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Mr. Gray takes the stage with Officer Prichett 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 15, 2015.



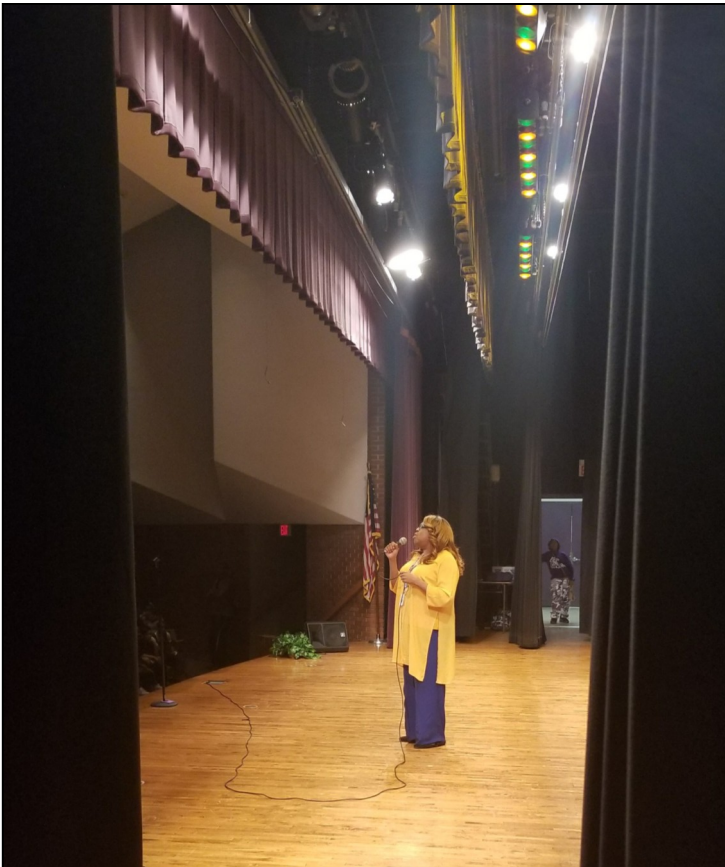
McKenzie tears it up with Nancy Sinatra's hit, "These Boots!"



As Mr. Gray and Officer Prichett take center stage, Dr. Phoenix abandons his axe to take pictures, while Ms. Hill holds it all together on keyboards with Officer James' solid beats.



Backstage at show time, the Carr Lane VPA Drum Line prepares to open the Talent Show on March 15, 2018.



Ms. Jackson holds center stage with her soulful vocals.



Mr. Gray takes it to the house.

READY FOR PIE



To help raise money for a worthy cause, Carr Lane VPA administrators prepare for “Pie in the Eye.” For a dollar a throw, students could line-up with a cream pie and, at eight feet, take their choice between throwing a pie at either the Principal or the Dean of Students. **Pictured left to right:** Principal Dawin Young; Mr. V, the Dean of Students; Mr. Phillips; Ms. Love; Ms. Goode-Lockley and students!



April 13, 2018 — students lined-up for a dollar a throw.



Ms. V. caught more than her fair share of pie early on.



It took a dozen tries before a student finally got Principal Young!

MOTIVATION!



On March 20, 2018 at the early morning meeting, motivational speaker Dr. Mason, performed with his band before the Carr Lane VPA Middle School student body. Dr. Mason stressed the importance of hard work and education in his presentation to students and staff.



Staff and students attend the early morning motivational performance from Dr. Mason and his band.

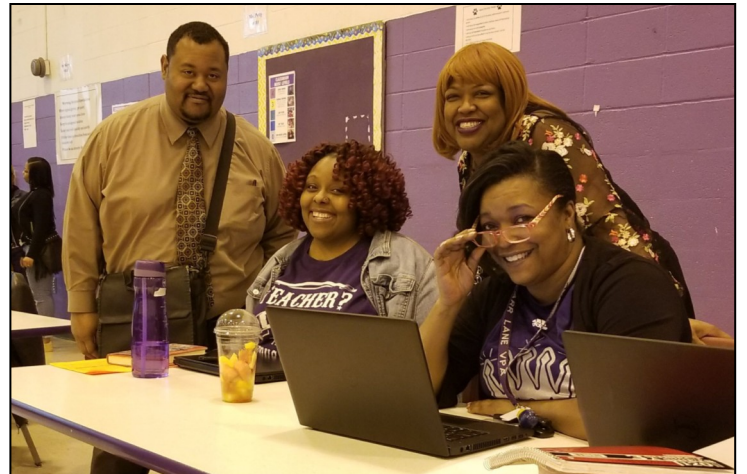
Parent-Teacher Conferences



Members of the Fine Arts Team assemble for parent-teacher conferences held on the evenings of March 21 and 22, 2018.



School Counselor, Ms. Williams, and School Social Worker, Ms. Abrams serve dinner to the Carr Lane VPA staff before the start of conferences on March 21, 2018. Also, Principal Young chats with 7th Grade ELA Teacher, Ms. Ward.



Members of Carr Lane VPA's Special Education Team include Mr. Wise, Ms. Bolden, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. Brown.



Mr. Gully stands-in for a photo with the 7th Grade Team as teachers, administrators and staff prepare for two days of parent-teacher conferences. There was a high turn-out this year!



Mr. Risch and the 8th Grade Team members at the conferences.

It seems like only yesterday that Carr Lane VPA was returning to school following the Spring Break of 2017-2018. 6th grade students in Room 307 dusted-off their writing skills to produce these stories on their Spring Break.

MY SPRING STORY

by Aariah, Period 2

My Spring Break was almost spent at home. Sometime part of the day, I usually Face Time my friend. We talk about what we doing and about our situation which we BOTH have.... OUR LITTLE BROTHERS! They always attack us like we're on an Army Force, or possibly the Navy. Anyways, we still have the same problems. But, sometimes in the day I played with my laptop, or sometimes, my phone or tablet. Throughout the week I made my own lunch, like some pizza rolls, or Ramen noodles. But actually... It was kinda great! I loved my spring break while it lasted.

SPRING BREAK

by Arie, period 2

For my spring break I went to Florida to have fun with my aunt, because her wedding was the day back to school and I had to come back for Easter. I had to get my hair done, so I took the plane to Oklahoma, and then one to Florida. I had so much fun. My sisters came too, but my mom stayed back home but I was really mad it was a school day because I was supposed to be the junior brides maid and I couldn't do it because of school. Ms. Grove even said that we should have had another day off of school, but anyway, I had a great spring and that was my spring break.

WHAT I DID OVER SPRING BREAK

by Arin, period 2

Over spring break I went to the nail shop and I got my nails done. The color I got is this highlighted pink and that took like 3 hours because we had to wait for a long time. After we came from the nail shop we went to Burlington and I got me a jacket a shirt and I got 2 pairs of shorts. I also got a pair of Bebe slides and then I got a blanket from there. Then when we came from there we went to Rainbow. When we went there I got a jean skirt, a shirt that hangs off my shoulders, a black dress, a fanny pack, a pair of jeans,, and I got a shirt with roses. Then, after that we went to Wendy's and I got a burger. When we went home my mama got to doing my hair for Easter. The next day we went to my Tetes' house for Easter. It was a great Spring Break!

MY GREAT SPRING BREAK

by K'ron, Period 3

On my spring break I went to the Crest and had so much fun because I went sky diving and had some Imos Pizza. I talked to my dad and my granny. I went to Burger King and bought a Whopper, and I went to Dominos. I played Fortnite. I watched some Houston Rockets games, and watched some Adventure Time, Regular Show, Steven's Universe, Batman vs Superman, and the new Justice League movie. I watched Toy Story 1, 2 and 3. I played a lot of video games. It was a blast. I hope you enjoyed hearing about what I did on my spring break.

MY SPRING BREAK

by Christian, Period 3

In my spring break it was cool because on Sunday, two days after spring break started, my cousin slept over and Monday morning my mom made breakfast and when my cousin had to leave I left with him, because in the afternoon I had practice. They take me because my cousin is on my team. After they picked me up we went to Dollar Tree and I got to get 3 things. In the afternoon we went to practice. We played a scrimmage, and after that I was not feeling good, so I had to go home because I was going to sleep over at my cousin's house. On Wednesday I went to my mom's practice and it was cool. On Friday I went to my mom's friend's house and we went to CVS and we got things. Saturday, we went to my soccer game, where we lost 7 to 3. Still, it was a good game. Sunday we went to my aunt's house, and then we went to my cousin and aunt's house for Easter. Like 10 minutes later we had to go because they had a soccer game. They won their game 3 to !. Well, that was my spring break, and it was busy and fun!

HAIKU

Thanks, Christian and to all the 6th grade writers! Next up, students took a break from narratives and took a look at Haiku. Haiku is an ancient form of poetry from Japan. The idea behind Haiku is to present a single, powerful image on a single topic, usually something from the natural world. Haiku is a formal type of poem, that is, it has certain rules the writer has to follow. First, the Haiku is only three lines long. The writer has to be able to identify and count the syllables or "beats" in each word. The first line has five syllables. The second line has seven syllables, and the third and final line has five syllables. Song-writers are very aware of the syllables or "beats" when they write their lyrics. Haiku do not have to rhyme, but they have to follow the beats 5-7-5!

SEASON HAIKU

by Terrion, Period 2

SPRING

The rain is lovely
Trees help us with oxygen
I love the cool rain

SUMMER

The sun is lovely
I love the great sun so
The sun is so bright

FALL

Trees are lovely
I love the colorful leaves
The trees are so cool

WINTER

Cool and often cold
I love the cool awesome change
Cold is wonderful

HAIR HAIKU

by Arin, Period 2

CURLY

I love curly hair
I have curly hair it's nice
Curly is awesome

STRAIGHT

Straight hair is so cute
I'm going to get straight hair
I will enjoy it

NATURAL

I'm a natural
Natural hair is my thing
Natural's basic

WAVY

Wavy is special
Wavy's different from curls
Wavy's different

TALENT SHOW HAIKU

by Princess, Period 2

TALENT SHOW

Yesterday was cool
I saw the school talent show
It was very fun

SINGER

Journey sang a song
It was great and amusing
Her voice was stunning

RAPPER

Gabe had a great rap
He was dancing and rapping
I loved his great act

DANCERS

The dancers did great
They were turned up and so lit
They were very good

FOUR SEASONS

by Jessica, Period 1

SPRING

Spring is beautiful
Flowers bloom in the meadow
Spring is beautiful

SUMMER

Summer is hotter
Vacation in the summer
Summer is the best

AUTUMN

Autumn has crisp air
Autumn is so very pretty
Autumn is cool

WINTER

Winter is coldest
Winter is too cold for me
I dislike winter

FOUR HAIKU

by Xzandria, Period 1

SPRING

Plants start to bloom up
Dogwoods bloom from saplings soon
Beautiful leaves fall

SUMMER

Sea so blue and hot
Melting ice and sweaty t-shirts
Oh please fall come

FALL

Leaves crackle on the ground
September through December
Scarves are worn all over town

WINTER

Snowflakes in the dark
Global warming is gone from a far
tons of blankets here

Students met an additional challenge! They had to write 4 Haiku. They also had to include a Figure of Speech, one for each of the Haiku. This challenge went hand-in-hand with a one week unit viewing the six main, middle school Figures of Speech: Metaphor, Simile, Onomatopoeia, Hyperbole, Personification and Alliteration.

FOUR HAIKU

by Aariah, Period 2

METAPHOR

I hate metaphors
Metaphors are very hard
She is a kitten

SIMILE

Similes are good
Similes are not that bad
Cute as a kitten

ONOMATOPOEIA

The dog went KABOOM!
The cat slipped and went KABLOW!
The kitten went BAM!

HYPERBOLE

Hyperbole YAY!
I'm so sleepy I could drop
Hyperbole WOOOOO!!!

HAIKU

by Isaiah, Period 2

SMILIE

As big as a cow
He's as ugly as a rat
Ugly as a bat

METAPHOR

He is not normal
He is a really big dog
He an alien

ALLITERATION

Flowers fall far fast
Wet water is for weaving
Peter Pipper picked

ONOMATOPOEIA

Bing bang boom bing bow
The car went ba-boom ka-boom
The car went ba-boom

NEW BOOKS



Before Spring Break students get a special treat as they gather around a box of high-interest reading books delivered to schools throughout the district from the Central Administration. It didn't long to open the box and begin the search for the perfect book to read in class!



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



Carr Lane VPA Band Director, Mr. Stith, takes a moment during rehearsal on March 3, 2018 for a photo with the Carr Lane VPA Band.



In Carr Lane VPA's state-of-the art dance studio, Carr Lane VPA dancers rehearse for an upcoming performance.

PERFORMANCE



Actors from the St. Louis Black Repertory Theater delivered a special presentation based on the life of Harriet Tubman on Friday, May 11, 2018. Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth grade students assembled in the Carr Lane VPA Auditorium for the show during 7th period.



HONORS



Carr Lane VPA Middle School Honor Society students gather for photos in preparation for a formal celebration of their achievements!

GRADUATION



Graduation? Not exactly. This was a practice for the 8th Grade students in preparation for the big day, May 23, 2018!

SPRING TALENT



The Carr Lane VPA Middle School Drum Line opens the Spring, school-wide Talent Show on Thursday, May 17, 2018!



The Anthony Williams Band!

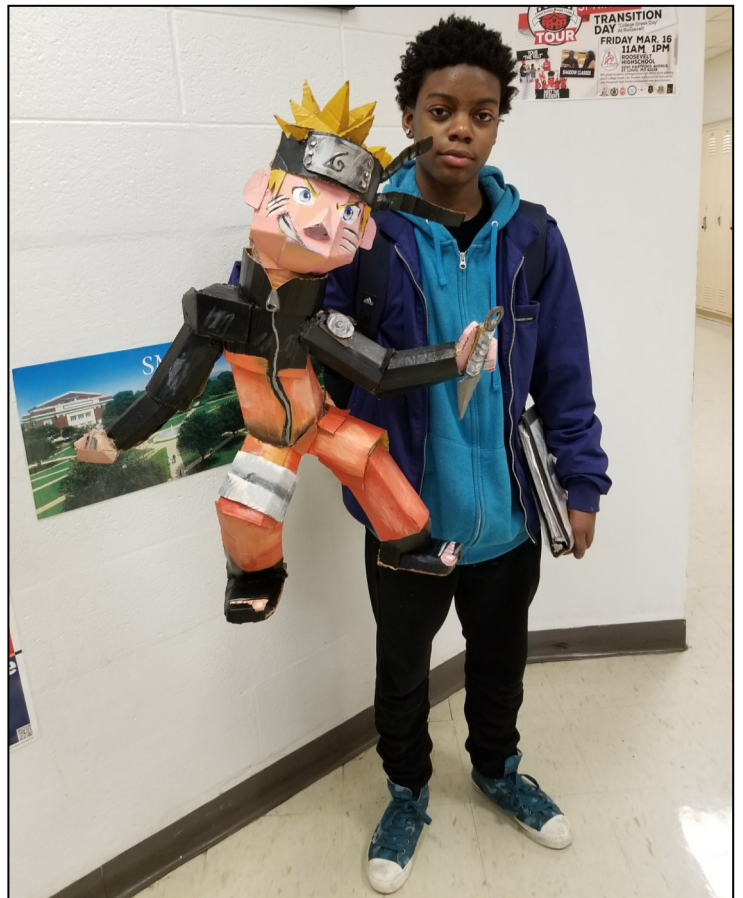
6TH GRADE FIELD DAY



6th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Ms. Love helps blind-fold a student. Ms. Love organized an early morning of games for the Sixth Grade and the start of their end-of-the-year field day!



Jesse's team helps him in the blind-fold challenge!



We've followed Nick's career in computer graphics and art classes over his past three years at Carr Lane VPA where he has grown in his craft and emerged as one of the school's premiere visual artists. His artwork has graced Ms. Choate's art classroom and the pages of past issues of Carr Lane VPA News and Views. Nick graduated to high school this week; we wish him well, and take this parting shot with one of his recent creations. Talented students like Nick help put the "V" in VPA! Best of Luck to Nick and all our graduates. Go Carr Lane VLA class of 2022!!!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

May 24, 2018	Last Day of School for Students
June 4, 2018	First Day of Summer School
August 14, 2018	First Day of School for Students — 2018-2019 School Year

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