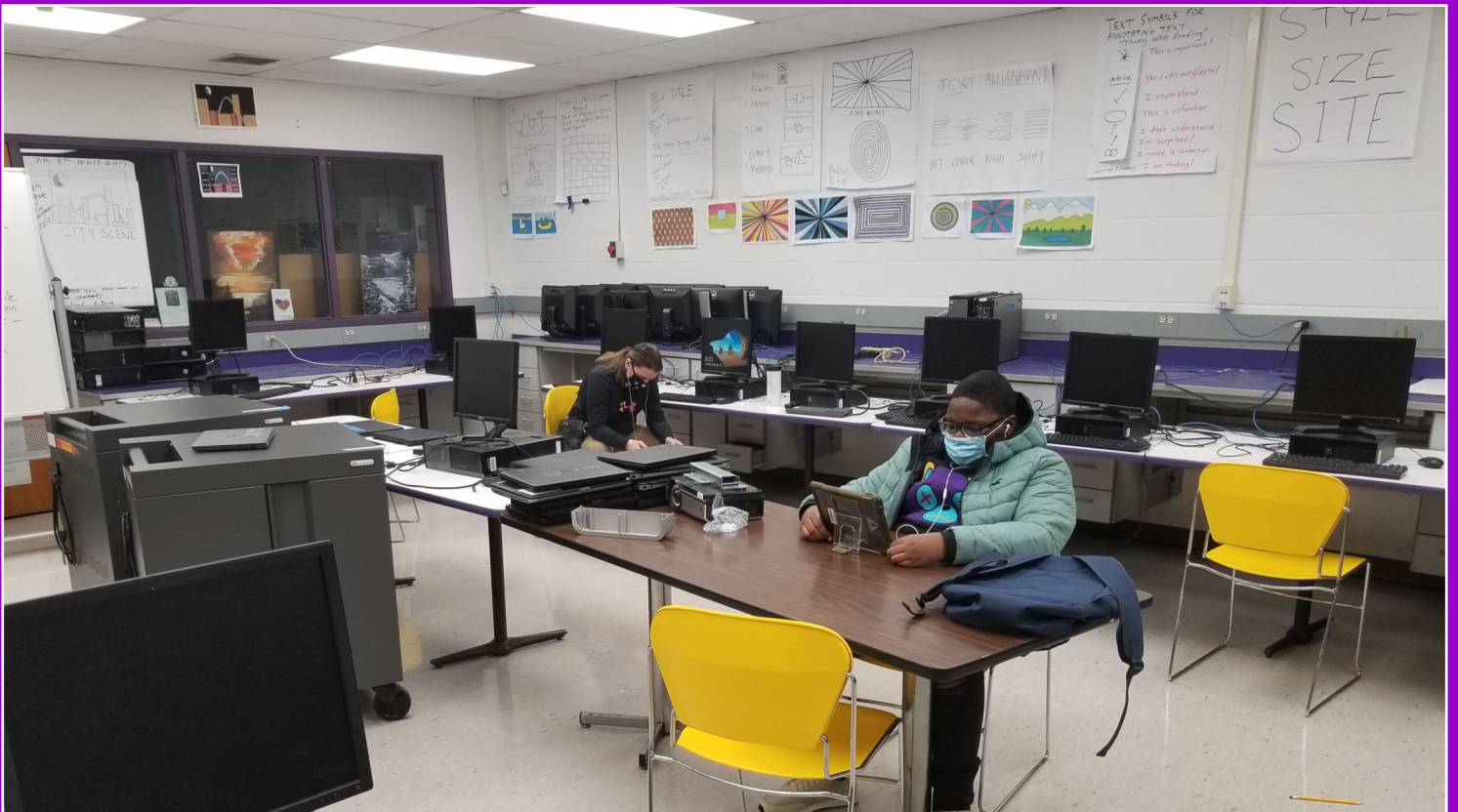
Ms. Parker works with her students as they learn new routines, dancing skills and terminology.



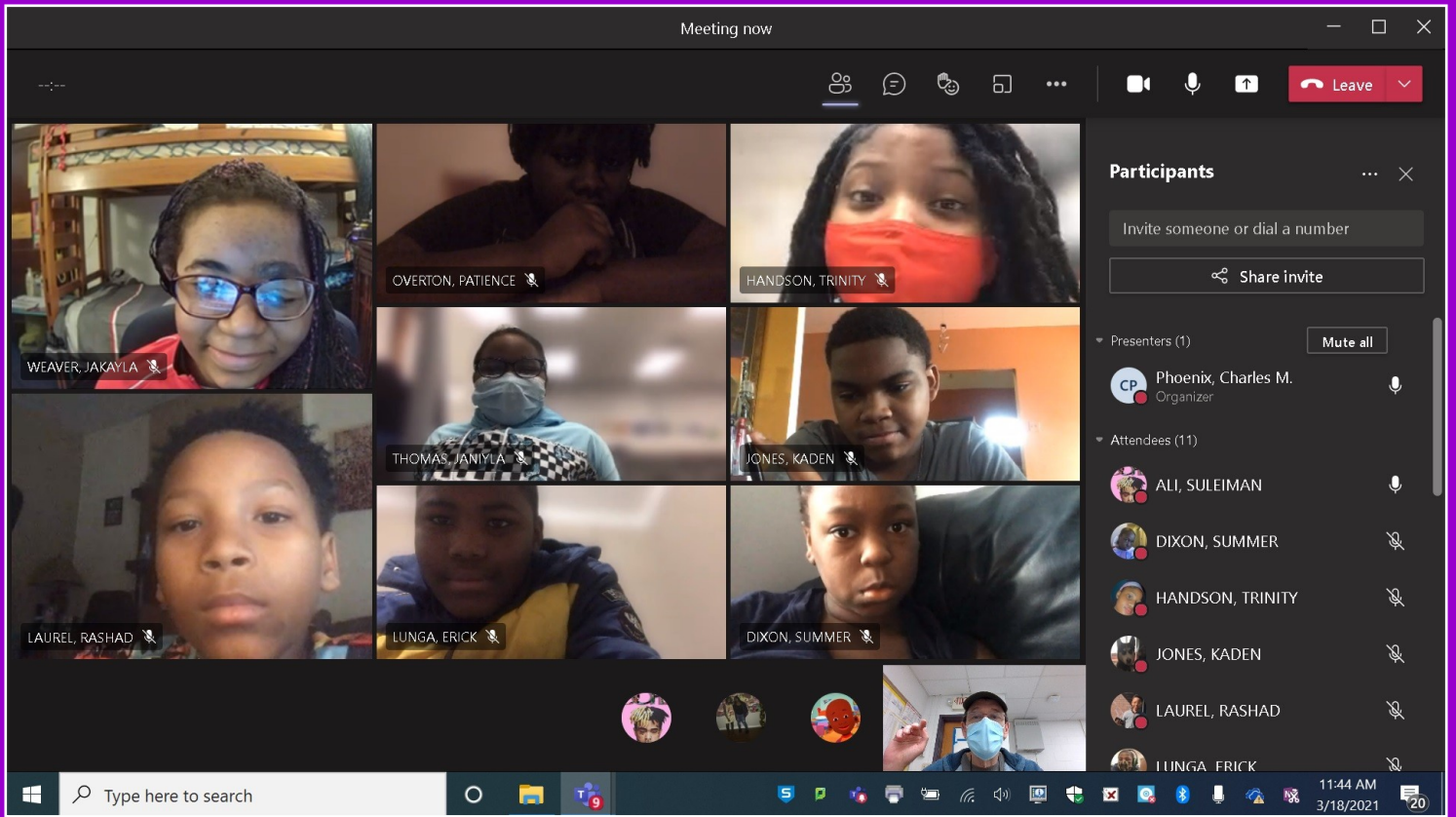
COMPUTERS



Valeria and Eddington, two 8th grade students who returned to the building in their morning computer class, 8A.



Heavon and Nasir, two 7th grade students who returned to the building in their morning computer class, 7B.



6th Grade B-Day Computer Students in virtual class.



Finished with her multimedia presentation, Kyrah helps prep the new laptop computers in 6A.

PIANO & BAND



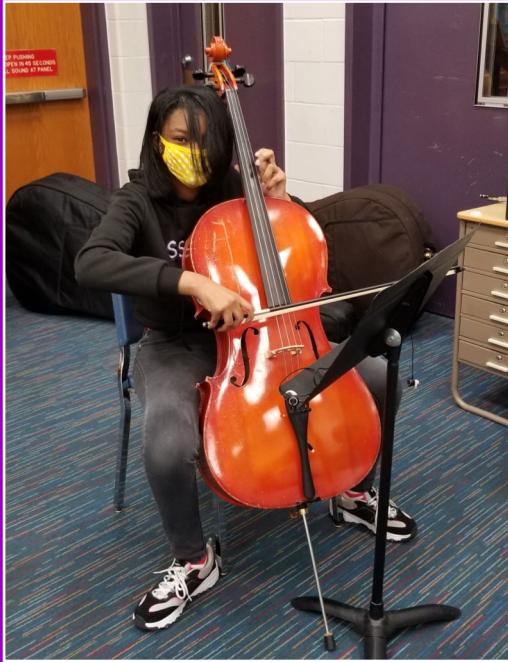
Carr Lane Band Director, Ms. Elking in her office between classes.



Carr Lane Concert Choir Director and Piano Teacher, Ms. Williams instructs one of her students in person.



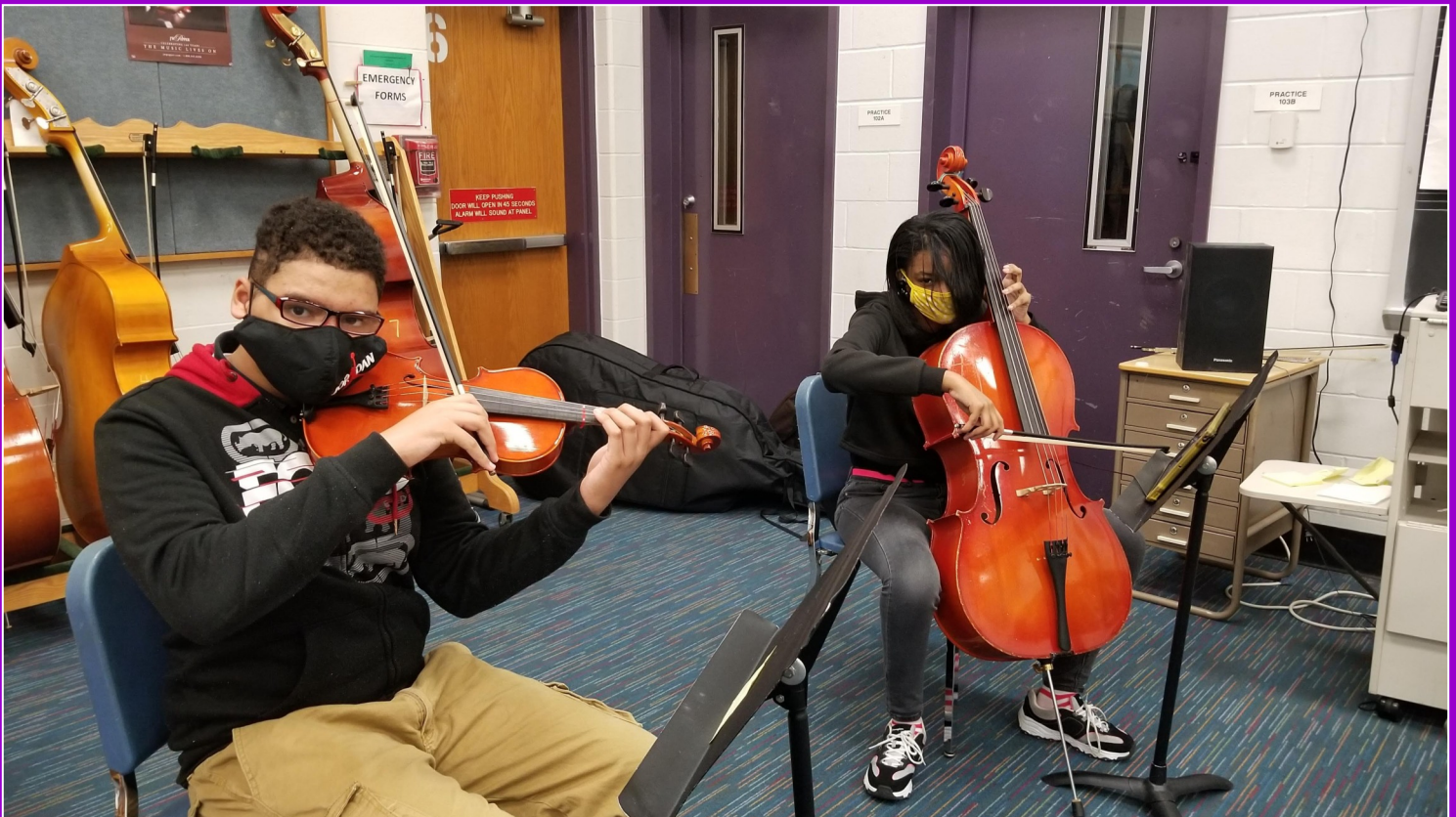
STRINGS



8th Grade Kenya on Cello.

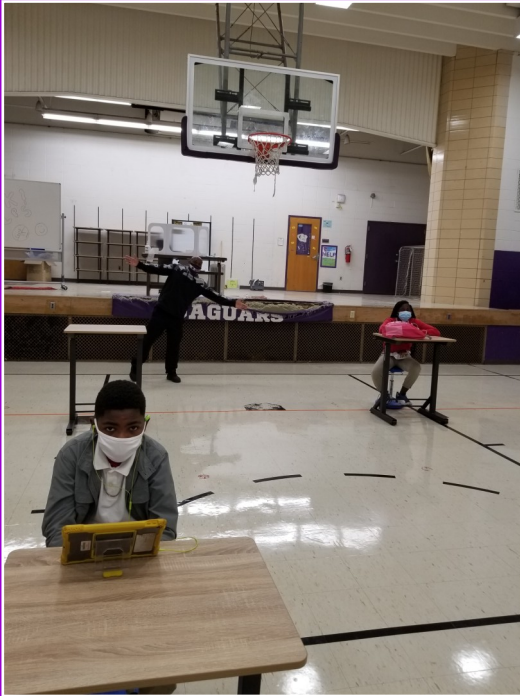


Carr Lane Orchestra Director, Mr. Walker starts his virtual class.

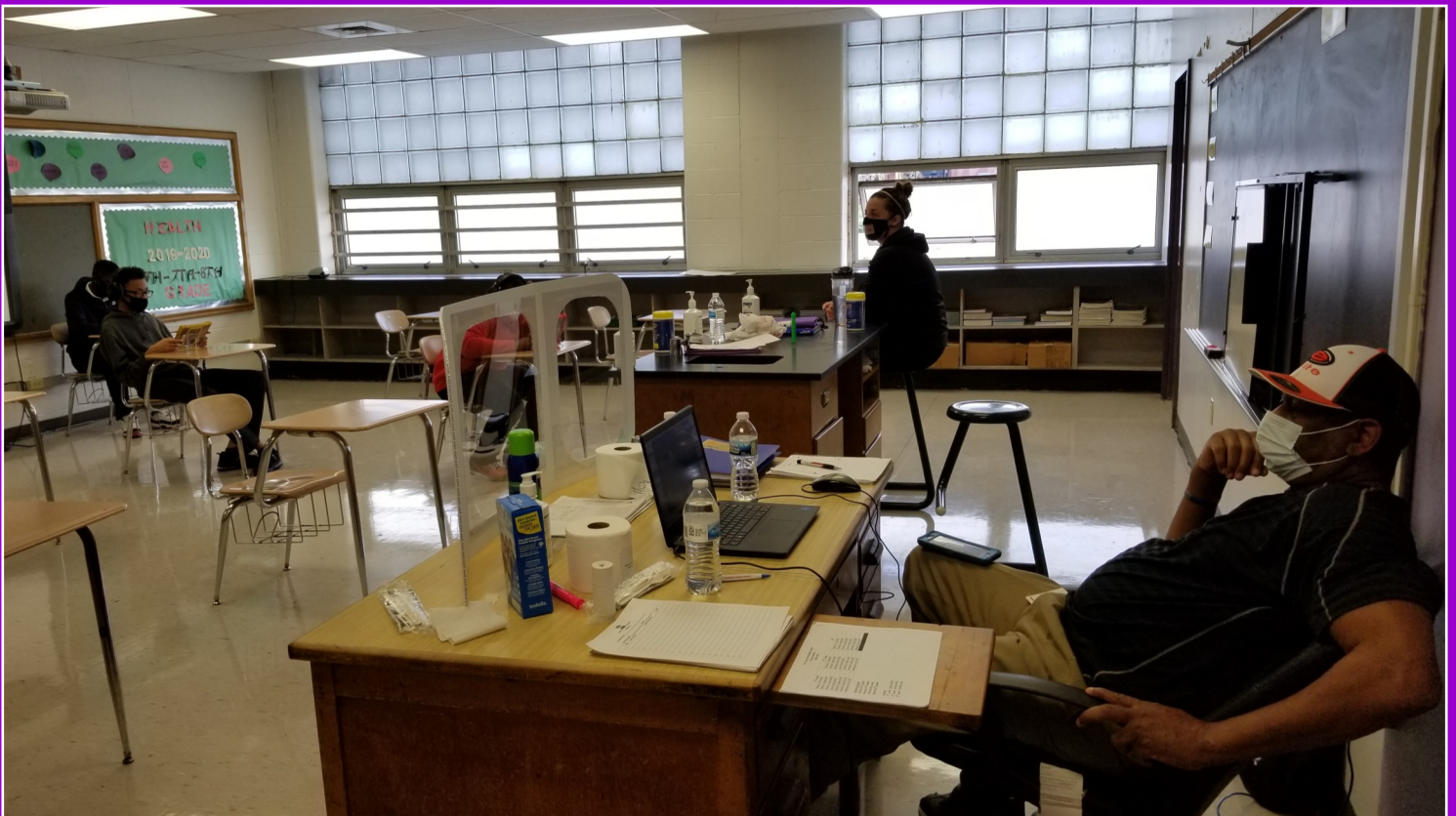


Eddington and Kenya prepare to play.

PE AND HEALTH



7th Grade Physical Education in the Carr Lane VPA Gymnasium with Mr. Folkes.

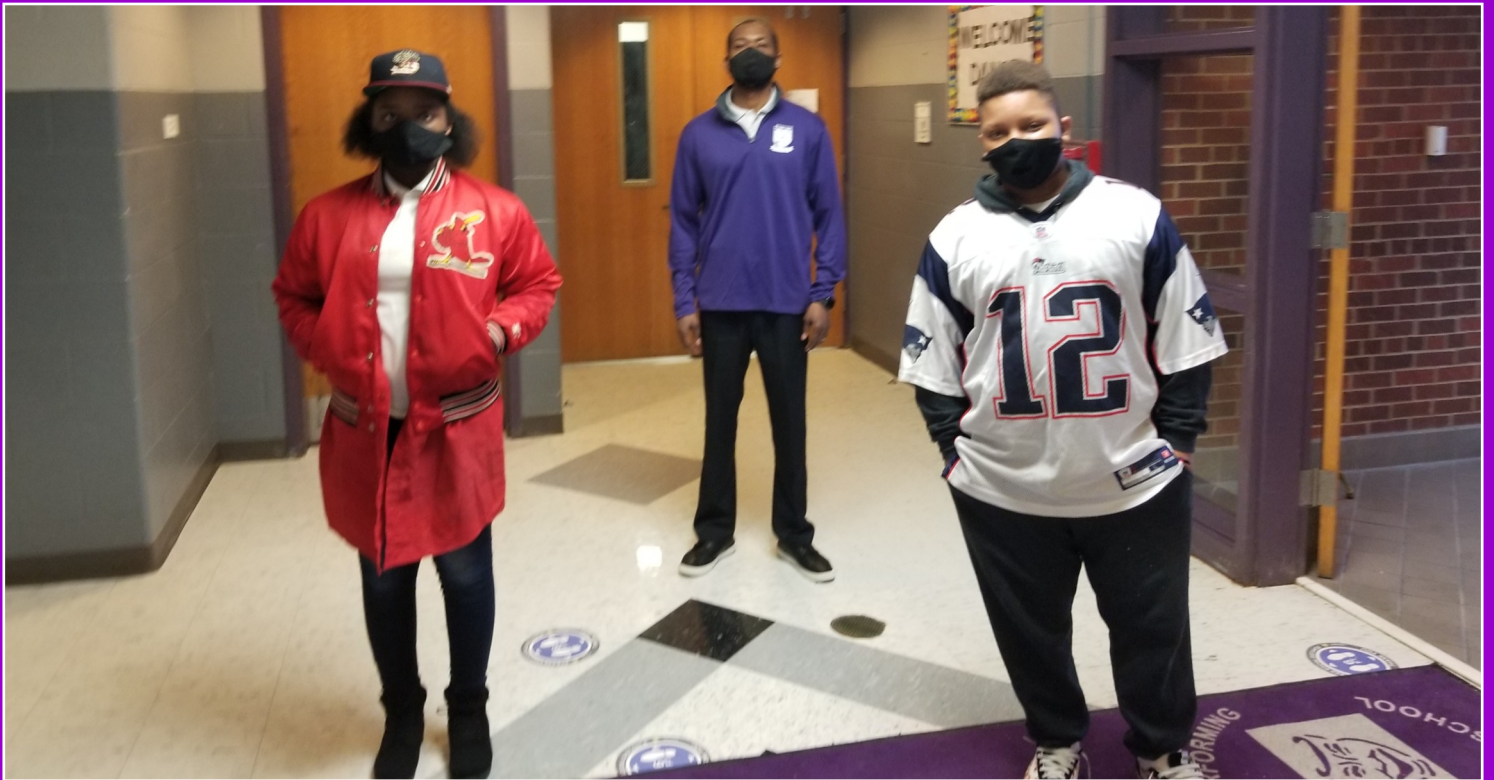


Mr. Banks in his Health Classroom

SCHOOL SPIRIT!

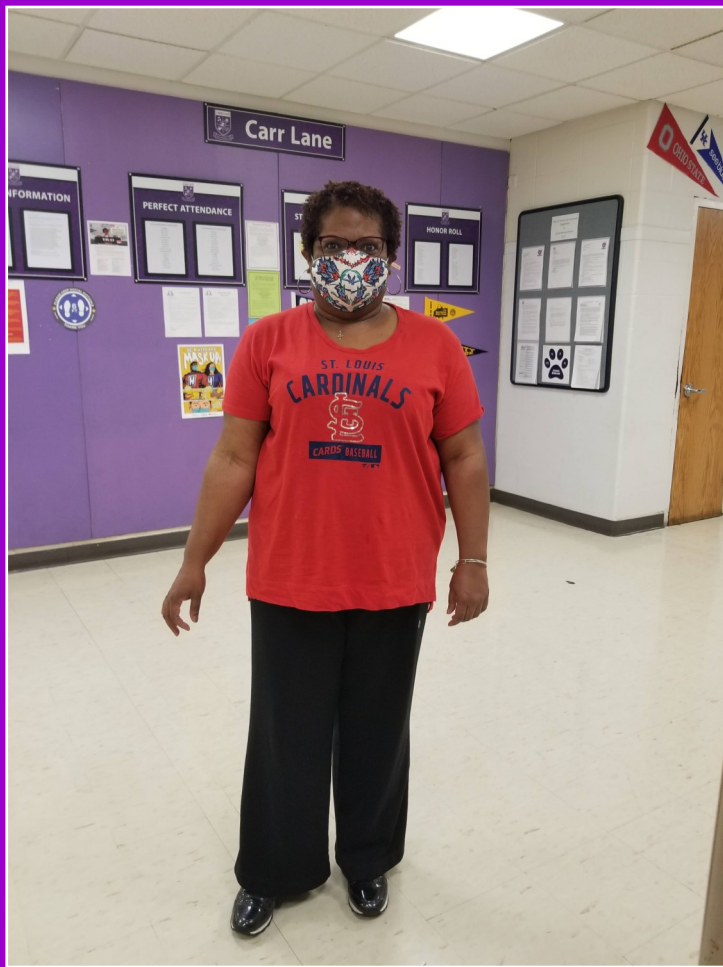


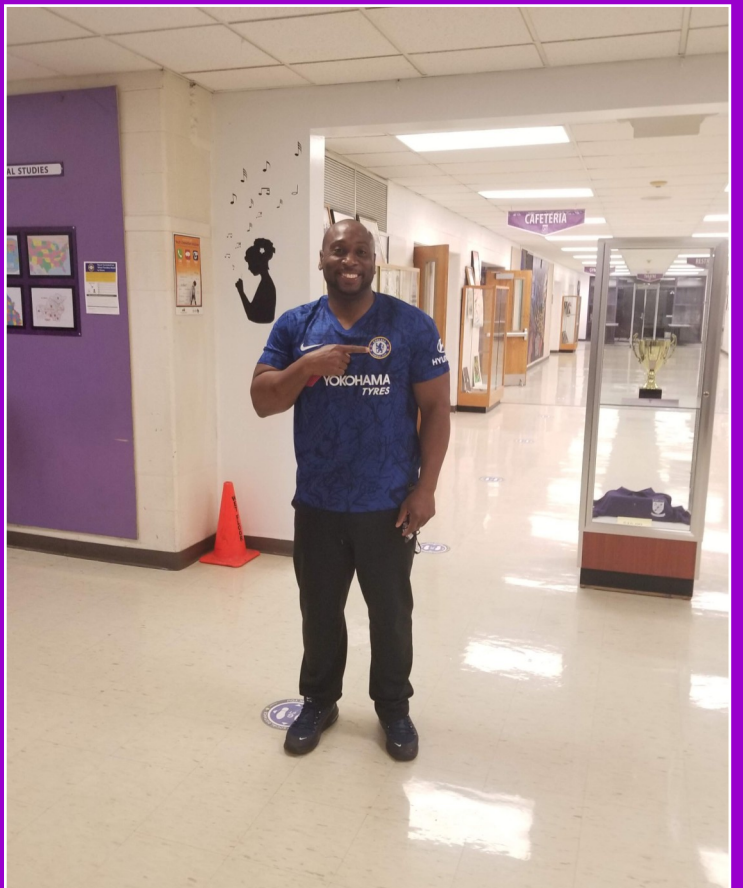
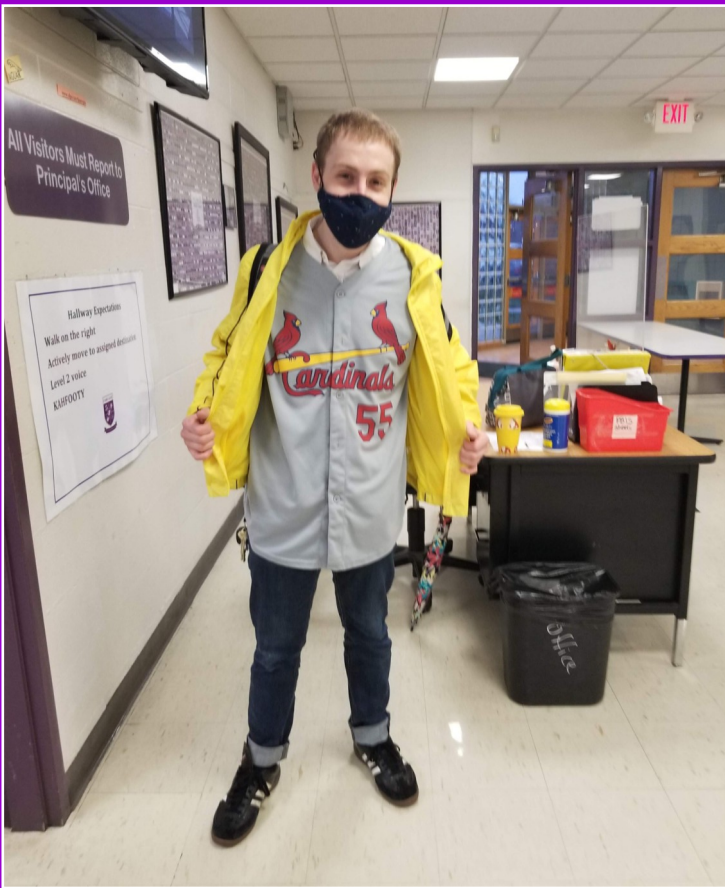
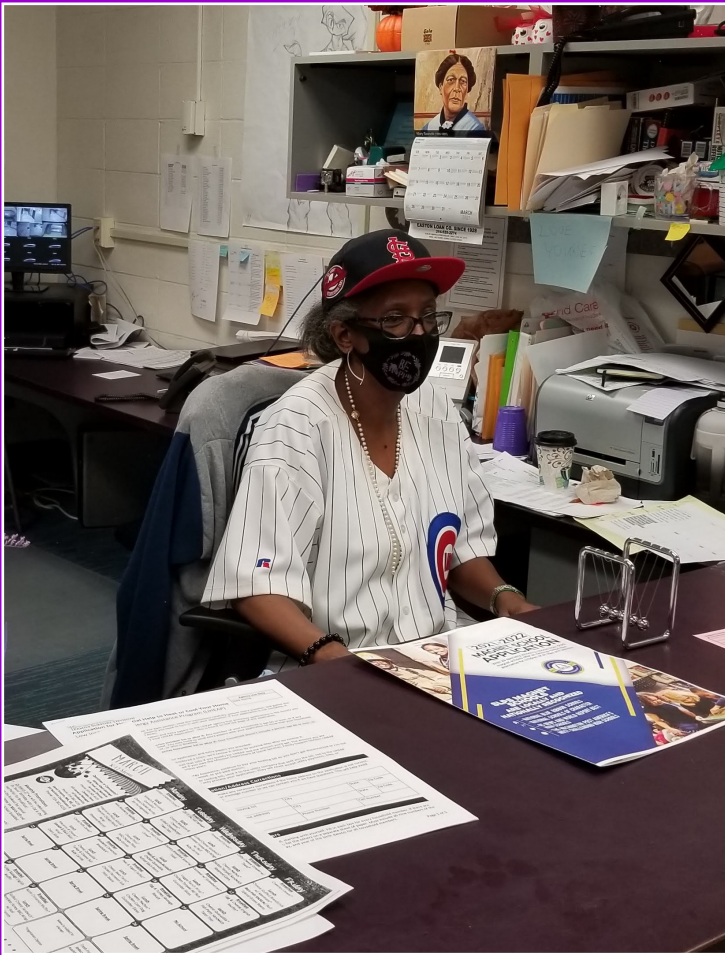
Carr Lane Purple and White Spirit Day -- Jaylen Swift and Shaqola Ruffin.

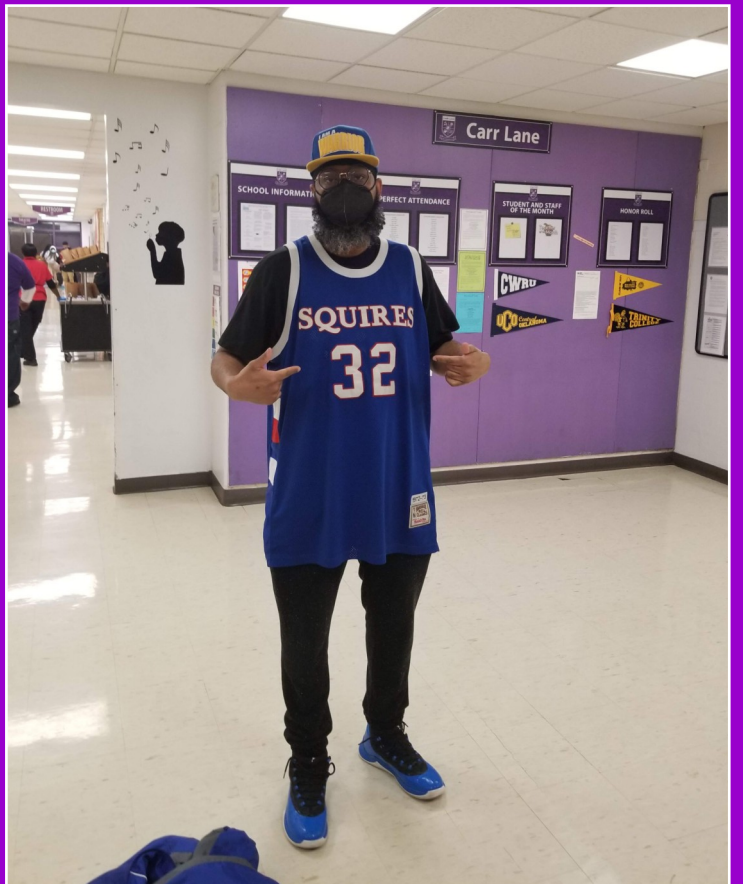
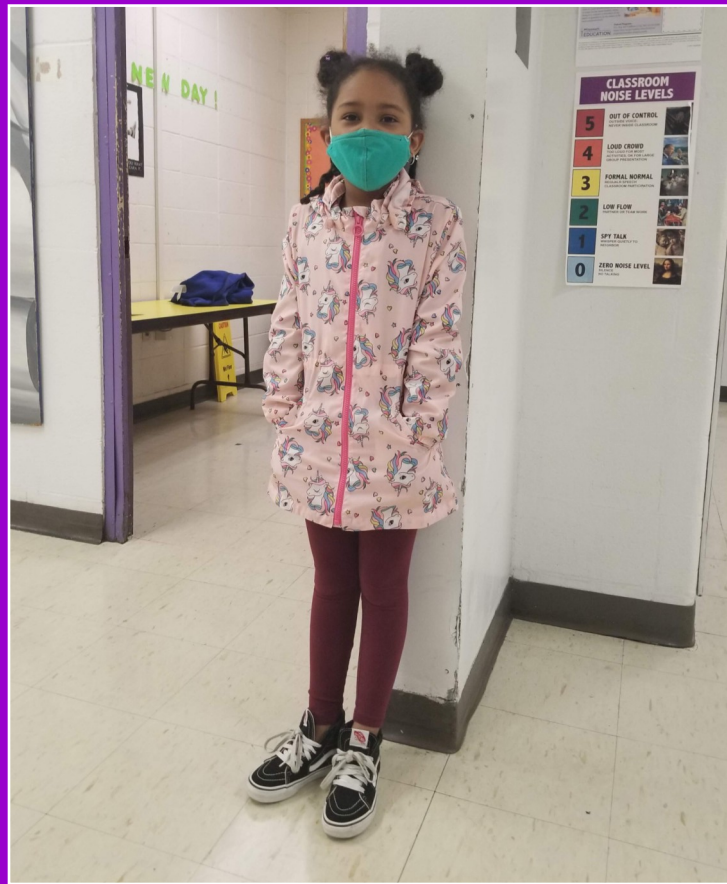


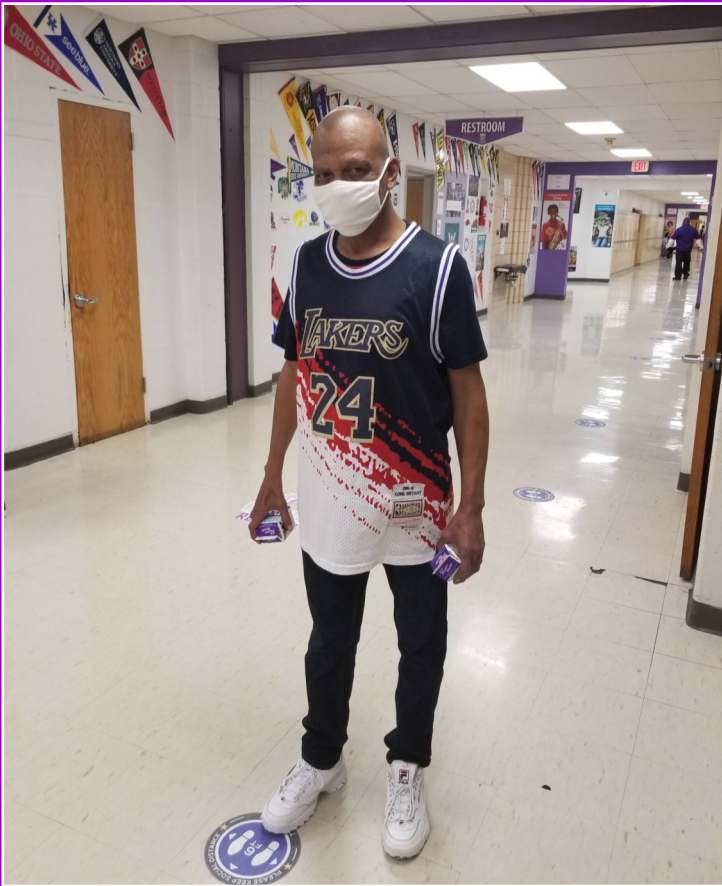
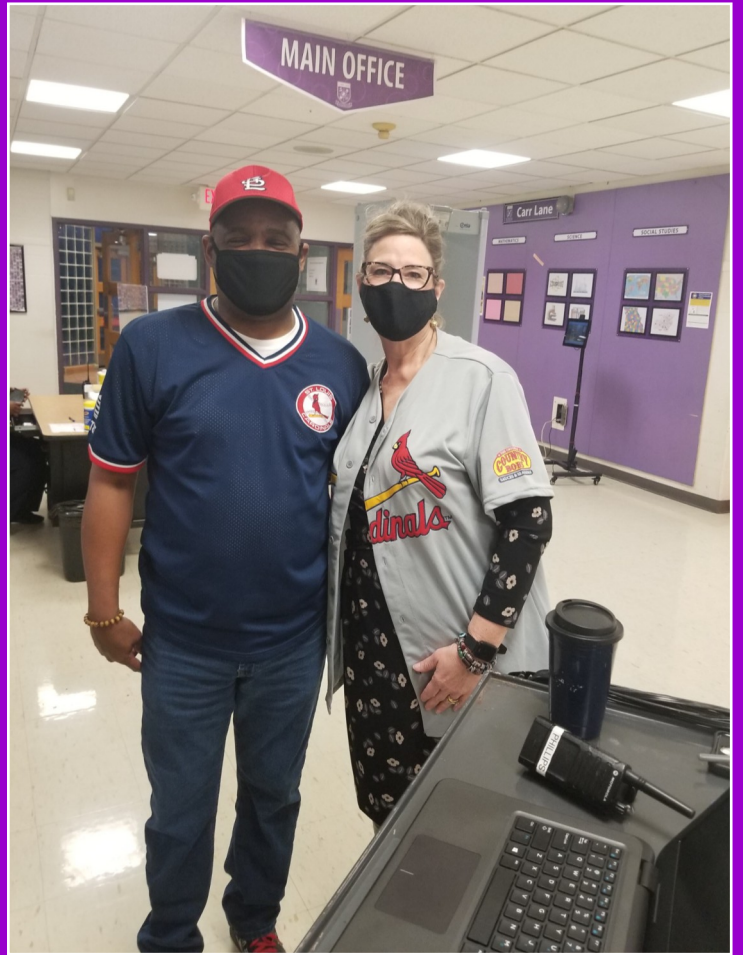
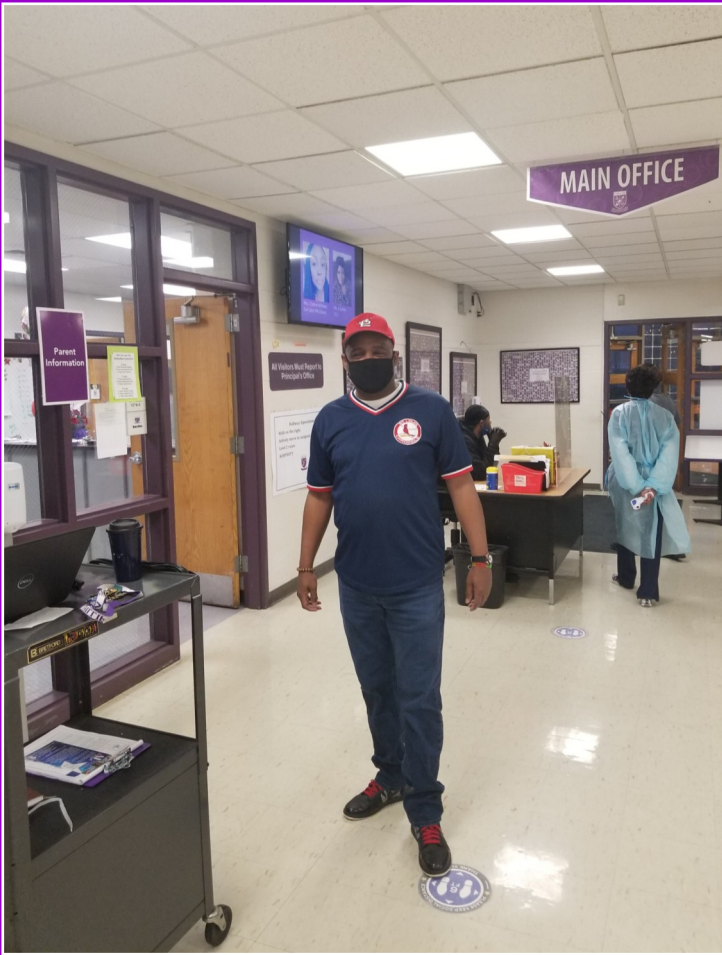
Carr Lane Sports Day Winners -- Chanell Mitchell and Jaylen Swift

CARR LANE SPORTS DAY



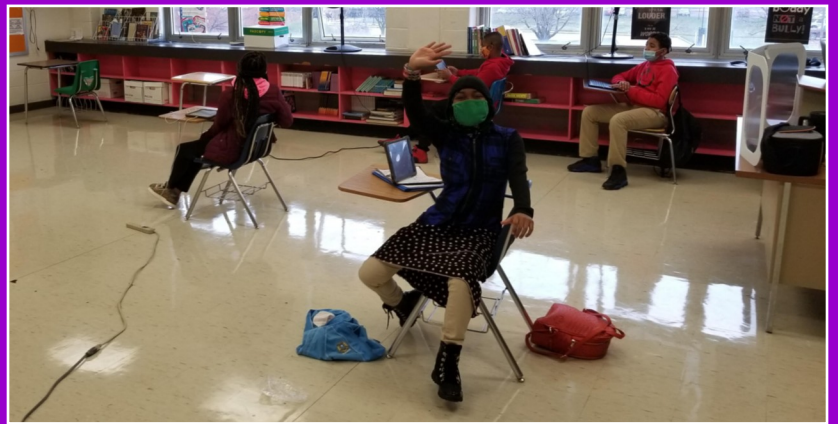
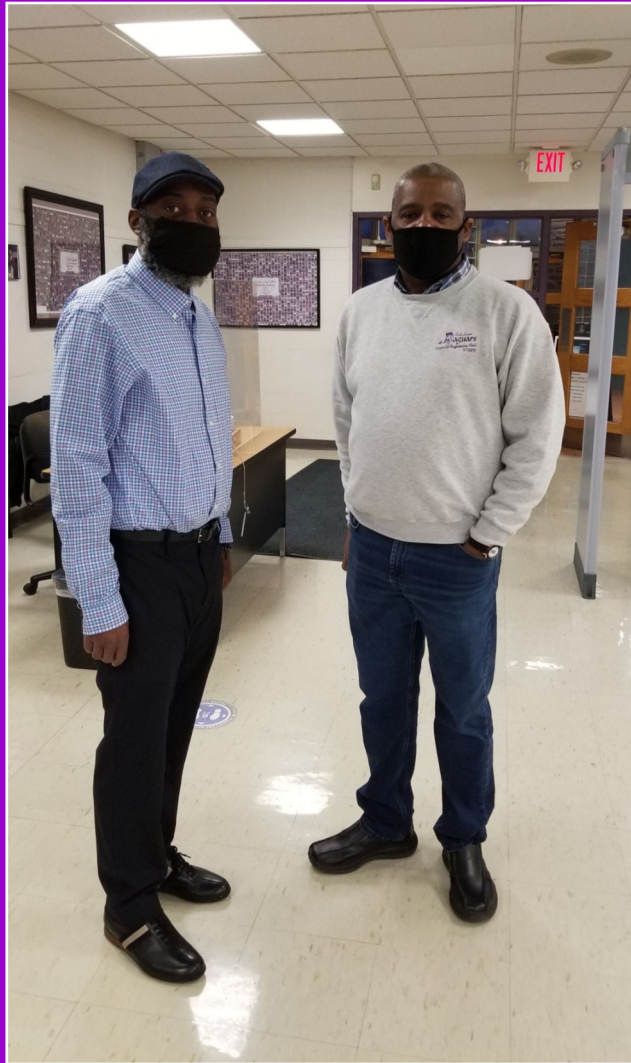








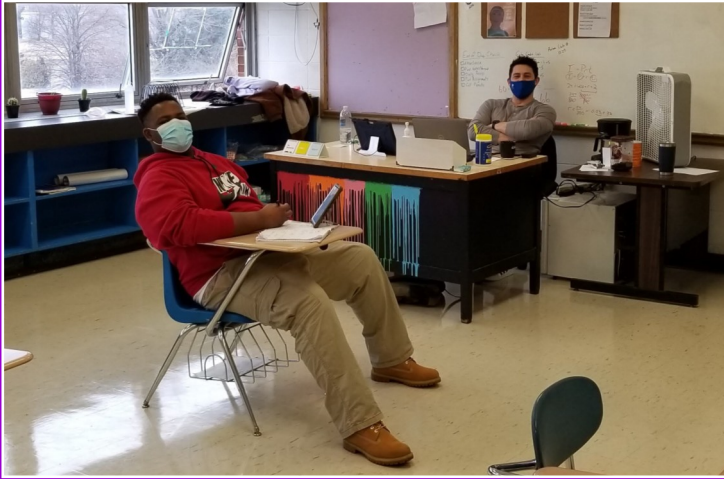
6th and 7th Grade students sign-up for Carr Lane's 2021-2022 Teams and Clubs at the table outside the Main Office.



Mr. Ford and Mr. Phillips greet students in the morning.

Students depart on the afternoon of their first day back: January 11, 2021.

LOVE THE LOU



Andre Rush in Mr. Beemer's Math Classroom

The St. Louis nonprofit organization called LOVE the LOU has a youth mentorship program called STL|LIFT.

Several of Mr. Beemer's students applied, interviewed and were accepted into the program this year! Congratulations to De'Asia Clark, Andre Rush, Jerese Luster, Keith Jacobs, Sariyah Allen and Hassan Evers.



2021 MATH COMPETITION

Carr Lane Math Teachers, Mr. Hommowun and Mr. Beemer dreamed-up a school-wide event that would encourage student involvement and interest in mathematics. Their answer was the 2021 Math Competition. Students signed-up and competed on-line through 2 rounds and a final. At the conclusion of the finals, Mr. Beemer announced the winners:

The results are in for the 2021 Carr Lane VPA Mathathon Competition! Of almost 60 students, our champions have proven themselves as the top mathematicians in each grade level! Mr. Hommowun and I encourage you to congratulate these students for the hard work and perseverance they have shown in this rigorous competition. The winners are:

6th Grade:

- 1st Place: Ramando Gillespie
- 2nd Place: Janell Degraffenried
- 3rd Place: Brisa Mariscal

7th Grade:

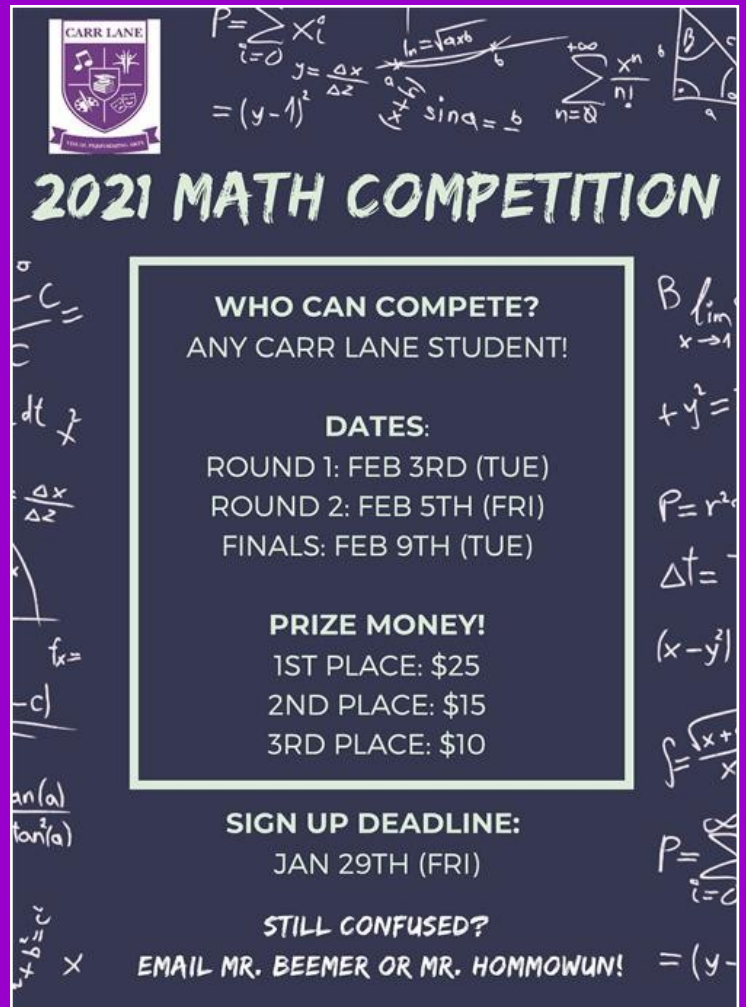
- 1st Place: Kayle Johnson
- 2nd Place: Mackenzie Wynn
- 3rd Place: Hassan Evers

8th Grade:

- 1st Place: Ronald Comage
- 2nd Place: Aaliyah Bounds
- 3rd Place: Stony Billings

Once again, congratulations to these scholars for their exceptional hard work!

Thank you,
Mr. Beemer



2021 MATH COMPETITION

WHO CAN COMPETE?
ANY CARR LANE STUDENT!

DATES:
ROUND 1: FEB 3RD (TUE)
ROUND 2: FEB 5TH (FRI)
FINALS: FEB 9TH (TUE)

PRIZE MONEY!
1ST PLACE: \$25
2ND PLACE: \$15
3RD PLACE: \$10

SIGN UP DEADLINE:
JAN 29TH (FRI)

STILL CONFUSED?
EMAIL MR. BEEMER OR MR. HOMMOWUN!



8th Grade Math Teacher, Mr. Hommowun was one of the teachers who elected to teach his virtual classes from inside the building before students returned last January. He is seen here at work in the 2nd Floor Computer Lab during the dark days of winter.

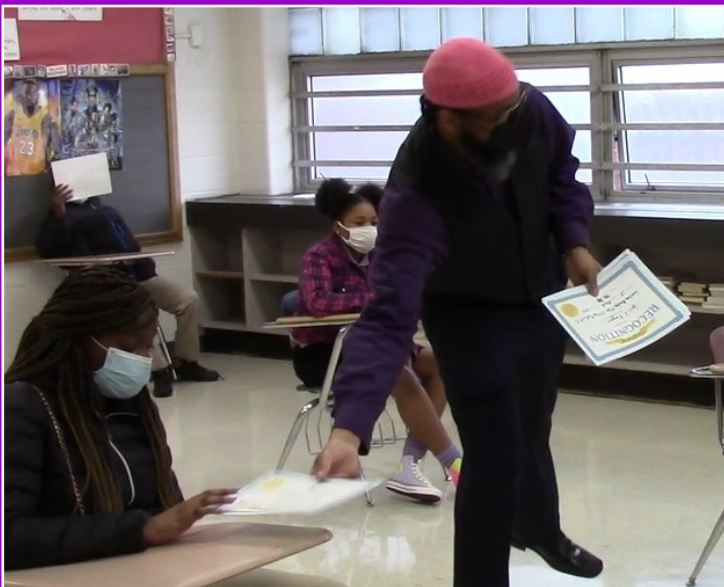
CELEBRATION!



Celebrating Ms. Williams' Birthday with wonderful treats supplied by her mother. A yearly, Carr Lane Tradition!



The Return of Mr. Banks!



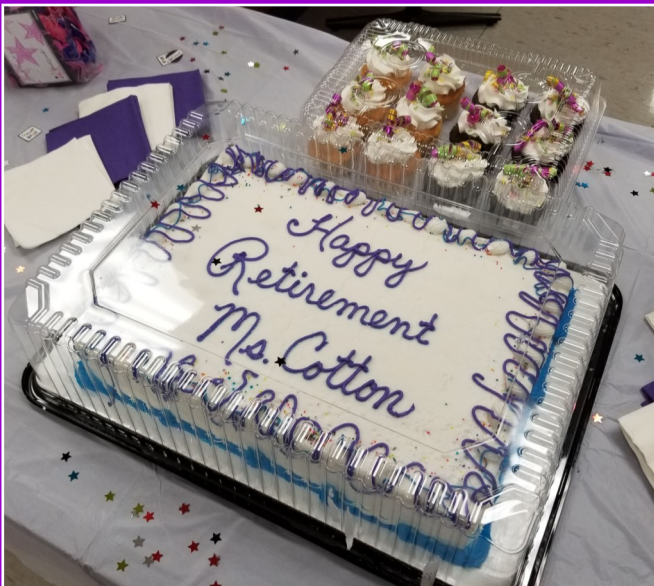
Mr. Petty and his ELA students celebrate their gains in reading proficiency with personalized certificates and ice-cream treats!



Carr Lane Farewell Ms. Valerie Cotton



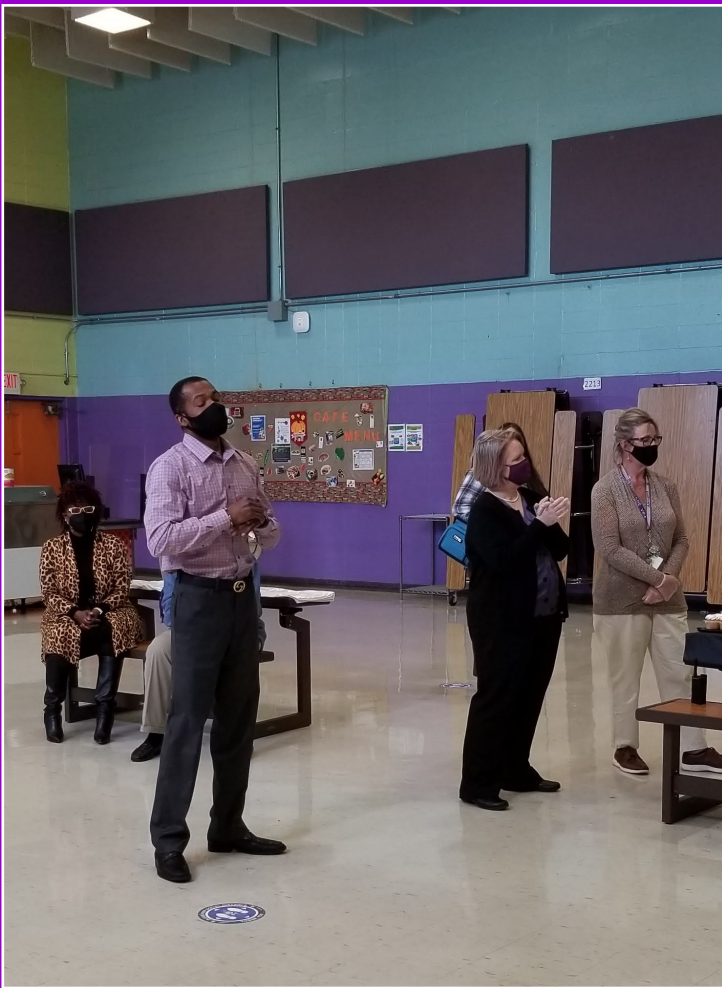
Ms. Cotton and her daughter hosted a farewell to staff party on the day before Spring Break. Staff members, including Ms. Choate (center) stopped by to wish Ms. Cotton all the best during her retirement from SLPS.



On the morning of March 31, Mrs. Goode-Lockley arranged for a surprise farewell for Ms. Cotton. Ms. Cotton was deeply moved by the faculty and staff who expressed their thanks for her 25 years of service at Carr Lane.



Ms. Williams shares memories of her time with Ms. Cotton over their twenty-five years working together since the time Carr Lane first opened as a performing arts middle school. Ms. Cotton expressed her thanks to everyone.



Left: Principal Young shared stories of working with Ms. Cotton from years ago when he first worked at Carr Lane as a Social Studies teacher. **Right:** Ms. Parker presents a bouquet of flowers to a grateful Ms. Cotton.

Carr Lane 1st Semester 2020-2021 Honor Roll

8th Grade

4.0000 Knox, Zarina M
3.8333 Comage, Ronald Bernard
3.6667 Belton, Dajiah M
3.6667 Bohlen, Kornae D
3.6667 Dunger, Morgan K
3.6667 Roddie-Williams, Alyssa Ann
3.6667 Smith, Nikell Z
3.5000 Cooper, Royalty L
3.5000 Cooper, Wallace C
3.5000 Elliott, Amijah D
3.5000 Harris, Tristan Devaughn
3.5000 Haskin, Daniel A

7th Grade

4.0000 Brown, Carnetta Ann
4.0000 Harris, Tatum Dashawn
4.0000 Martin, Nevaeh H
4.0000 Simms, Talanna R
4.0000 Terry, Dkyra
3.8333 Wynn, MacKenzie
3.8333 Luster, Jerese K
3.8333 Evers, Hassan Davonte
3.6667 Binion, Rashad M
3.6667 Harris, Daveona Maree
3.6667 Jacobs, Keith Roysell
3.6667 Love, Kenya E
3.5000 Deal, A j Terrell
3.5000 Flowers, Stanley V
3.5000 Haynes, Kvon M
3.5000 Nash, Destiny G

6th Grade

4.0000 Dixon, Summer Mariah
4.0000 Gillespie, Ramando C
4.0000 Handson, Trinity L
4.0000 Mariscal-Dominguez, Brisa C
4.0000 Weaver, Jakayla Ivy
3.8333 Belden, Chloe Marie
3.6667 Dickerson, Montell M
3.6667 Laurel, Rashad Dominick
3.6667 Swift, Jaylen Christopher
3.6667 Woods, Daquan Markell
3.5000 Madison, Ariyah
3.5000 Hill, Zamarion
3.5000 Smittie, Deion Monique

Carr Lane Perfect Attendance 1st Semester 2020

8th Grade

Cooper, Wallace
Elliott, Amijah
Harris, Tristan
Jean-Baptiste, Micayah
Lacey, Arianna
Miller, Kamani
Nolan, Aaliyah
Nolan, Cianna
Rivas-Utrera, Samantha
Roddie-Williams, Alyssa
Smith, Calen
Vincent, Tori

7th Grade

Allen, Sariyah
Cameron, Crosby
Edwards, Armoni
Ford, Makhi
Jackson, Laden
Jacobs, Keith
James, Cameron
Love, Javon
Love, Kenya
Smith, Nekyra
Terry, Dyra
Walker, Amorii
Wilbourn, Shania
Wynn, MacKenzie

6th Grade

Bell, Keon
Curry, Jayla
Dixon, Summer
Handson, Trinity
Mariscal-Dominnguez, Brisa
Mejia, Vanessa
Williams, Zimontey

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