

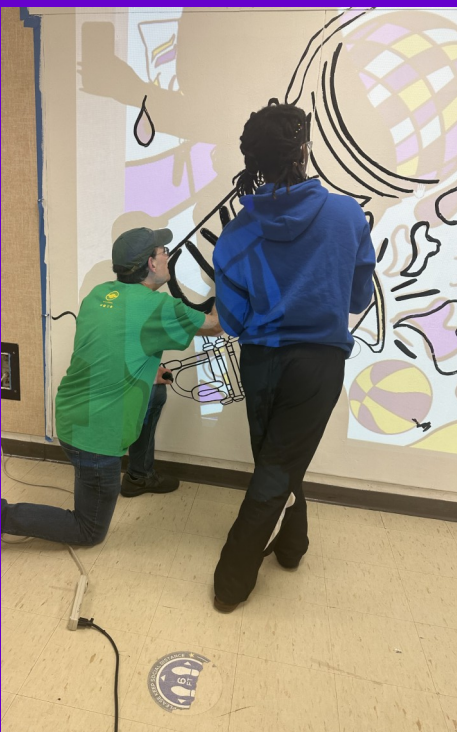
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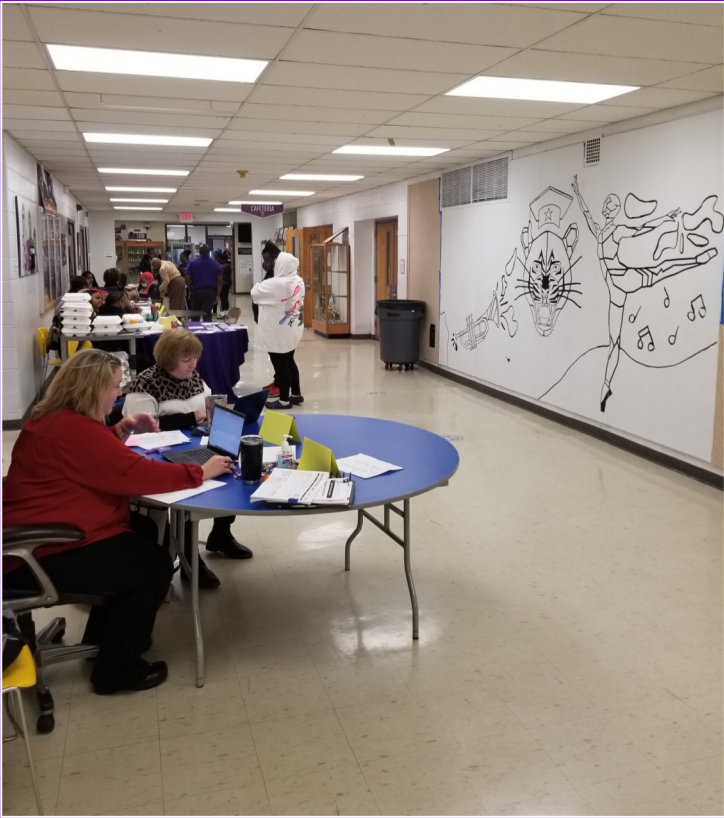
The Carr Lane Mural between the Cafeteria and the Gym gets a new look thanks to the artistry of Washington University Senior, Ms. Fatou Kane. She donated a lot of time and energy making the new mural a reality.



Kane used a projector to cast her original design on the wall.



Principal Young surveys progress on the mural.



Ms. Jarrell and Ms. Ring, Carr Lane's Academic Instructional Coaches on the night of the Parent/Teacher Conferences.



Top: Parents meet the teachers. **Lower right:** Ms. Hill of Trio encouraging students to pursue academics through college.



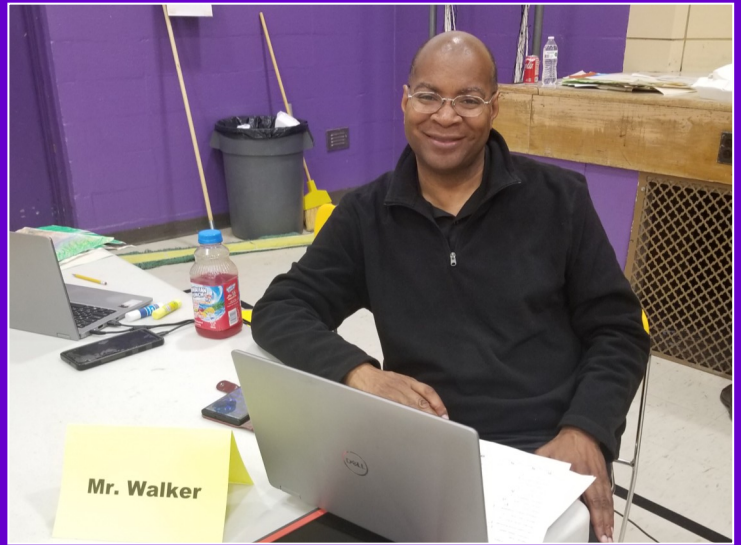
Mr. Folkes, PE; Ms. Litteken, Health



Ms. Parker, Dance



Dr. Phoenix, Computers; Ms. M. Williams, Choir & Piano



Mr. Walker, Strings



Mr. Dillard, 6th Grade Social Studies; Ms. Parisi, 6th Grade Science; Ms. Edmond, 6th Grade Resource.



Mr. Risch, 6th Grade Math and Team Leader; Mr. Slenker, 7th Grade Social Studies



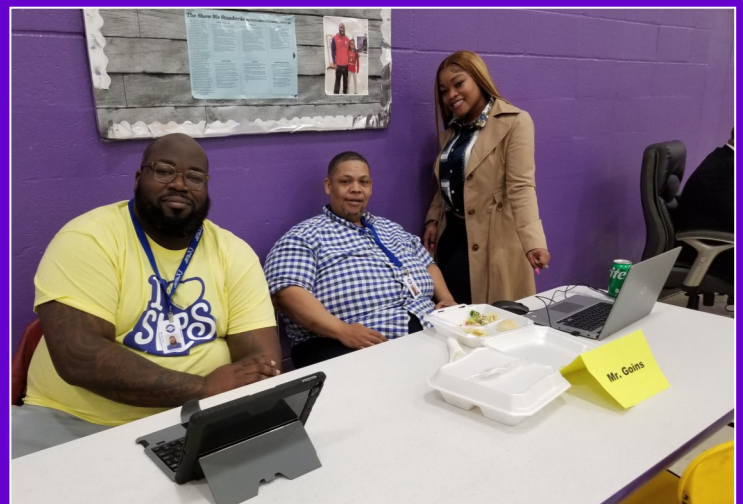
Mr. Young, 7th Grade Science; Ms. Dickson, 7th Grade Math and Team Leader; Ms. Crawford-Bell, 7th Grade ELA



Ms. Nash, 7th Grade ELA; Mr. Barr 7th Grade Math



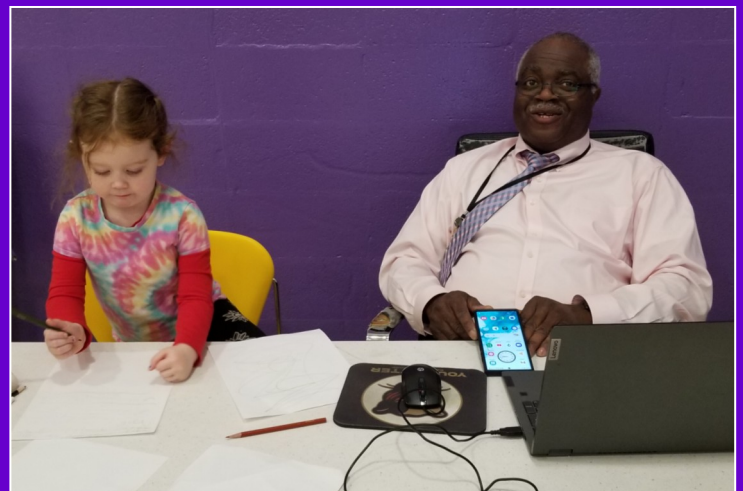
Mr. Harris, SPED with SPED Team Lead, Ms. C. Williams



Team-Members, Mr. Butler and Mr. Goins with Ms. Williams



Ms. Shipp, 8th Grade Social Studies and Team Lead



Mr. Fields, 8th Grade Math with friend.

SPRING SPORTS



Boys' Track Team

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Girls' Track Team

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Flag Football

SPRING CHOIR & STRINGS SHOW!



Vocal Music Director and Carr Lane VPA Piano instructor, Ms. M. Williams takes the Carr Lane stage to kick-off the Spring Choir and Strings Show for parents, teachers, and the assembled Jaguar Nation on April 27, 2023! Students performed before a packed house.





Carr Lane VPA Strings Director and instructor, Mr. Adrian Walker takes the floor. His Carr Lane VPA students, Level One, Two, and Three traded off to present a variety of increasingly complex musical pieces for the assembled Jaguar Nation!



Another piece for advanced strings students. Note the signature “blue cello” of 7th grade strings student, Denim Browder. Denim is no stranger to playing before an audience: he’s appeared with the St. Louis Symphony under direction of conductor Stéphane Denève !



UNSUNG HEROES: You never see them on stage. When they do their jobs well, you never know they exist. That's the lot of the "Technical Theater Crew." Everyone wants to be an actor or a playwright! (Your News and Views editor spent a decade chasing the dream of Playwright -- with only modest success.) If you want to make a living in Theater, go into the "technical end." The Tech Crew, "behind the scenes" brings theater and on-stage performances to life! Thanks to Ms. Tina Parker for assembling an 8th Grade "Tech Crew" of responsible and dependable young men to help create Carr Lane's "Theater Magic!" Dr. Phoenix would like to thank Summer Hatton, DeMarie Jackson, Jaden Graves, Jairus Nesbit and Aaron Graham for working, tirelessly in the shadows, without fanfare, behind the scenes, to help record these performances (among many) for posterity.

TROLLS!

Presented by students from Mr. Allen's Musical Theater classes



Musical Theater students take the Carr Lane stage for a rousing performance with an anti-bullying message. The original show was presented in the afternoon on May 4, 2023. Ms. Williams Visual Art students provided some stunning, black-light visuals!



FASHION SHOW!



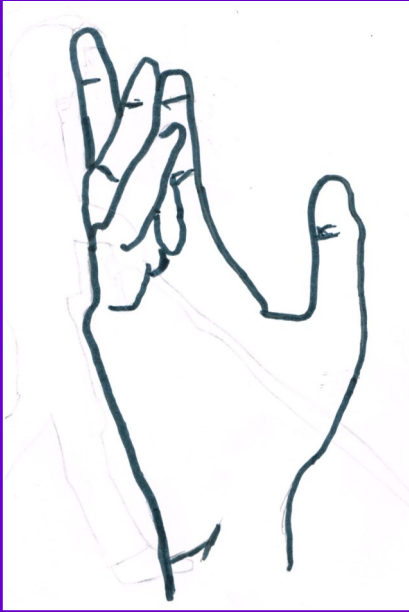
Ms. Tina Parker organized and directed a Spring Fashion Show! It played two performances. Along with Ms. Parker, the performers included students, parents, faculty and staff. Mr. Tellis served as the MC for both shows. The audiences loved the performances!







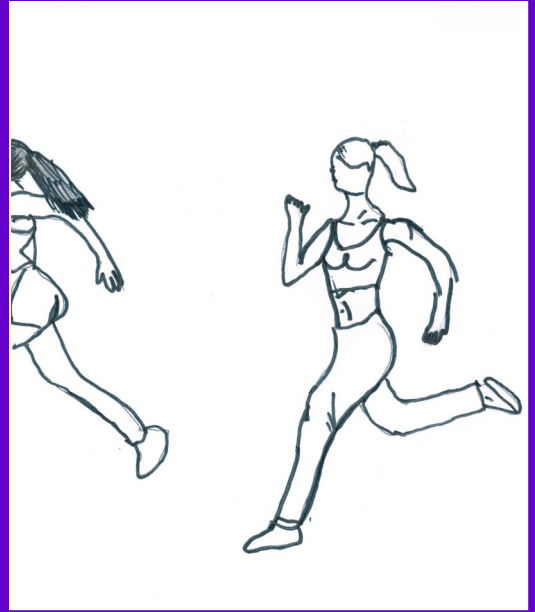
POETRY ILLUSTRATED



Skin Color
By Ekirah Clark, 6th Grade

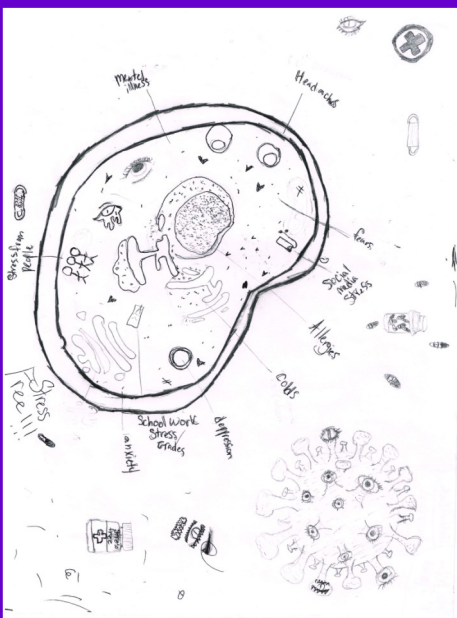


Friendship
By Lashar Buchanan, 7th Grade

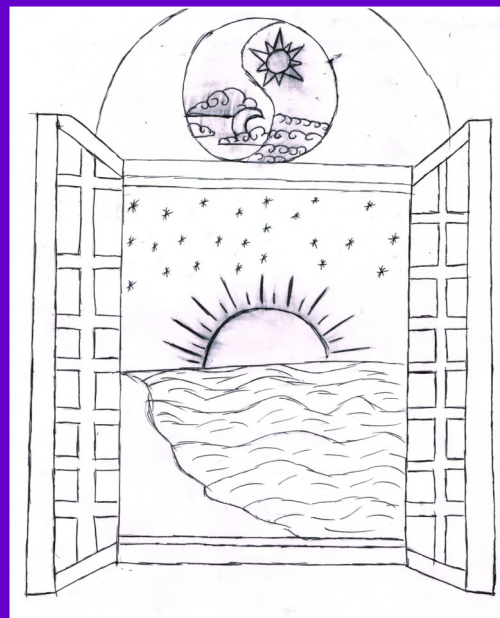


Racing
By Samiyah Saddler, 7th Grade

Recently, Visual Art Teacher, Ms. L. Williams and Dr. Phoenix from Computer Literacy collaborated on a project. Local media celebrity, Mr. Don Marsh wrote a book of children's poems. Students read the poems, picked a favorite and illustrated the poem. The poems and illustrations were gathered in a booklet that you can see on the Carr Lane Web-site under School Life. Check it out @: <https://www.slps.org/domain/12092>



Getting Sick
By Chloe Belden, 8th Grade



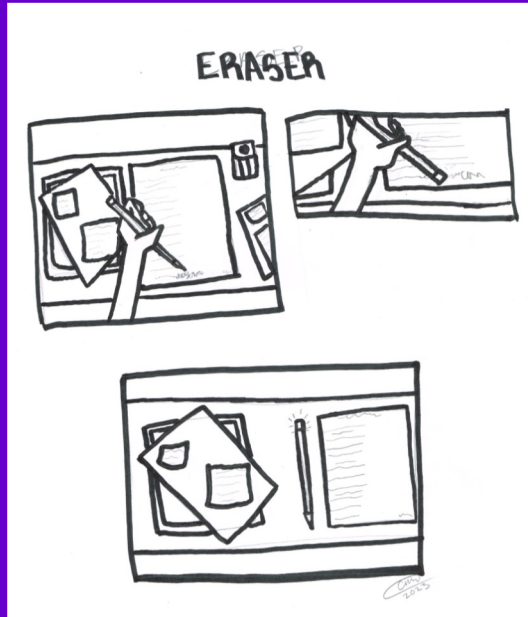
It's Always Darkest Before the Dawn
Brisa Mariscal-Dominguez , 8th Grade



Skin Color
By Hailey Bradley, 8th Grade



Well Worn
Chloe Jones, 8th Grade



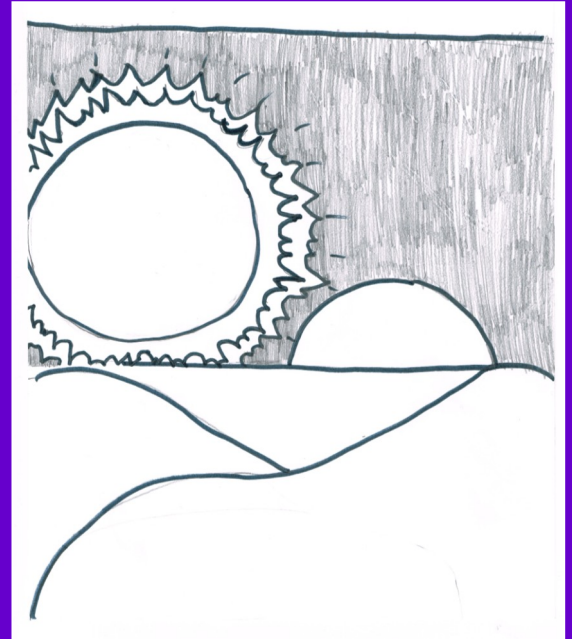
Eraser
Chanel Mitchell, 8th Grade



December
Journey Hammonds, 8th Grade



LEFT: No Train is Complete Without a Caboose by Zoriona Mclemore, 7th Grade
RIGHT: It's Always Darkest Before the Dawn by Aeronna Jackson, 8th Grade



Don Marsh served as host of St. Louis Public Radio's "St. Louis on the Air" from 2005 to 2019, bringing discussions of significant topics to listeners' ears at noon Monday through Friday. Don has been an active journalist for 58 years in print, radio and television. He has won 12 Regional Emmy Awards for writing, reporting, and producing. He is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, was inducted into the St. Louis Media Hall of Fame in 2013, and named "Media Person of the Year" by the St. Louis Press Club in 2015. He has published three books: his most recent, "Coming of Age, Liver Spots and All: A Humorous Look at the Wonders of Getting Old," "Flash Frames: Journey of a Journeyman Journalist" and "How to be Rude (Politely)." He holds an honorary Doctor of Arts and Letters degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

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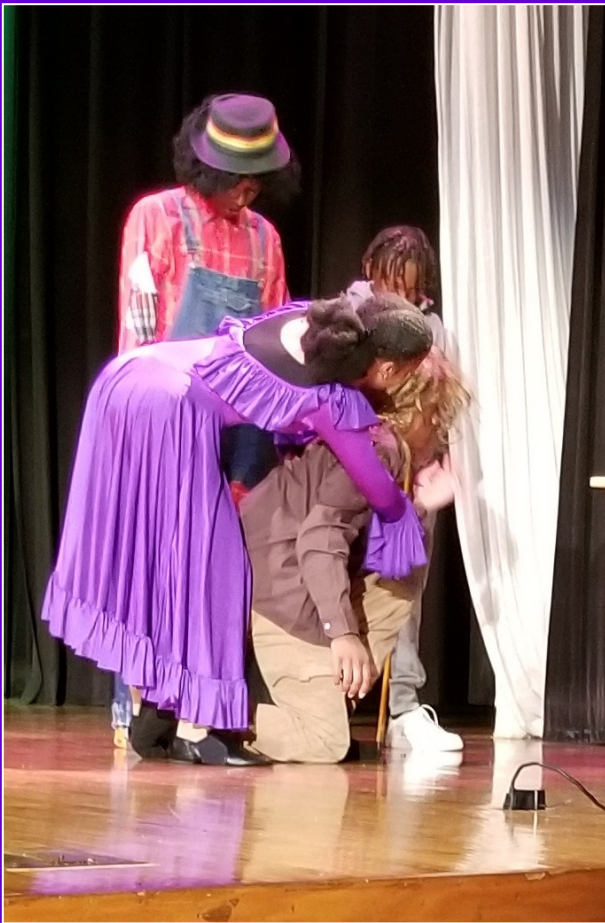
THE WIZ!



Scarecrow!



The Tin Man on a Chorus Line!



TOP: The Cowardly Lion takes the stage: **Left:** Dorothy and her new friends meet the Cowardly Lion. Dorothy consoles the distraught lion. **Directly Above:** A group shot of the four adventurers.: The Cowardly Lion, The Tin Man, The Scarecrow and Dorothy Gail.

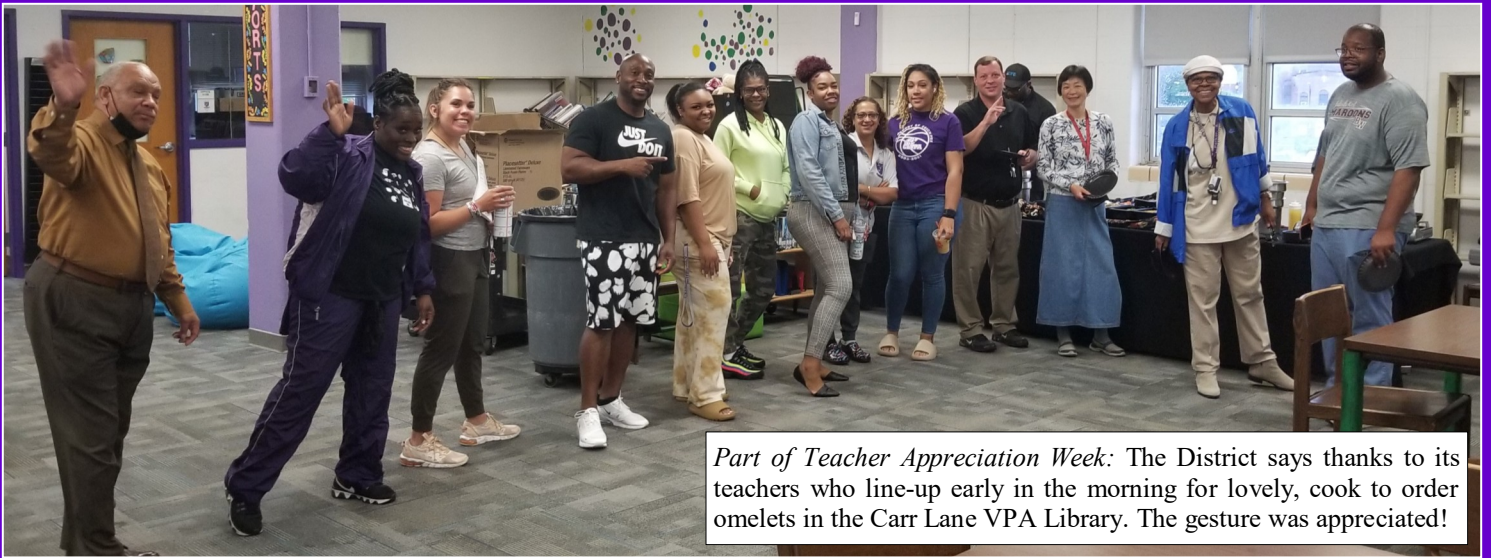


The Wicked Witch of the West!



The “Good” Witch, Glenda, saves the day!

It may have been billed as a “technical rehearsal,” but the scope and complexity of the Carr Lane VPA production of “The Wiz” was breath-taking: scene after scene, dance number upon dance number. There was a gigantic cast, across grade levels, and the main characters carried the day across the 90 minute presentation. Congratulations to director/choreographer Ms. Parker and her dance students! Carr Lane... a Performing Arts, Middle School!



Part of Teacher Appreciation Week: The District says thanks to its teachers who line-up early in the morning for lovely, cook to order omelets in the Carr Lane VPA Library. The gesture was appreciated!



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