

# Carr Lane VPA News & Views

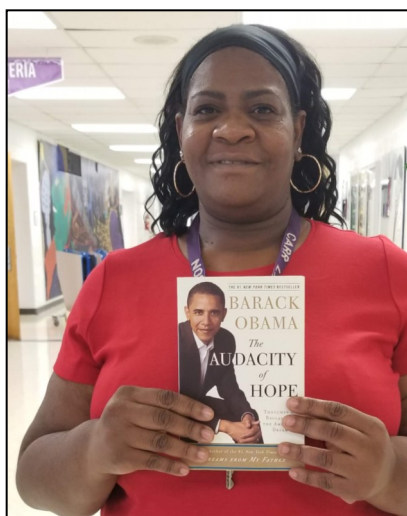
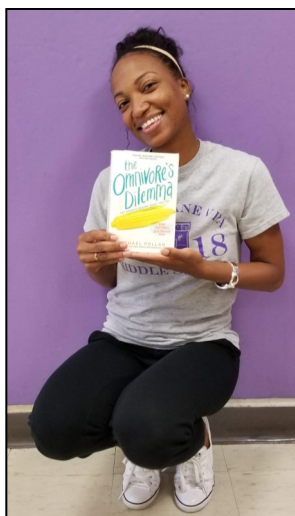
# READ!



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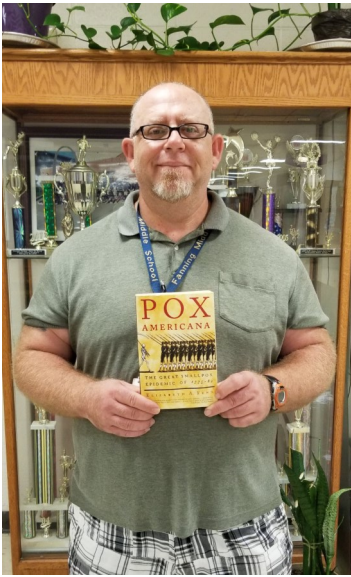
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The Carr Lane Administration, Faculty and Staff gather for a “group shot” at the close of the first day of school with the return of our students. It was Tuesday, August 14, 2018 and the Carr Lane adults recommitted to making “reading” a daily activity!



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

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!



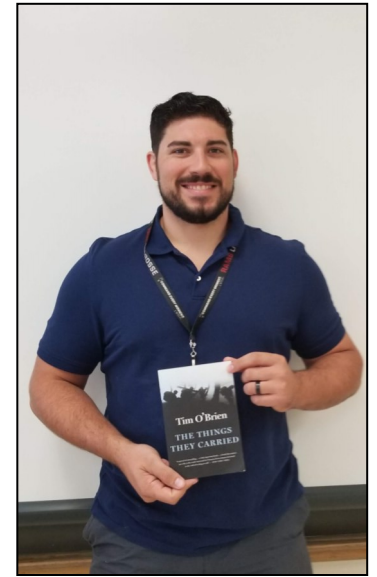
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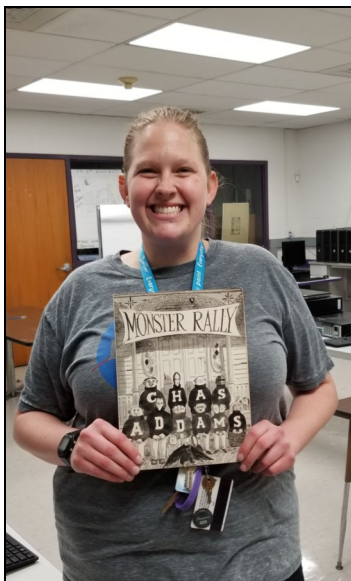
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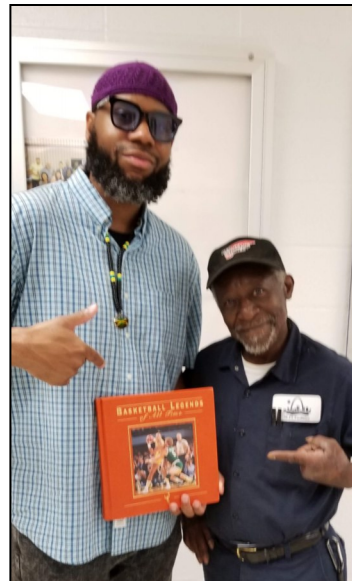
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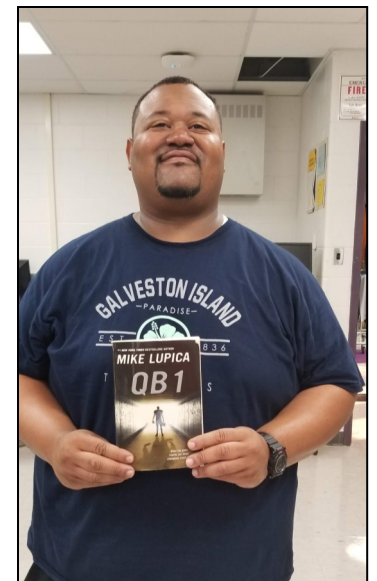
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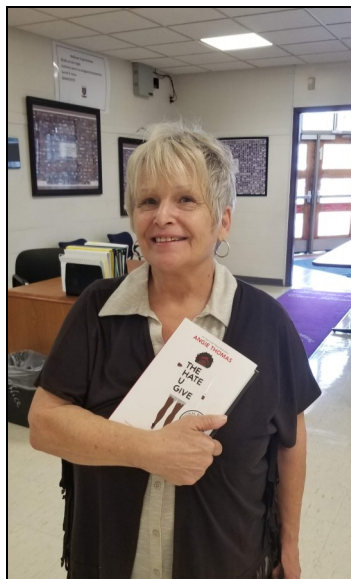
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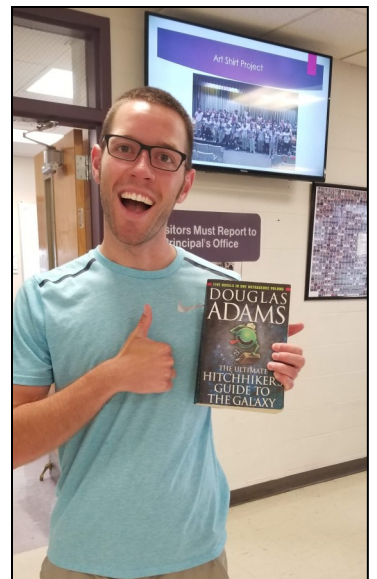
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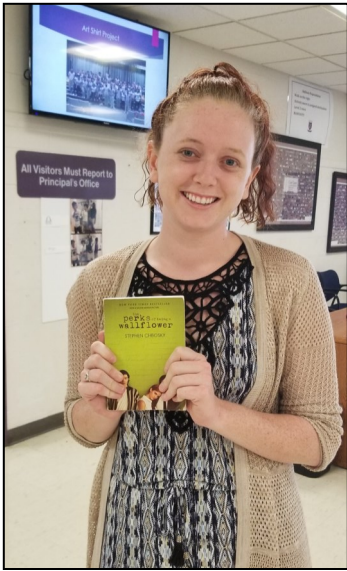
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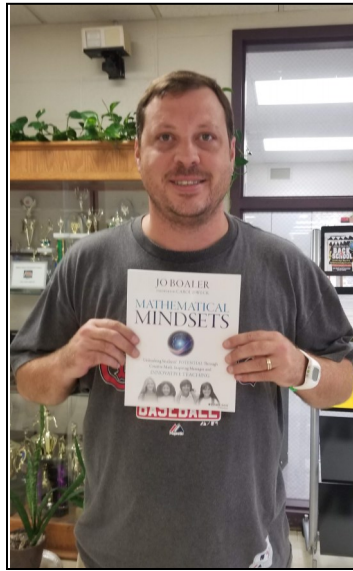
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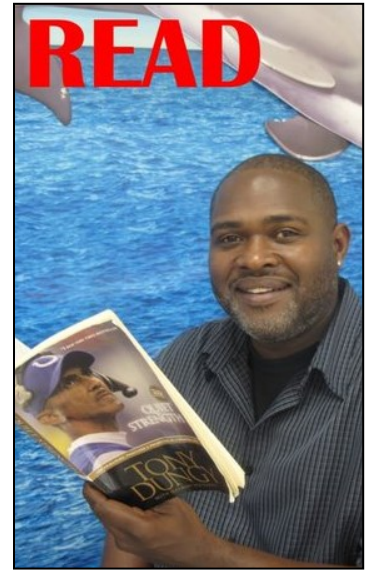
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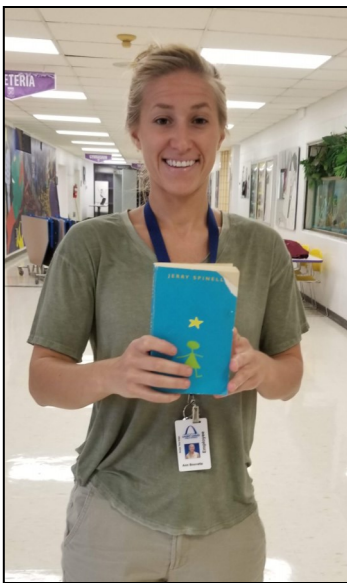
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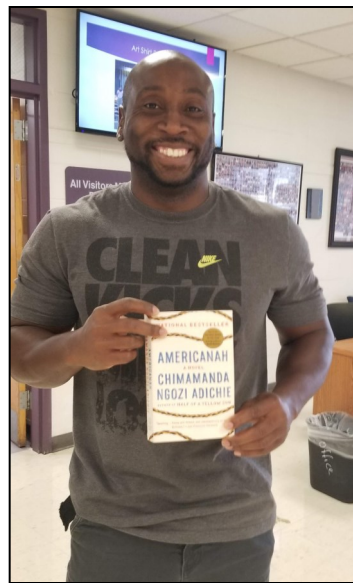
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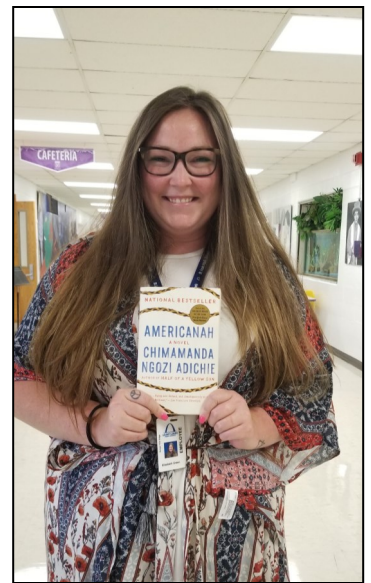
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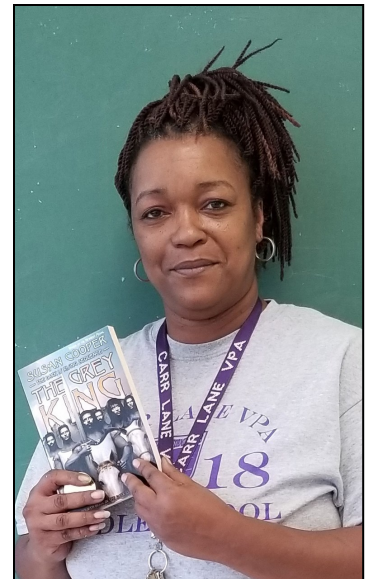


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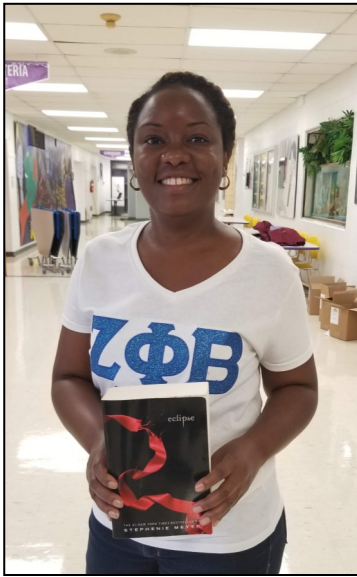


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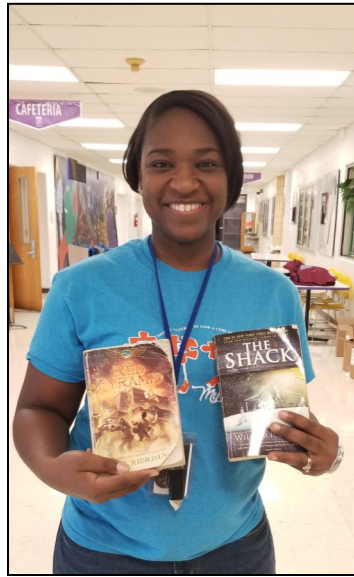
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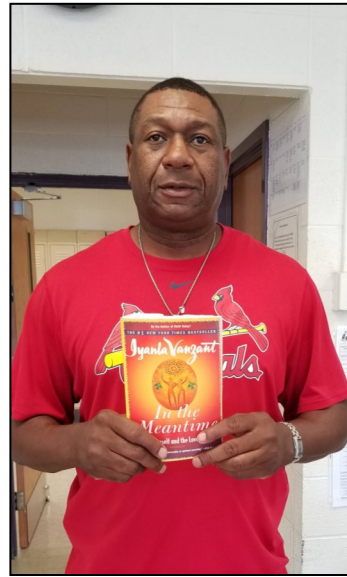
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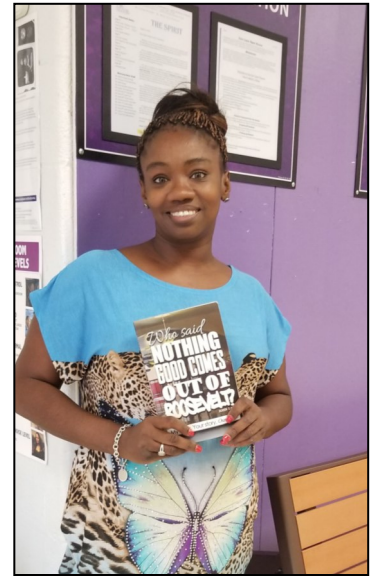
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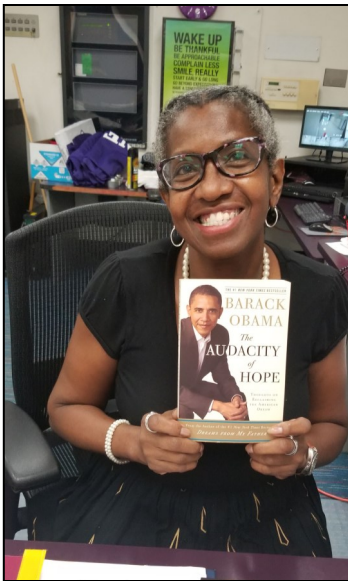
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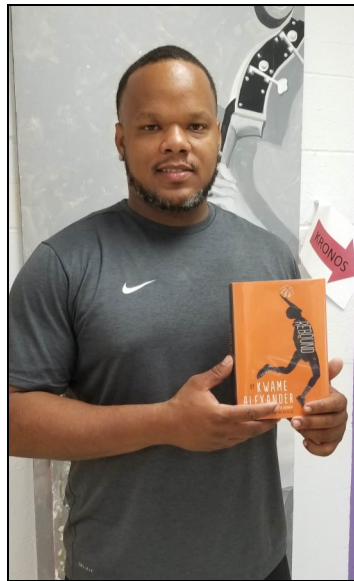
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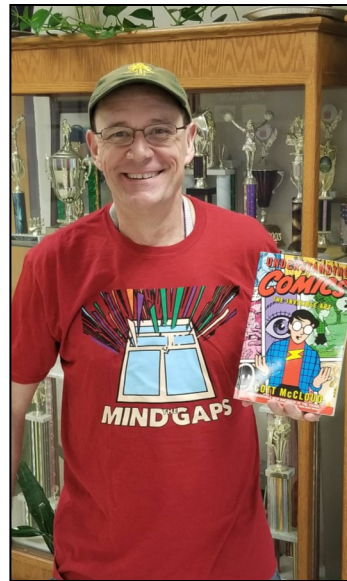
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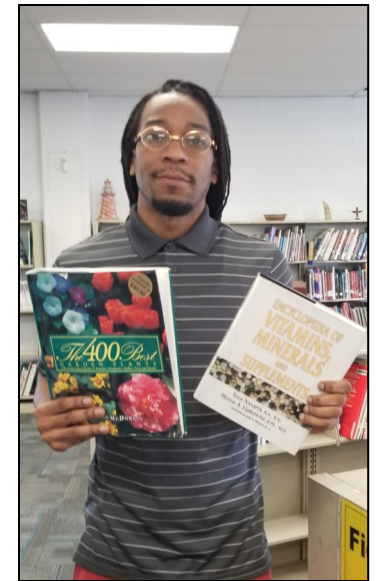
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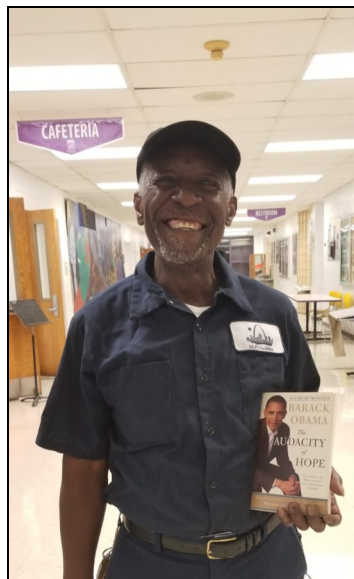
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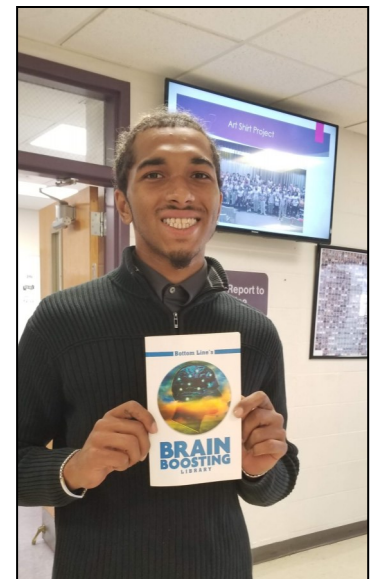


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YES!  
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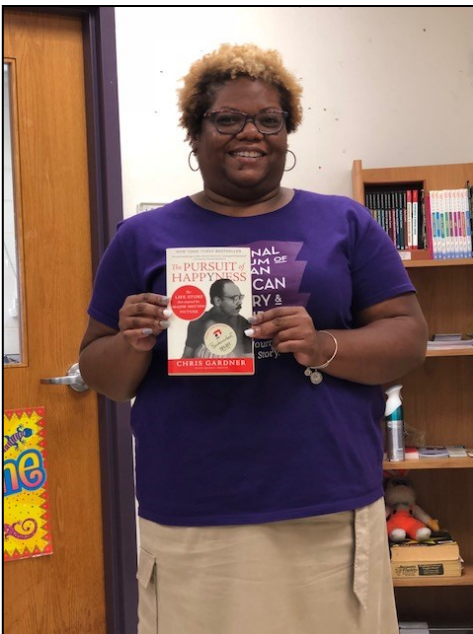
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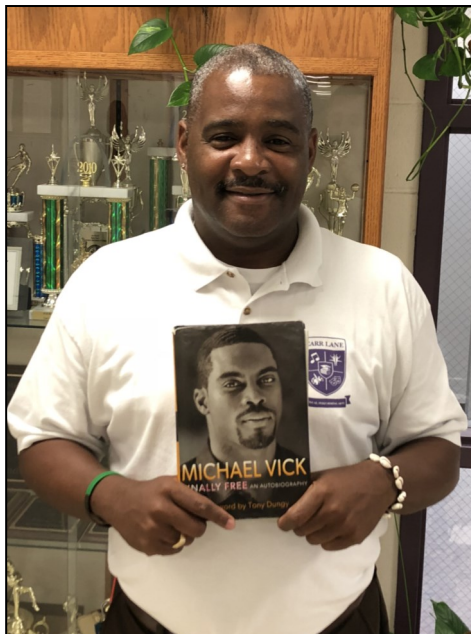
Carr Lane VPA Principal, Darwin Young



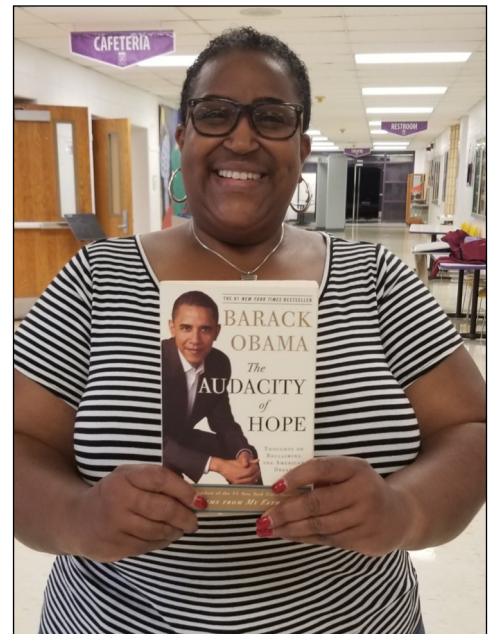
Carr Lane VPA Middle Assistant Principal, Michael Baird



Ms. Abrams



Mr. Phillips



Ms. Williams

# CARR LANE WELCOMES NEW STAFF



Following Summer Break, the Carr Lane VPA family gathers in the cafeteria on August 6, 2018 to start the new 2018-2019 Academic Year. What better way to start than by welcoming new staff?! **Top Row:** Mr. Spink, Mr. Jones, Ms. Burns, Mr. Hommowun, Ms. Williams, Principal Young. **Bottom Row:** Ms. Jones, Ms. Green, Ms. Sparks, Ms. Bouvatte, Ms. McConnell, and Assistant Principal Baird.



Some of our Cafeteria Staff!



Mr. Petty and Coach Banks!



Coach Folkes and Mr. Bass!



Ms. Gallion, Ms. McConnell, and Ms. Love!

Carr Lane VPA alum, Ms. Parrisi (Yes! She graduated from Carr Lane VPA “a while ago”) and Ms. Jarrell help out Carr Lane News and Views with a picture on the first day of school! **Right:** Mr Spinks and Ms. Burns! **Lower Right:** Mr. Wise and Ms. Parker!



On the first day of class, Mr. Phillips introduces some Carr Lane VPA Spirit!!!

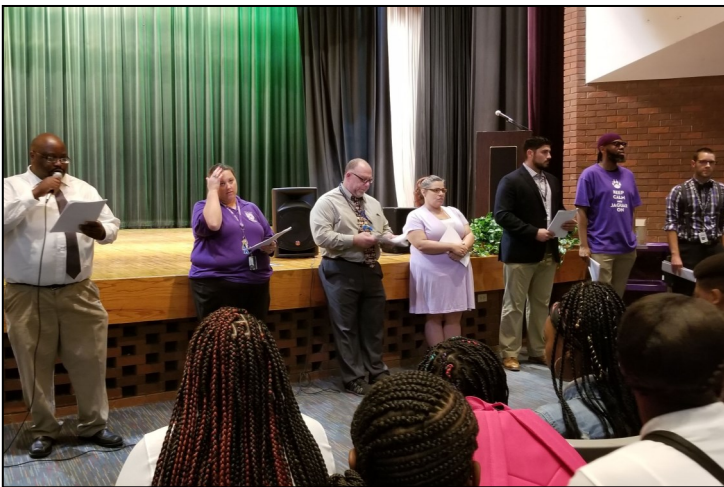
DAY ONE — August 14, 2018!



Carr Lane VPA's academic leader, Mr. Young speaks on Day 1!



Ms. Gallion "calls out" the 6th Grade Advisory Rooms on Day 1!



Mr. Fox lets the 8th graders know where they are headed for morning advisory. The 8th grade team stands ready on 8-14-18!



Ms. Ward (far right), calls out the names of students and where they are assigned for morning advisory with the 7th Grade Team.



Mr. Phillips welcomes parents on Back to School Night!



Principal Young greets parents on Back to School Night!





Mr. Young plays a game of chess with Maurice at lunchtime!



Principal Young welcomes artist in residence, James Gregg.



Ms. Parker's dance students work with James Gregg, from Dance St. Louis' Artist and Residence Program.



Computer labs on the 2nd and 3rd floors stand ready. The Room 212 lab boasts entirely new equipment, installed over the summer!



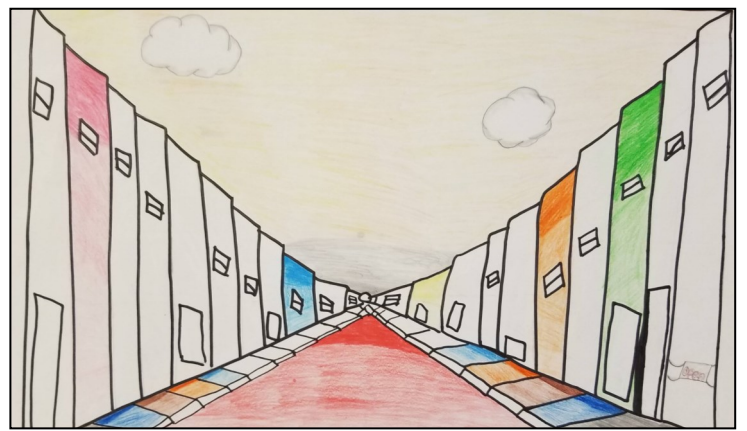
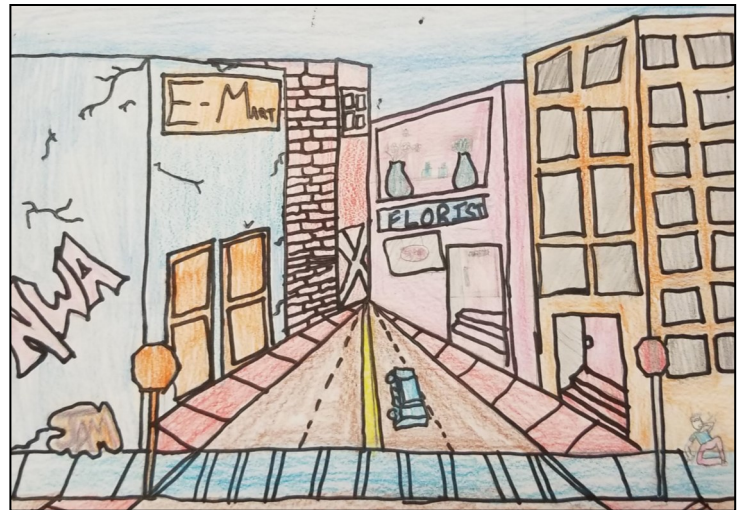
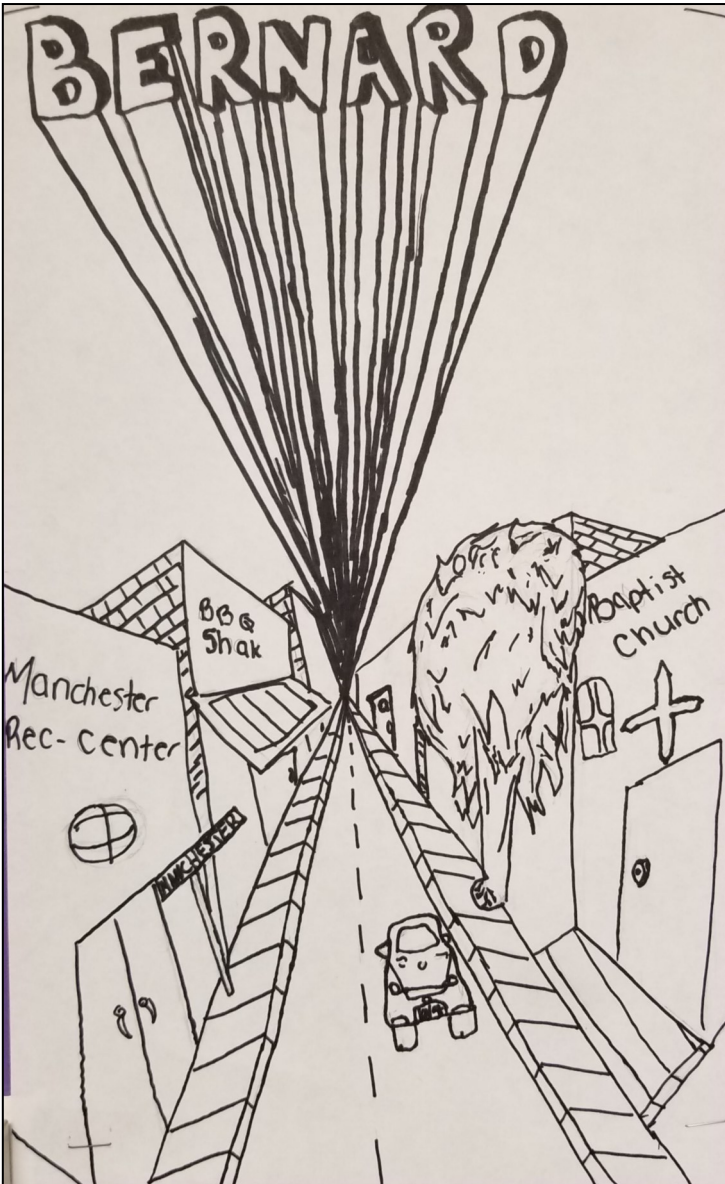
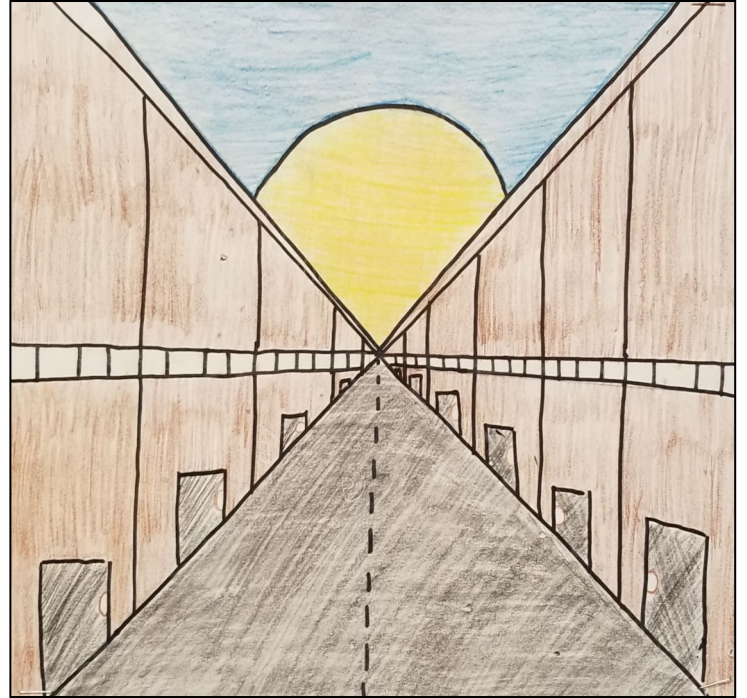
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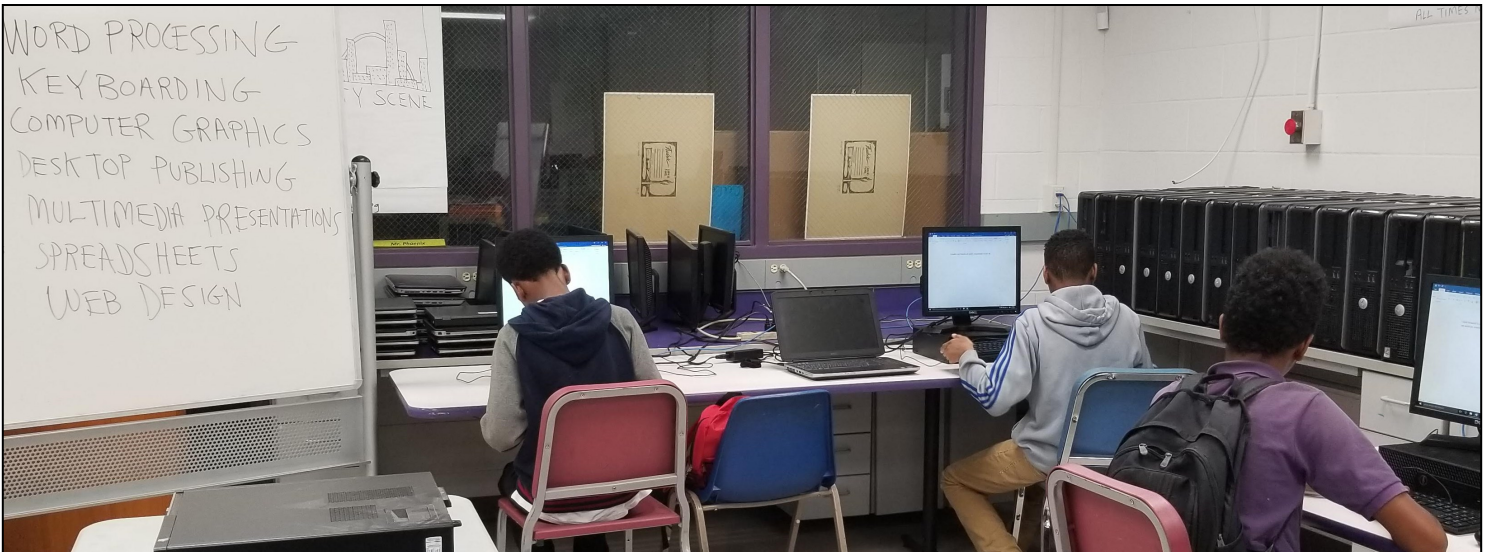
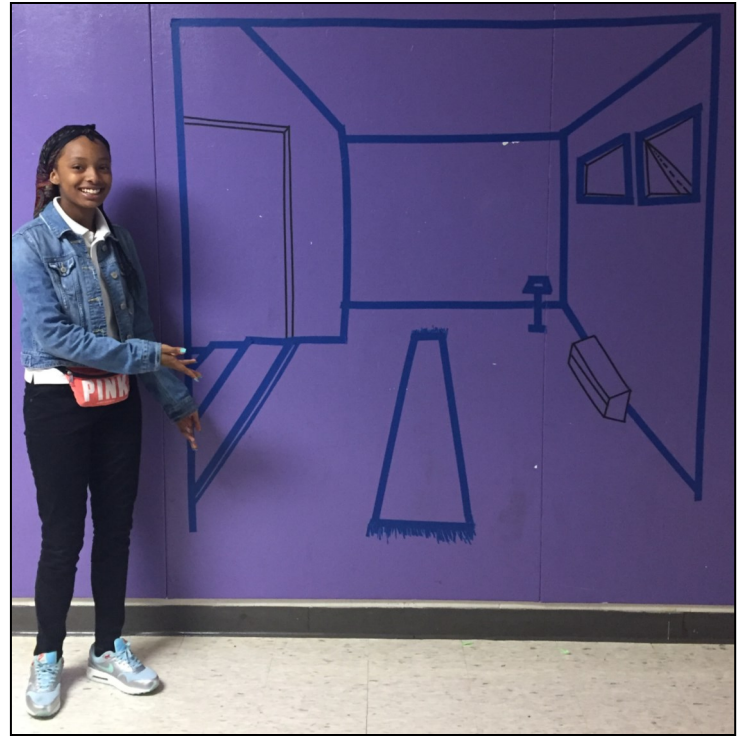
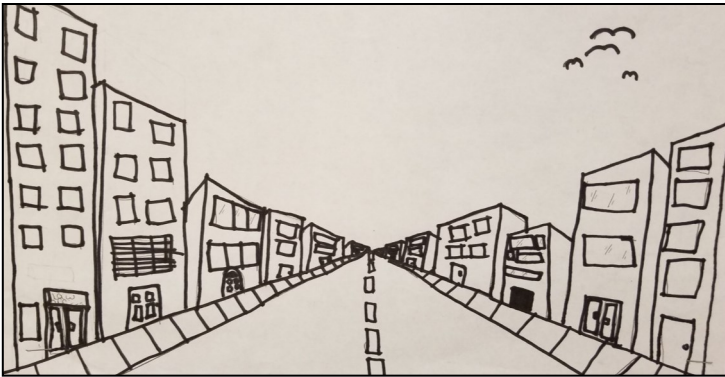
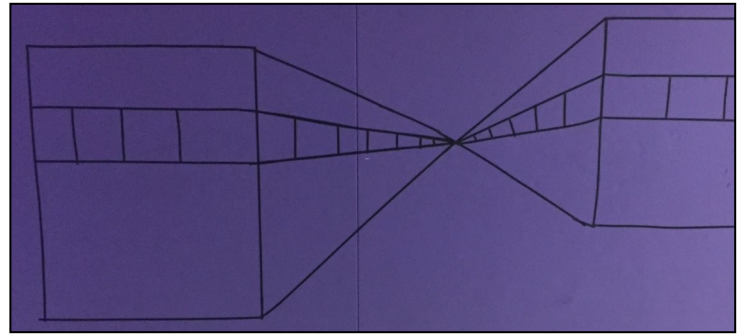


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# VANISHING POINT

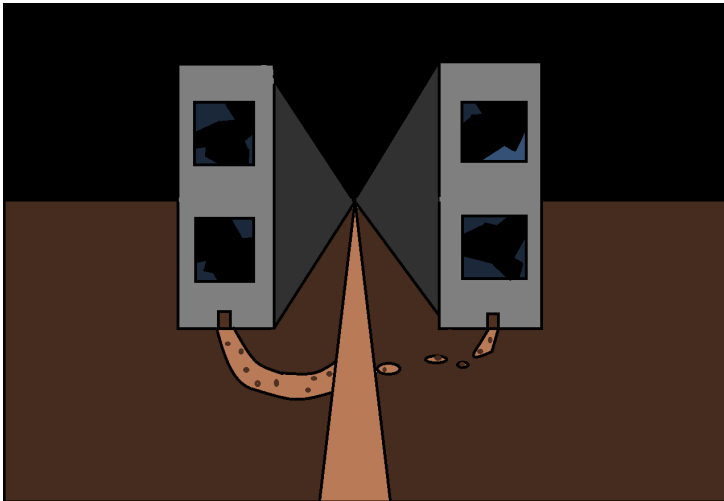
Students in Ms. Choate's Visual Art classes studied the concepts of perspective and vanishing point!



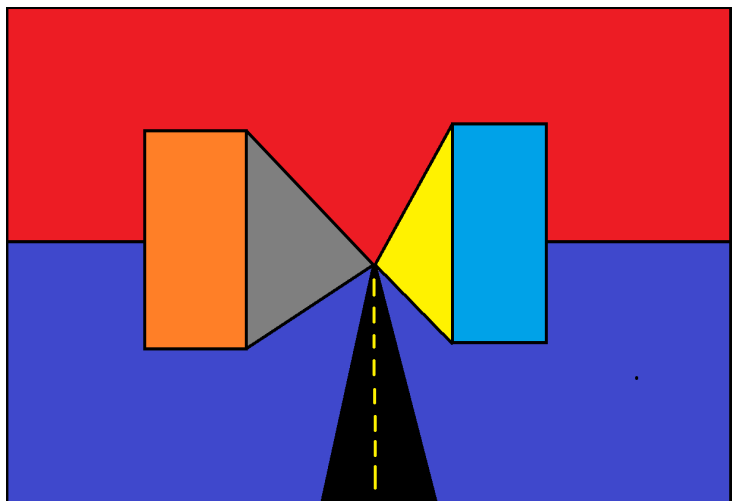


Auriyan, David and Darren in their 8th Grade, A-Day Computer Literacy Classroom are seen here in late August in the middle of a six week unit on Word Processing Software. In recent weeks, the Computer Literacy Classrooms have started their Computer Graphics Unit, a ten-week course of study helping students learn the terms, tools, and concepts of computer-fueled, visual literacy. But look out, 8th Grade, A-Day! Carr Lane VPA won a twenty-thousand dollar grant in 2017. This class will spend three months working in Project Lead the Way: Computer Science Innovators and Makers. The students will learn algorithms, computer coding, physical computing, and robotics as they solve real-world problems, programming micro-processors to interact with the environment.

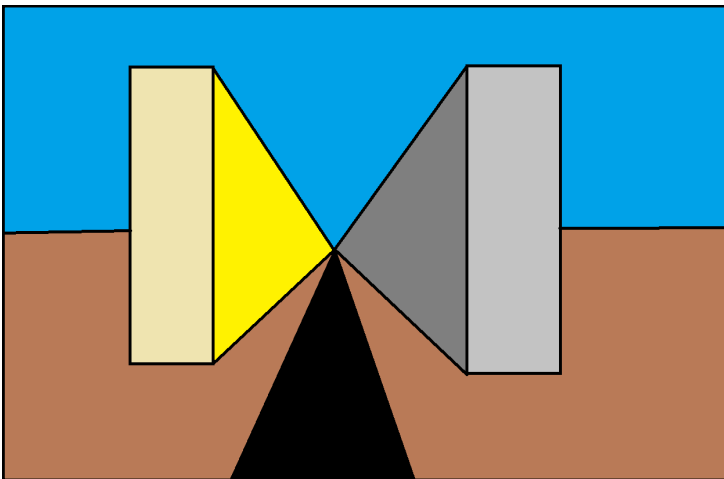
Students in the Computer Graphics Unit of Computer Literacy learn the terms, tools, techniques and concepts of visual literacy and computing. A lot of the information over-laps with what some of the students have been learning in Ms. Choate's Art classes. Object, shape, solid, foreground, background, horizon line, perspective, and vanishing point are all academic vocabulary terms familiar to every student in the Visual Arts, the "V" in VPA!



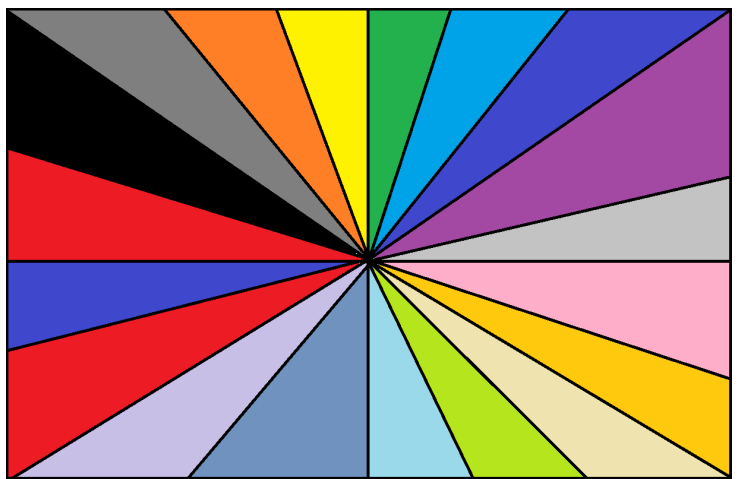
VANISHING POINT by Ethan, 6th Grade



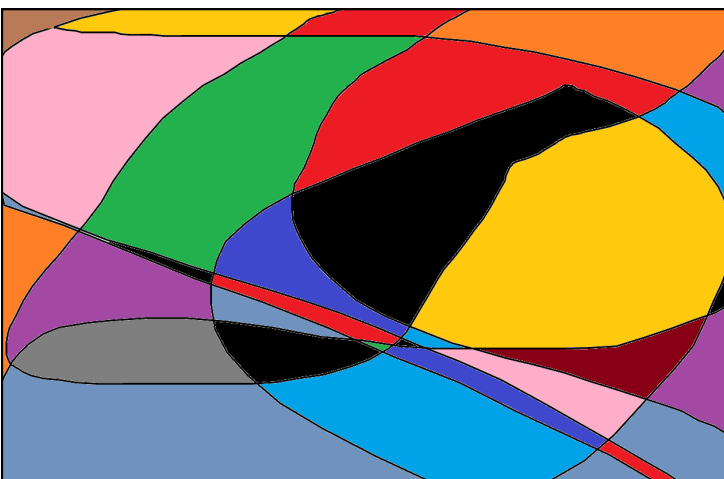
VANISHING POINT by William, 7th Grade



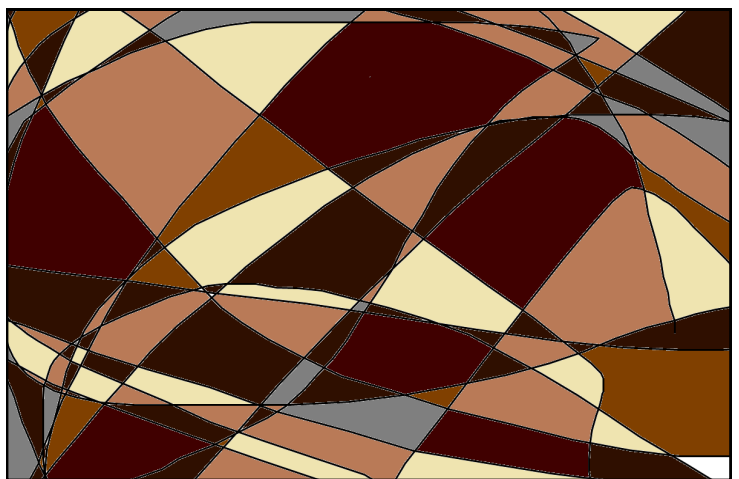
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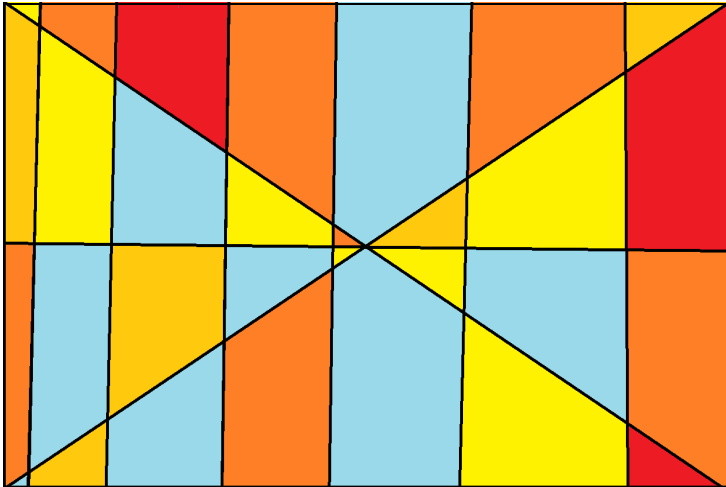


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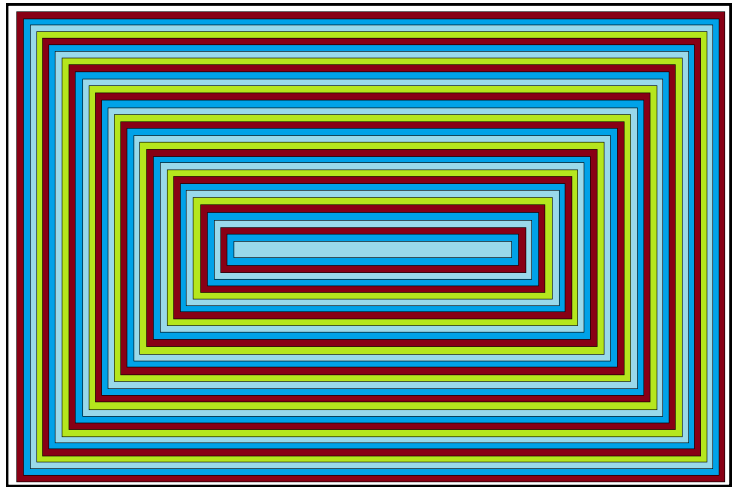


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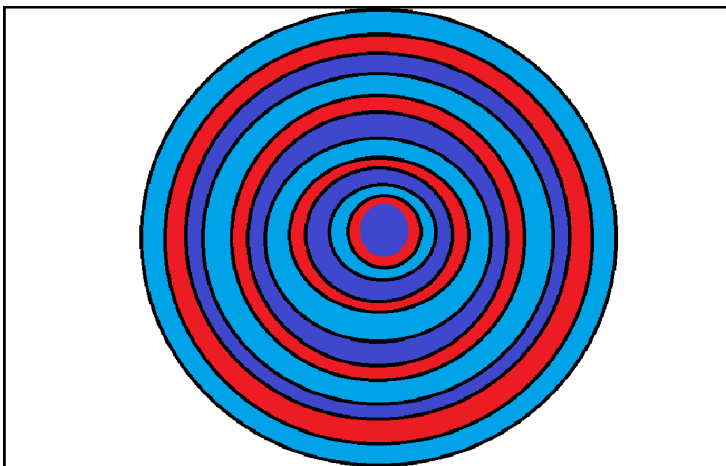
Mosaic, Frames and Bullseye are early Computer Graphics lessons helping students learn how to create and properly name graphic image documents, resize the canvas (image area) and work with lines and color. Students worked with shapes, solids and contrasting colors, creating images of increasing detail and complexity. Notice two “Ethan Webbs.” 8th grade and 6th grade Ethan Webbs don’t know one another. They’re not even related!



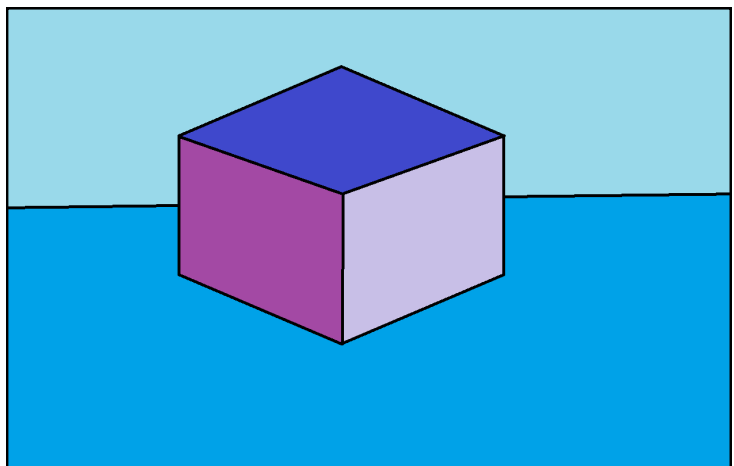
MOSAIC WITH LINES by Brianna, 8th Grade



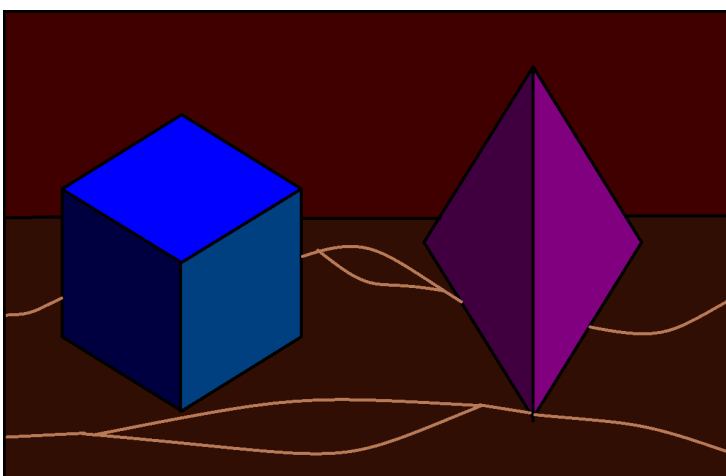
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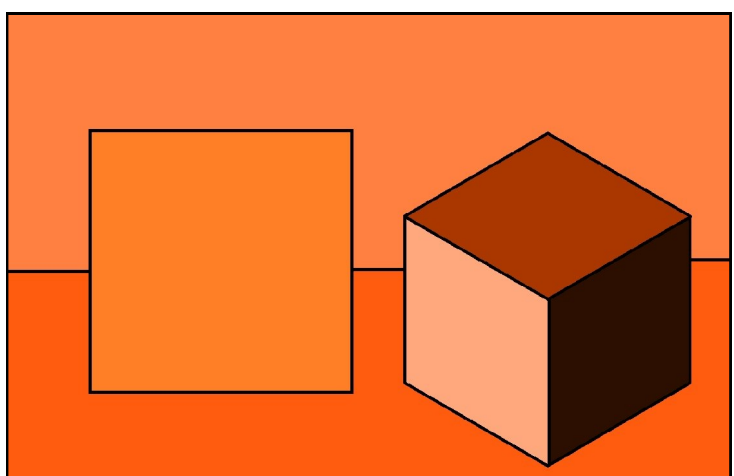
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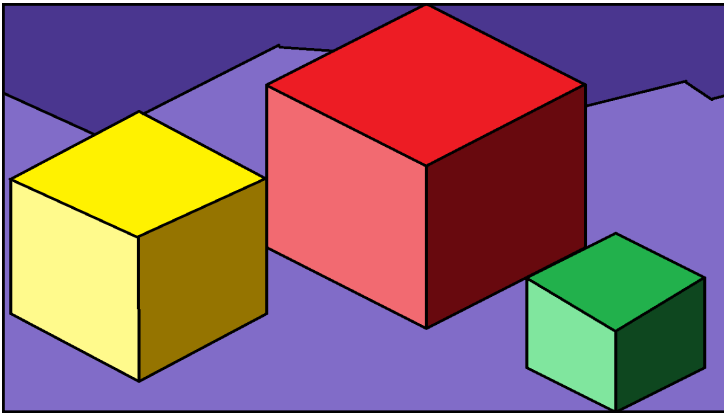
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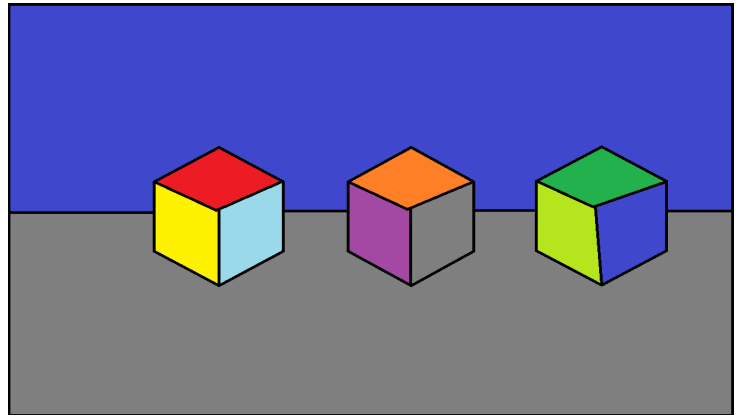
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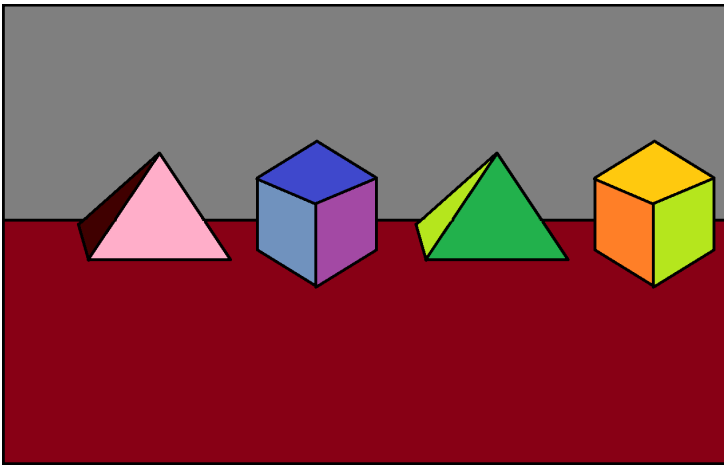
SHAPE & SOLID by Ethan, 6th Grade



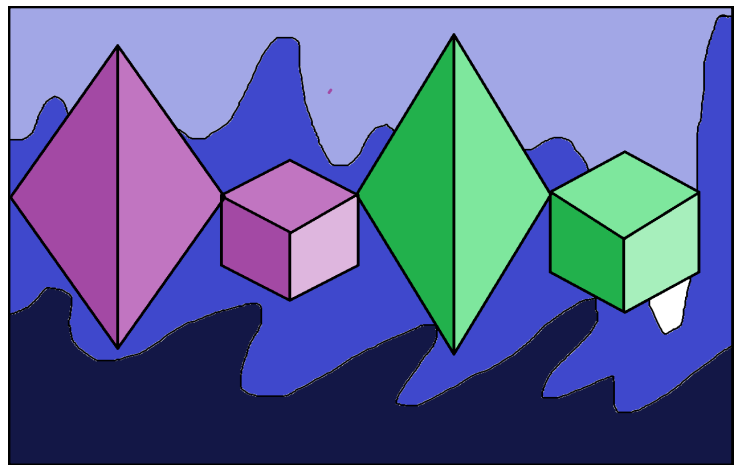
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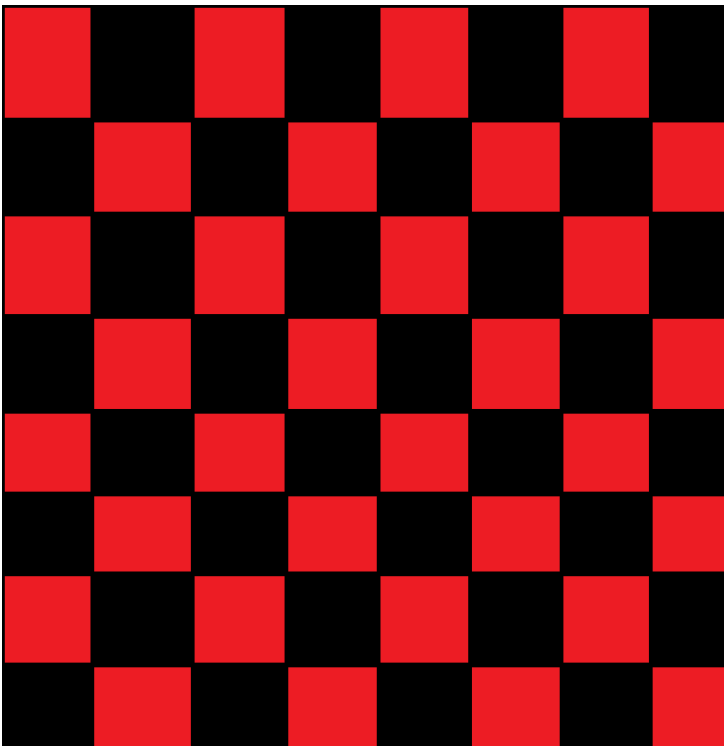
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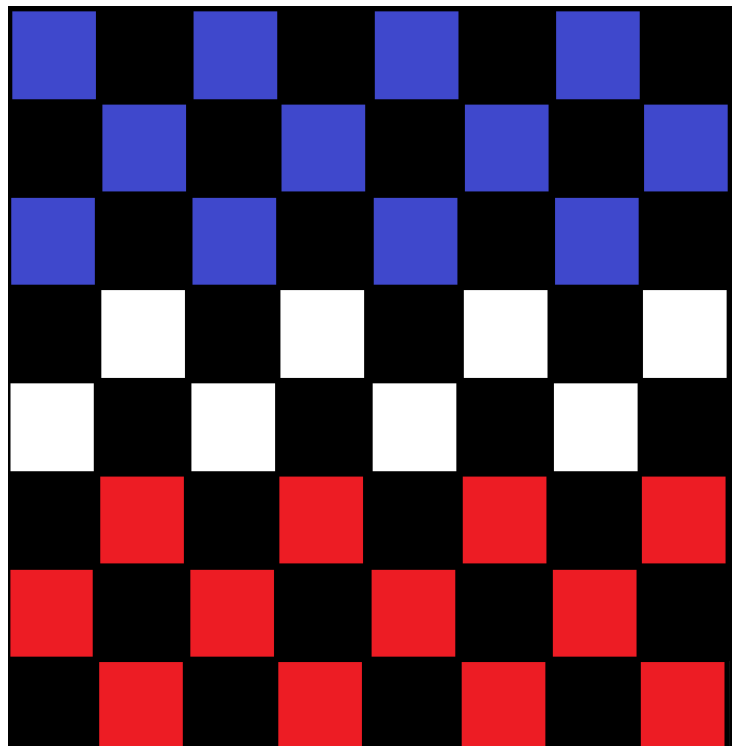
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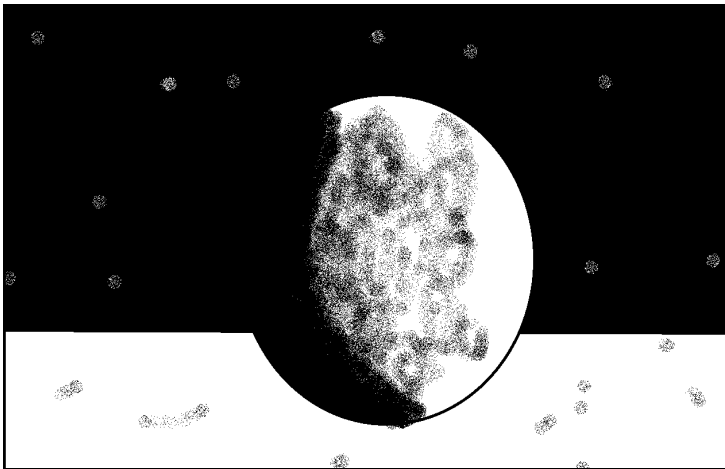


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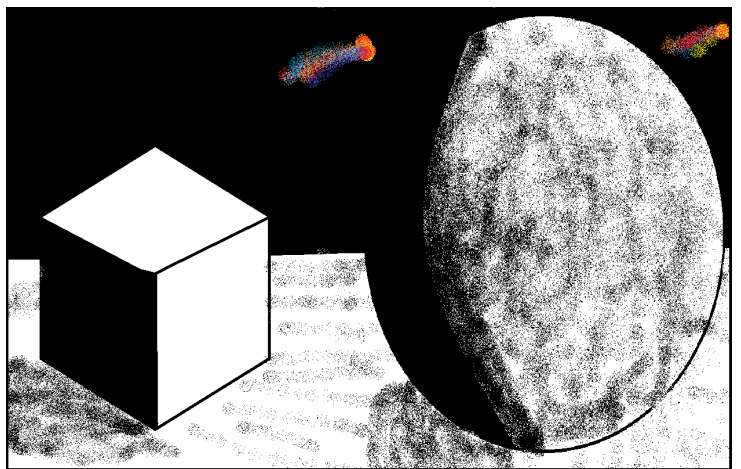


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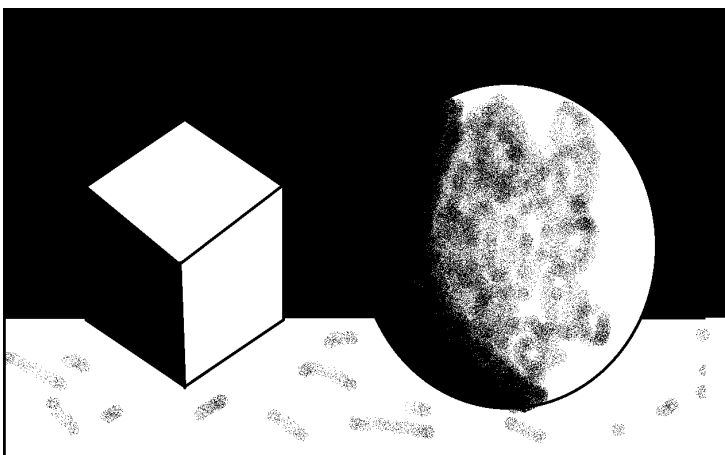
Using advanced tools like “airbrush,” students get hands-on experience experimenting with concepts of light-source, shade, shadow, transparency and opacity. The Computer Literacy students created gradients from dark to light with “Twilight Zone.” They used the curve tool and airbrush to transform a “flat” circle into a three dimensional sphere. Creating “Saturn” in an extension assignment, students had to figure out how to create a “ring” around a sphere. Congratulations to all the students who took-on the challenge to create their computer images!



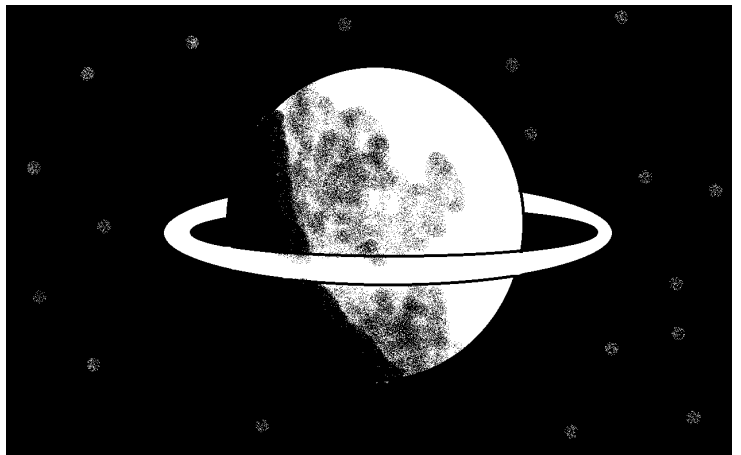
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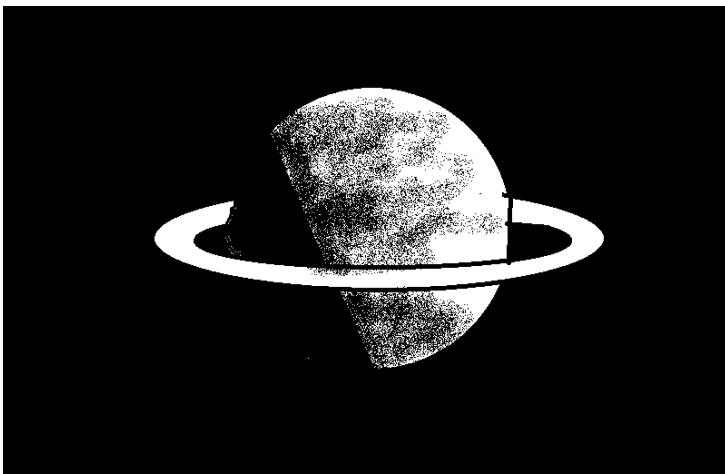
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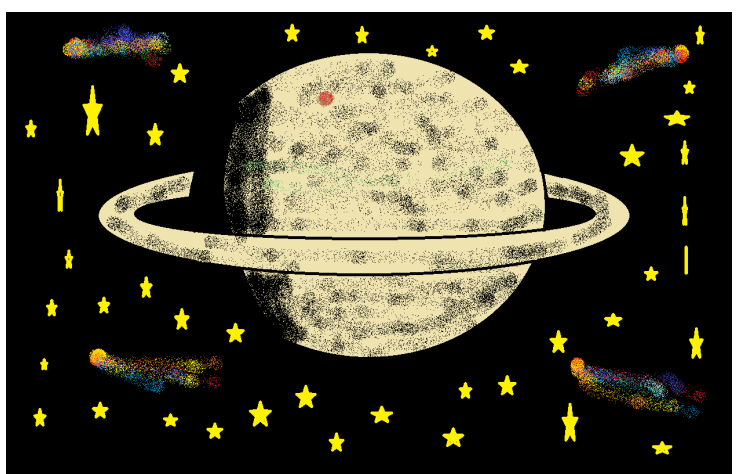
Cube and Sphere by Tatyana, 7th Grade



SATURN by Tatyana, 7th Grade



SATURN by Kaleb, 7th Grade



SATURN by Brianna, 8th Grade



# HALLOWEEN STORIES

*Students have been studying keyboarding, word processing and text formatting in their computer literacy classes. Recently, rather than type-up prepared typing drills, students wrote and formatted their own, original Halloween stories. Some of them are presented here:*

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

By Ahyanna, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

So, last Halloween my god sister and I went to all different types of haunted houses. We went to get all candy. We were in the 1st haunted house, and there were kids by my momma, because there were people grabbing on our legs.

Then, we got to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the haunted house, and my god sister named Nashya, ran behind me and I got really scared because, I thought it was one of the wolves. Next, we went to St. Ann to this church so that my little sisters and brother could get some more candy. Then, we went home to put up that candy.

After that we left the house and went to another haunted house called "The Darkness." At "The Darkness" we got in free because two of my cousins were working there, and we were running around until these scary looking zombies came out of nowhere and started chasing us. We were walking and laughing after they got done chasing us, and then, this man came out of nowhere with a long knife and he walked toward us. He yelled and four more guys came running toward us, and we ran to our momma.

This year I want go to Six Flags for Fright Fest, and then go to the movies and to another haunted house, because, last year was very funny and fun for my family and me. This year I want to have more fun than last year with my best friend. Have a great Halloween! Happy Halloween, kids!

# HALLOWEEN

By Darren, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

I will go to my house and wait till night and put on my zombie costume. I might start about 7:30pm with a friend. I will go to the store and get some makeup so I can put it on my face. I might get some fake blood. Overall, I will have a good time on Halloween. I think this Halloween might be crazy. Whoever gets the most candy, wins. For my costume I will put on a white shirt and black pants for my costume. I think this day may be cold, foggy and windy. I might go to the graveyard and take some pictures, but I might be too scared to do it. I will be gone for two hours getting some candy, walking and having fun.

## MY HALLOWEEN STORY

By DaShawn, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Once upon a time there was a ghost named Skull Trooper. He died on October 31, this day. This is the day he comes out. Ghoul Trooper is his girl friend. He met some friends name Nite Nite and Peekaboo, Raven Drift and Ragnarok. They went to hunt some people and made them do what they wanted to do and made them suffer. Then they saw a guy and killed him before the morning. The next day they all met back up and came up with next year's evil plan. They would recruit far more people. Then, they all disappeared, and never came back until next year. This is my Halloween Story.

## HALLOWEEN CANDY

By Jamal, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Halloween is one of the best holidays that you can do. You can eat candy and everything. You can go to houses for as long as you want. So, many people went out for 24 hours and

didn't get in any trouble. Last time I went to houses they had us catching candy in the air, and who ever caught the most got to have a big bag of candy as a prize. There were even houses that made you find the candy in order to get it. My mom was getting candy from my brother and me because we had so much candy we could have some for the next day. Listen! When you get home don't start just eating candy! You have to make sure there's nothing in your candy that's bad, or you could get sick or die from what's in the candy. Some bad and crazy people put things in your candy that can hurt you. My cousin had something in his Air-head. It was something white, and he almost ate it! Good thing his sister saw there was something on his candy. I tell you, you got to be careful and check, but have fun on Halloween!

## HALLOWEEN NIGHT

By Gary, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

One Halloween night it was time. It was time for what Jake asked. It was time for Halloween night. Jake asked, "What is Halloween?" Halloween is a day of the spirits released from the devil. Wait! "What is its spirit?" Jake asked. Yes! Today is the devil's birthday. Wait, so the devil's birthday is today, right? Yes! Well then, let's go get costumes. "Let's go," Jake said. Jake and Logan went to Party City go get their costumes. Jake asked Logan what he was going to be for Halloween. "I'm being a killer clown!" Jake said. "I'm being Superman!" They went to get their costumes. An hour later it was Halloween Night. Jake and Logan got all their candy. Then, without warning, all at once, they heard something coming from downstairs. They saw what looked like a REAL killer clown. Jake said, "Logan are you pranking me?" Logan said, "NO! I'M NOT PRANKING YOU!" They ran back upstairs

and grabbed a metal bat and ran back down stairs and tried to sneak up behind the killer clown. They hoped they could knock him out before he got them! To Be Continued...

## MY HALLOWEEN

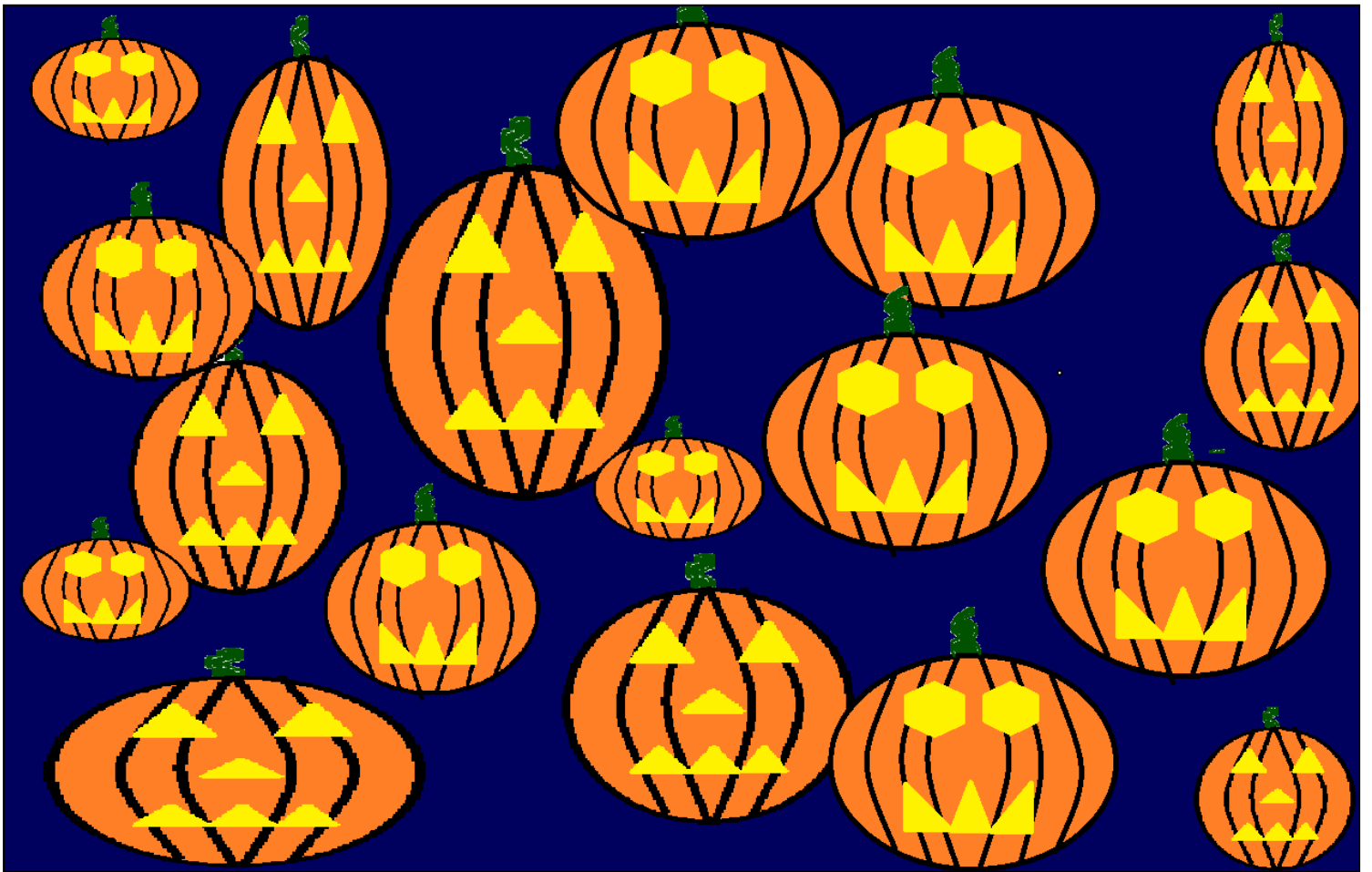
By Ron, 8th Grade

On Halloween I saw a clown on the corner of my house with a machete in his hand. I raised my window and looked outside and said something to him. He started waving and walked up and started beating on my door. I did not open my door, but through my window, I saw him leave. I went to sleep at 3 o'clock in the morning. I woke up and walked toward my window. I could see a ladder up against the side of the house and my window screen was cut up. So, I was guessing that the clown was in the house somewhere. I locked my door and was playing my Xbox when I heard a loud boom. I looked at my door. Sticking through it was the blade from a machete. I ran toward the window and climbed down the ladder. When I got down, I knocked down the ladder. The clown came to the window and was laughing. I went to the downstairs part of my house and grabbed a rope. I went upstairs and wrapped him up from behind. Then I dragged him back outside to the corner and called the police.

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

By Tamia, 8th Grade

So, last Halloween I was with my cousins. We all went to the haunted house. I love the haunted house because I had fun and I was scared at the same time. My cousins were so scared they were holding on to me. The people there kept popping out! I was scared because they come out of nowhere, because that's what they have to do. My mother almost had her baby because they scared her. My cousins are really scared



Pumpkin Patch, by Kayia, 8th Grade

of the dark. The haunted house can make really scared. I love the haunted house though. People go every Halloween. My mother, my cousin, my aunt and I all went to my mother because we were so scared. My mother had her baby two weeks later. I had gone to the haunted house two times that day. My niece was crying because she was so scared. I love her so much. That's the only niece I have. I have one niece and one nephew. They love me to death. They be like Tete this and Tete that, and I be like, "Y'all get on my nerves!" I'm wanting them to come over all the time. By the way, I love candy too. I like KitKats. It's a candy. People be like, "Bring me some!" I be like, "OK, then!" I don't give them up, because I love my KitKats. I can't take a day without eating one. It's Halloween, so bring on my KitKats!!!

## THE "HOAX"

By Ethan, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

It was a quite rainy and dark night. This day was the day before Halloween when everyone gets his or her ghost, and zombie costumes. Halloween is the town's favorite holiday of the year, although, they never knew that there would be a huge surprise up ahead of their candy frenzy.

It was the next morning, and school was cancelled for Halloween. And with school cancelled, kids were pumped up. The Noctal family's kids came tumbling down the stairs with wide grins across their faces, yelling, in unison, "Happy Halloween!" The television came on afterwards, and the mayor came onto it and announced, "We will be having an early

Halloween this year, so get on out there and have fun!” Then the mayor chuckled.

“Get your costumes on kids,” mother announced gladly. “And do it quick,” father added. Then they handed out their Halloween bins for the candy. A few hours passed, and it came to be night. All the kids were out and around on the streets, including the Noctals.

The lake in the park nearby began to bubble, though, nobody had noticed it. After a few minutes, it ended, and a big green, scaly, slimy, and wet “thing” rose from it. This thing was the Hoax, a monster capable of taking over a mind, but only if it touches the target. It began wandering house to house looking for a way in to get the tasty, fleshy humans.

To be continued...

## THE HALLOWEEN THAT CHANGED LIVES

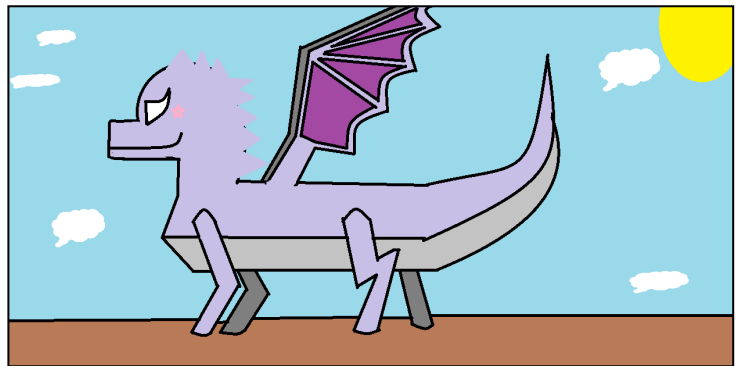
By Tatyana, 7th Grade

In a land where dragons, monsters, demons, and humans lived; Halloween was the worst day of the year. The demons and monsters would return to olden days. They ran the streets terrorizing the people of the town. No one knew why they did this, but all feared it. Locked doors, cages, machines that spread monster repellent, and demon prevention methods lined the streets. Even black cats fled the streets, that’s how bad it was. For poor souls who stayed outside would face the wrath of the monsters, and then the demons came.

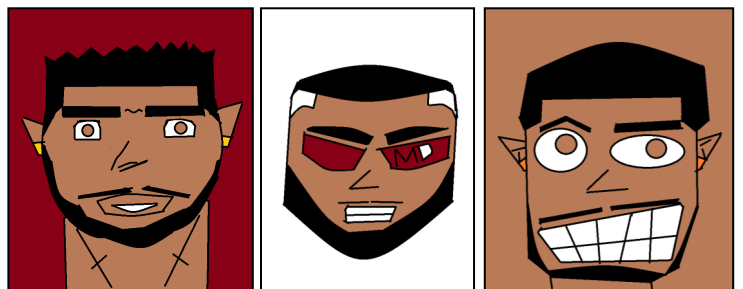
Still, there was one girl who was determined to find out the reason for this horrible behavior. “I’m going to find out why the monsters and demons try to scare us so bad every Halloween night!” A friendly fire-dragon flew down and stood beside her. “I will help! I’ll burn any de-

mon who tries to eat you. That’s why dragons exist, to protect and serve,” said the dragon.

That night the girl and the dragon stayed out, hidden in the bushes. “Here they come,” she said. The dragon headed the monster off with his wings out-stretched. “Why do you terrorize these people?” The monsters replied, “Because we wanted to remind the people of how far we’ve come, but they always hide.” And so, Halloween became a day of remembrance of the past of humans and monsters!



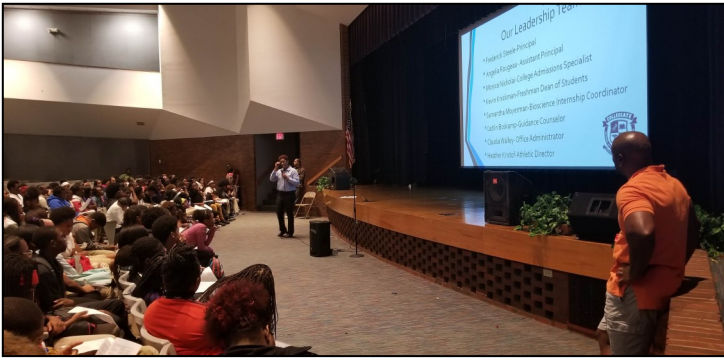
My Pet Dragon by Tatyana, 7th Grade



Three Guys by Mike Davis, 7th Grade



City View by Kayia, 8th Grade



Coach Folkes looks on as Collegiate Charter High School presents its program to the Carr Lane 8th Grade student body on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 during the Fine Arts block.



September 17: a trio of students depart for the Jazz Program.



Carr Lane VPA Drama Teacher, Mr. Mahr sets up an impromptu improve scene for visiting students from Central Visual and Performing Arts High School. Central's Principal, Dr. Kacy Seals looks on. Carr Lane students supplied the location and character types to set the scene and the High Schoolers played it out!

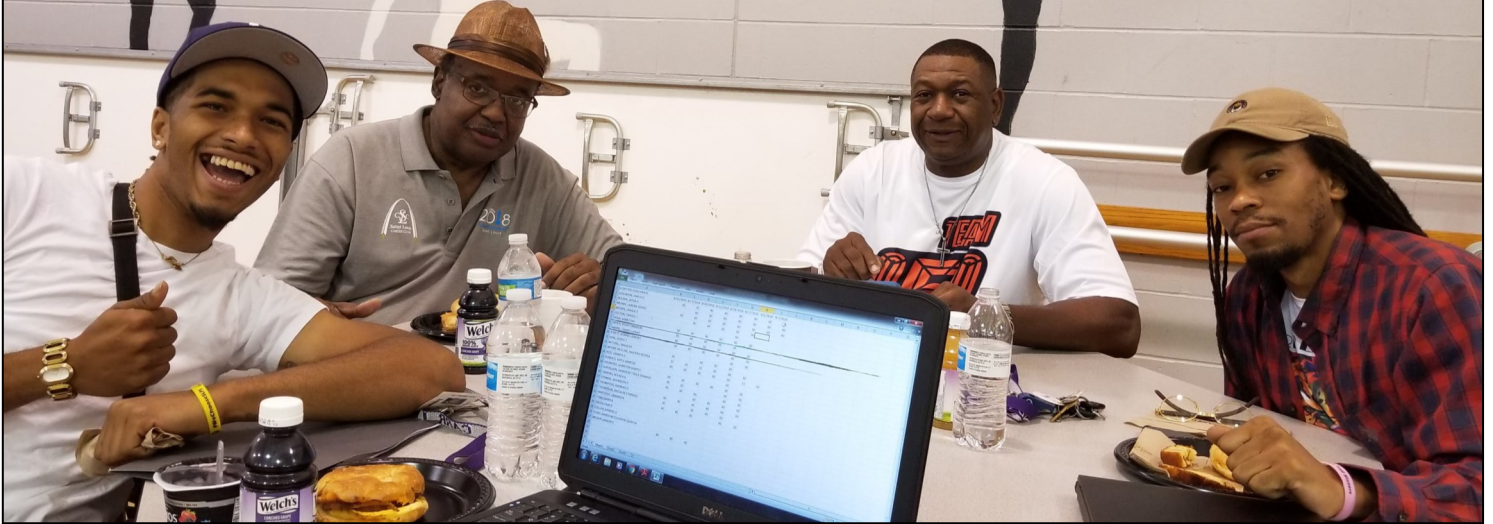


The incredible visual artist, Nick graduated from Carr Lane in 2018 and returned to share some of his high school journey!



Central Visual and Performing Arts High School on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 with a program for the 8th grade student body.

# SEPTEMBER PD



Friday, September 14, 2018 was a district professional development day. Carr Lane VPA faculty gathered in Ms. Parker's dance studio for a day of interactive professional development and fellowship. **Left to Right:** Mr. Mahr, Mr. Young, Mr. Banks, and Mr. Gully.



Mr. Fox, Ms. Ward, Mr. Hommowun, and Ms. Bouvatte.



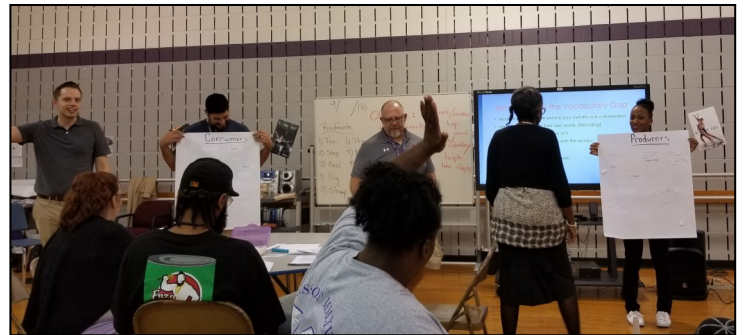
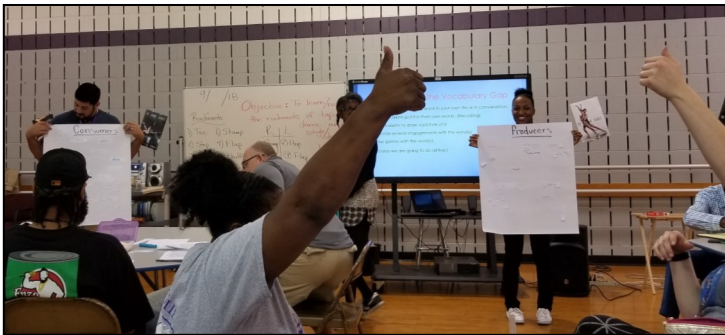
Ms. Gallion, Ms. Grove, Ms. Parsonage, and Ms. Strode.



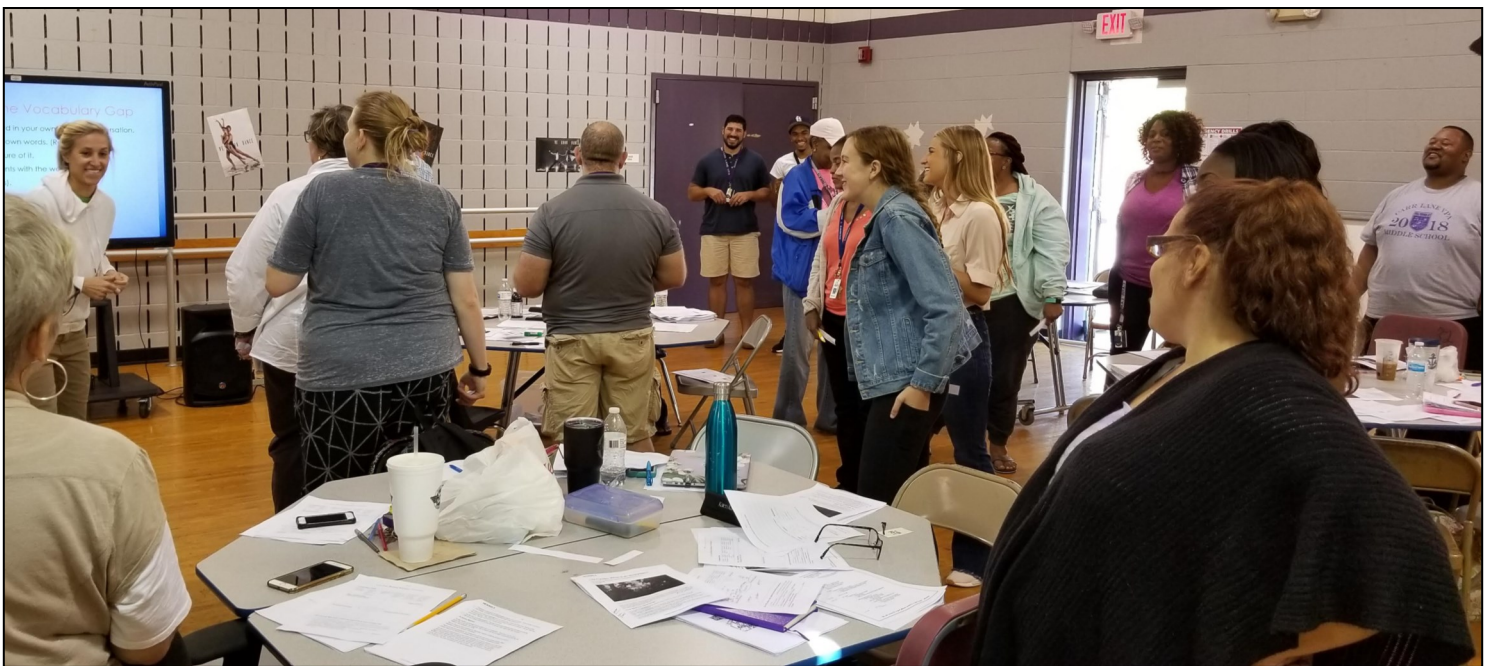
Ms. Cotton, Ms. Watson, Ms. Sparks, Ms. Jarrell, Ms. Kozak, and Ms. Shipp.



Ms. Parker, Mr. Banks, Mr. Gulley, Ms. McConnell, Mr. Gulley, Mr. Banks and Mr. Wise. Oh, wait! That's the dance studio mirror!



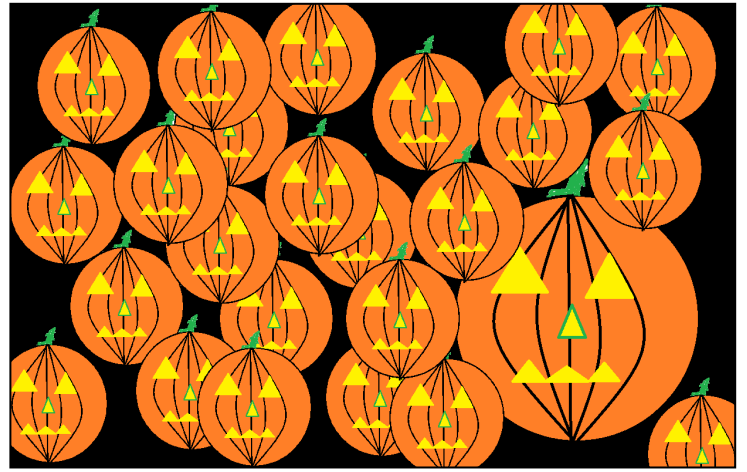
Assistant Principal Baird led staff in the close reading of a text and associated vocabulary building lessons and activities.



Assistant Principal Baird's session had hands-on activities for everyone!



Visiting motivational speaker, Dr. Mason and his band led the entire student body in an anti-bullying assembly. The presentation was consciousness raising and got people on their feet!



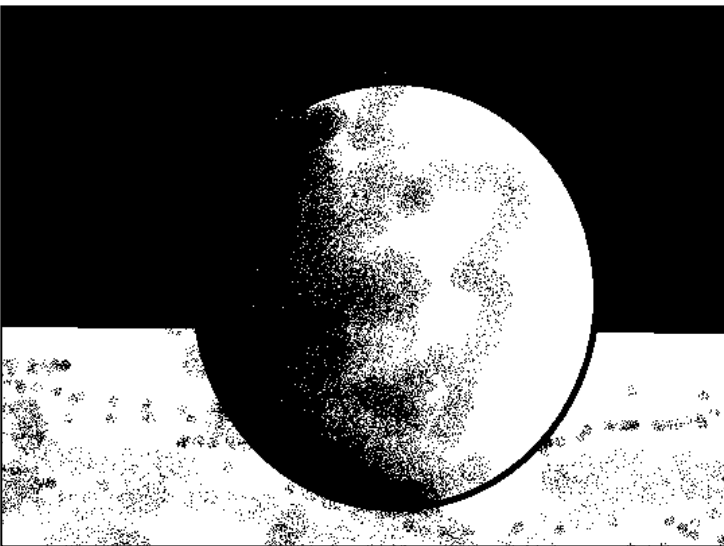
Pumpkin Patch, by Davyion, 8th Grade



A Carr Lane VPA student returns to her seat after leading the assembly with a stirring message! What a great voice!

### *IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:*

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| <b>Oct. 17, 2018</b> | Carr Lane Book Fair   |
| <b>Oct. 18, 2018</b> | Carr Lane Book Fair<br>Parent/Teacher Conferences<br>3:00 to 6:15PM |
| <b>Oct. 19, 2018</b> | Carr Lane Book Fair<br>Parent/Teacher Conferences<br>3:00 to 6:15PM |
| <b>Oct. 20, 2018</b> | Spirit Squad Parade<br>West St. Louis City                          |
| <b>Oct. 24, 2018</b> | Anti-Bullying Presentation  |
| <b>Oct. 25, 2018</b> | Red Ribbon Week   |
| <b>Oct. 26, 2018</b> | Red Ribbon Week<br>Ekert's — All Day — 6th Grade                    |
| <b>Oct. 29, 2018</b> | Red Ribbon Week Activity  |
| <b>Oct. 30, 2018</b> | Red Ribbon Week Activity  |
| <b>Oct. 31, 2018</b> | Fall Festival<br>Student of the Month                               |



MOON by Kaleb, 7th Grade

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