

# Carr Lane VPA News & Views



**Welcome Back!** It's been a while, but we are back in business with the late, great, issue 8! Shout outs to B. Shields, Queen of App Creator Coding and the incredible K. P., who produced show-stopping multi-media presentations for 5th Grade Recruitment, Fall Show, Veterans' Day, Winter Show, MLK Day, Black History, and 8th Grade Awards. This pic was taken in the week leading up to Winter Break. 8th grade students put up beautiful decorations to celebrate the season. A great group of young, soon-to-be adults!!!

Putting together the 2019-2020 school year book has 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.

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. 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 Mrs. Hopp, performances by the Concert Band, directed by Ms. Andrick, and theatrical selections presented by Mr. Mahr'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.



Vocal Music under the direction of Ms. Williams!





The Purple Pride Orchestra performs under the direction of Mrs. Mary Hopp, Carr Lane VPA Director of Strings.





Band Director, Ms. Andrick takes the stage with The Carr Lane VPA Band at the Winter Show on December 13, 2018!





Mr. Mahr's drama students bring original theatrical productions to the stage for the Winter Show.



A highlight of every production, The Carr Lane VPA Dancers, under the direction of Ms. Tina Parker, bring it to the house!



From Ballet to Tap, Jazz and Modern to Hip Hop, “The CL” has it in its repertoire!





More colorful dance numbers enthrall the audience!



Ms. Parker weaves elements of drama into her choreography, conveying emotionally-charged stories through movement!



Ms. Williams and Mr. Mahr collaborate on a special number for the Winter Show. Hey, that's musical theater!!!



A rousing finale to the evening of entertainment as all the performers flood the stage and spill into the house. *Good night, folks!*



Before the Winter Show, VPA Visual Art Teacher, Ms. Choate takes a break during a long rehearsal. Ms. Choate not only decorated the stage with a winter theme, but served as the MC for both the day-time and evening performances of the 2018 Winter Showcase!



Carr Lane Students show their spirit in the days leading-up to the 2018-2019 Winter Holiday Break.

# HOLIDAY SWEATER COMPETITION



Members of the Carr Lane VPA faculty show-off their holiday sweaters!

# DECK THE HALLS!





Ms. Goode-Lockley with students who helped assemble clothing and holiday food for area families. Principal Young looks on.



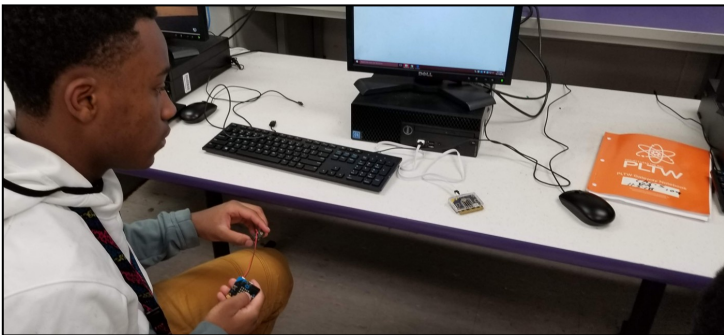
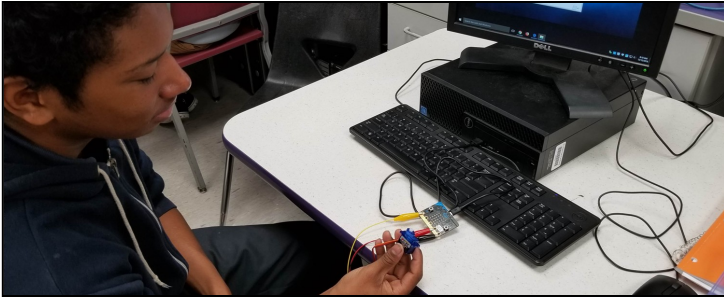
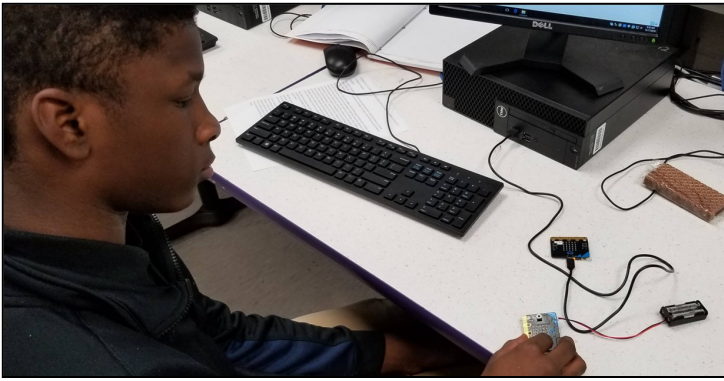
Carr Lane students with donated food to help fill empty, area pantries in time for the 2018-2019 holiday season.





8th-Grade students, Theodore Wells and Auriyan Vanhook help wheel-out pallets of donated food and clothing for delivery.

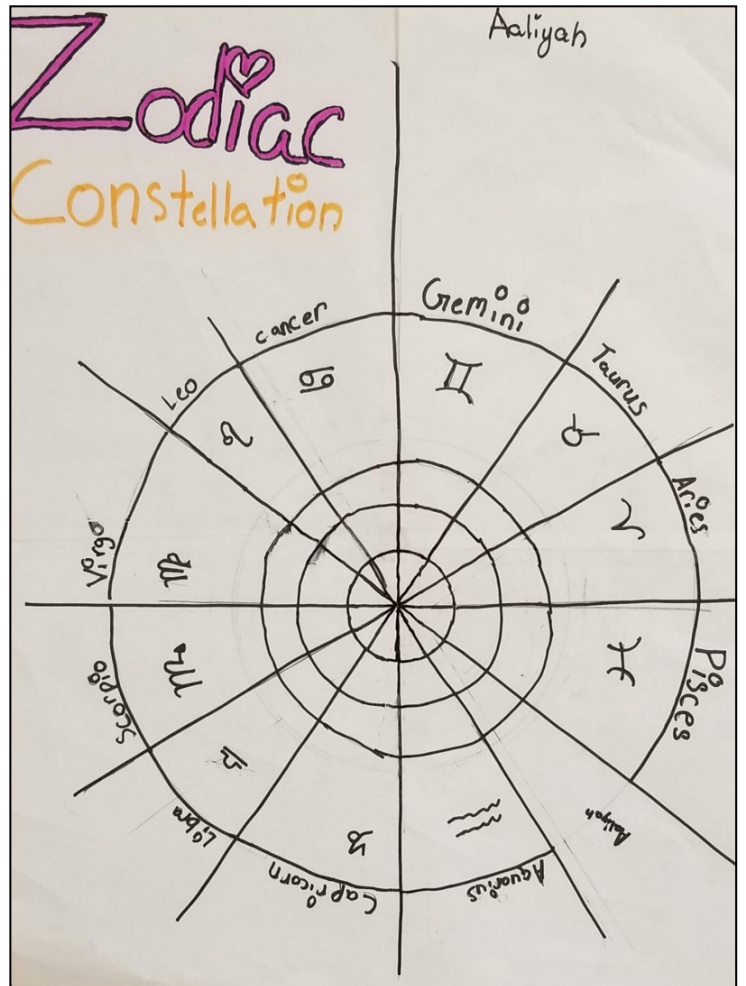
# SOME STEM WITH YOUR FINE ARTS?



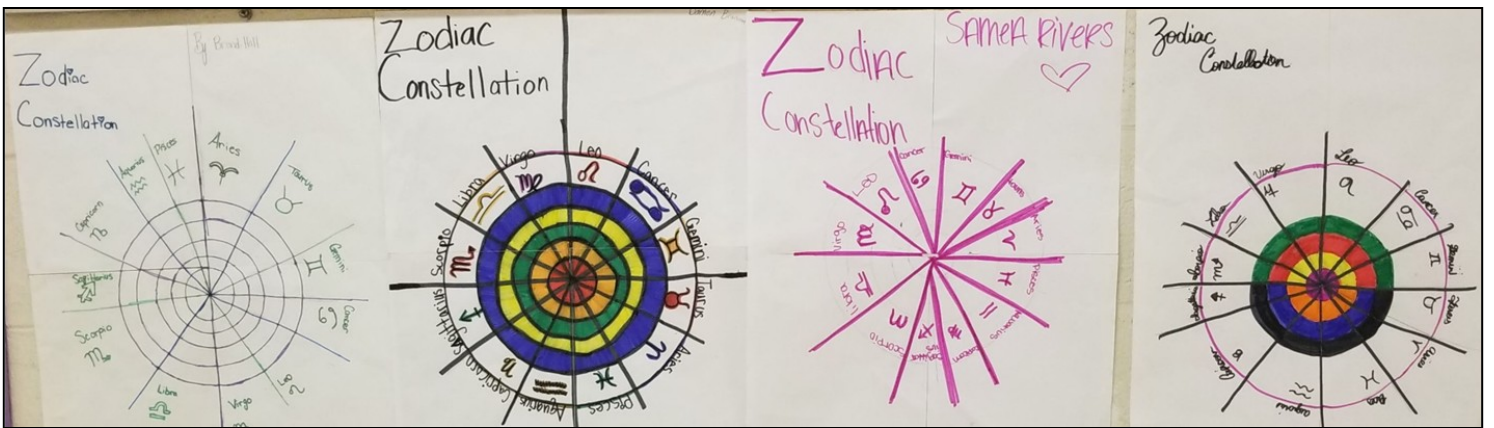
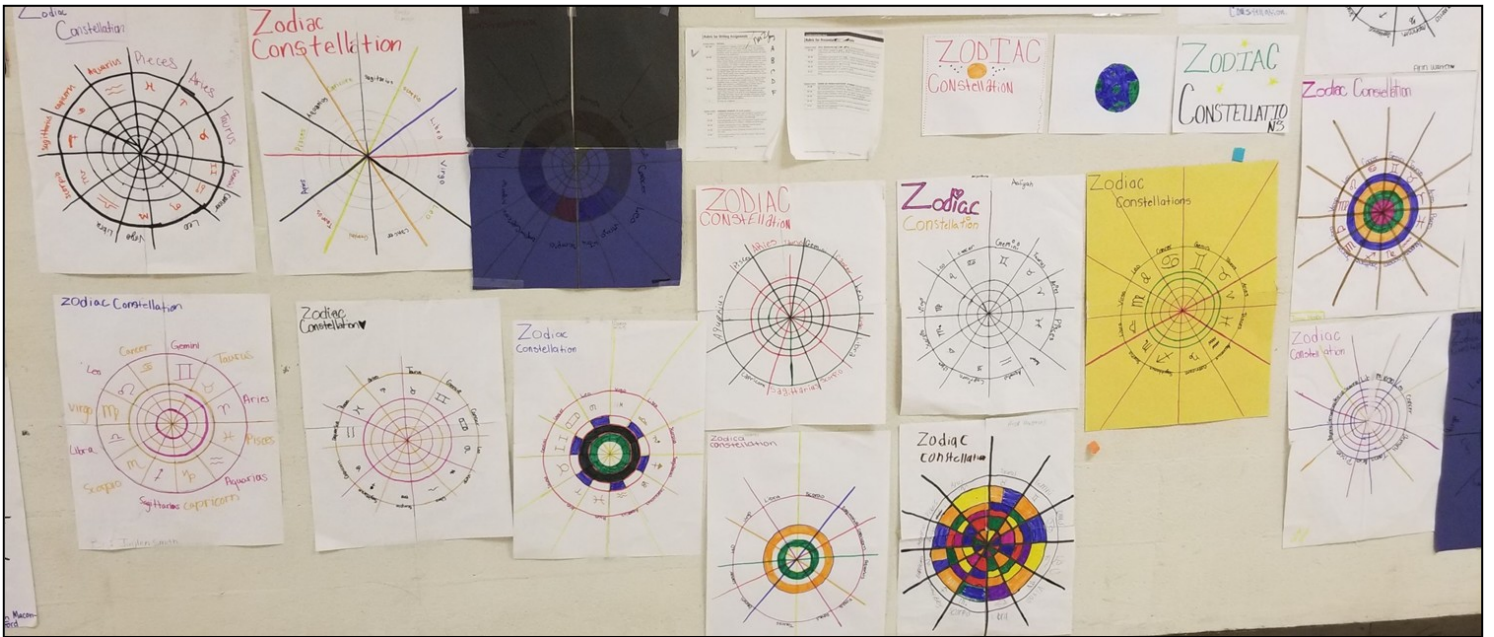
8<sup>th</sup> grade students learned computer code to program microprocessors in “Computer Science Innovators and Makers,” a 10-week unit in Dr. Phoenix’s A-Day Computer classes. During 2nd semester, B-Day 8th graders took 10 weeks learning to create and program computer applications for cell phones and tablets. Concurrently, Dr. Phoenix took a 40-hour online course gaining certification to teach the unit, thereby fulfilling the terms of a STEM Grant and earning for Carr Lane VPA another 5 thousand dollars of a total “PLTW” grant from 2017 for \$20,000! According to Phoenix, he and his students “...learned a lot about computer science this year.” “The extra 5-G for our school was just gravy!”



8th Grade B-Day Computer students, early 2nd semester.



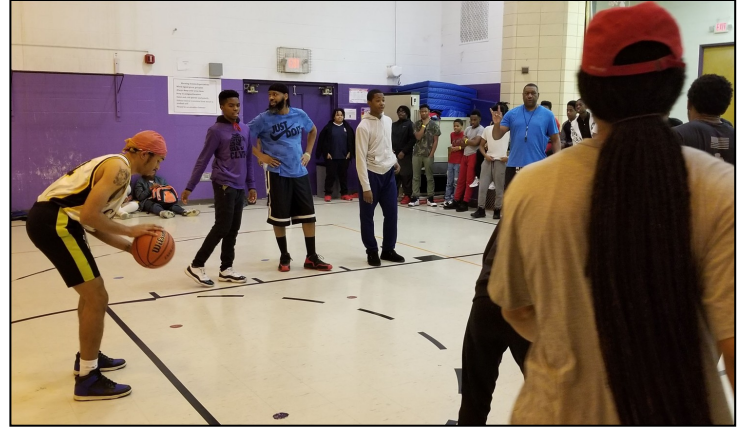
Aaliyah’s Zodiac Constellation Chart and the earliest observers...



Before TV & video games, ancient people studied the night sky, recording the positions and movement of stars across the heavens. Some groups of stars seemed to form the outlines of objects in the sky. People called these patterns constellations. The 12 major constellations appearing to orbit the earth's equator & corresponding to a year-long calendar are also known as the signs of the Zodiac. 7th grade students in Mr. Young's science classes created "Zodiac Constellation" charts as they learned about the world's 1st astronomers.

# STUDENTS VRS. FACULTY!

In time honored-tradition, students of Carr Lane took a period of their Arts block on December 20, 2018 to face-off against faculty and staff on the courts. Boys' and Girls' Basketball & Volleyball were up. 8th graders, 7th graders & 6th graders: each had a chance to play against their teachers. Thanks to the grade level teachers who took time off their lunch & planning periods to participate during the Fine Arts "Sports Challenge" before break!



Back & forth, up & down. In the end, age and experience triumph over youth and energy as the 8th grade boys fall to the faculty men!



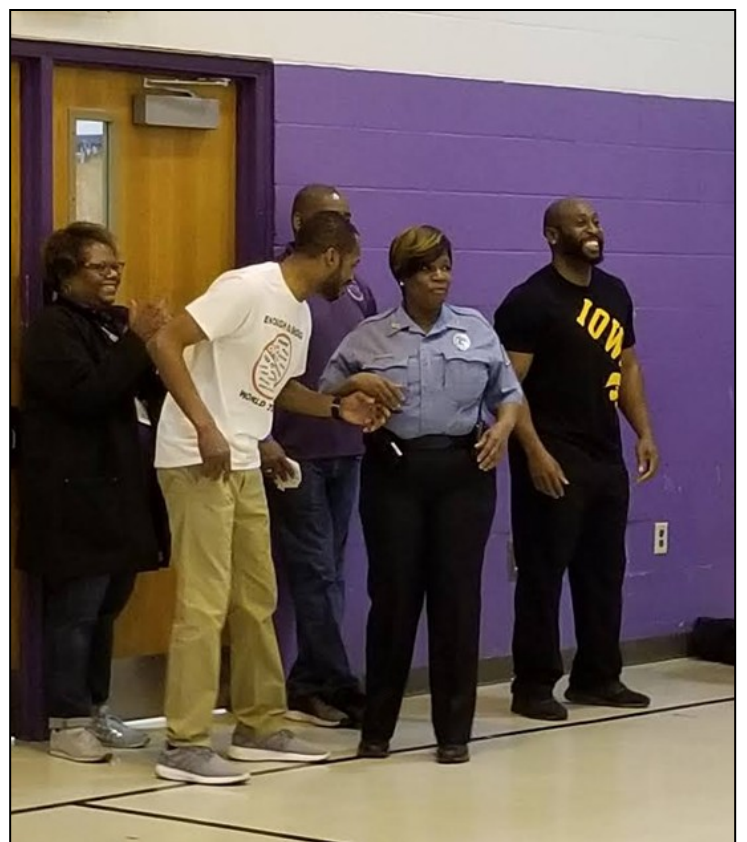
Fast break! Carr Lane VPA Drama Teacher, Mr. Mahr, follows the action!



Mr. Mahr at the free throw. He hit it!



Coach Banks referees the "faculty versus 8th grade" match-up!



Was Principal Young inviting "security" into the game?!



Two points for Principal Young!

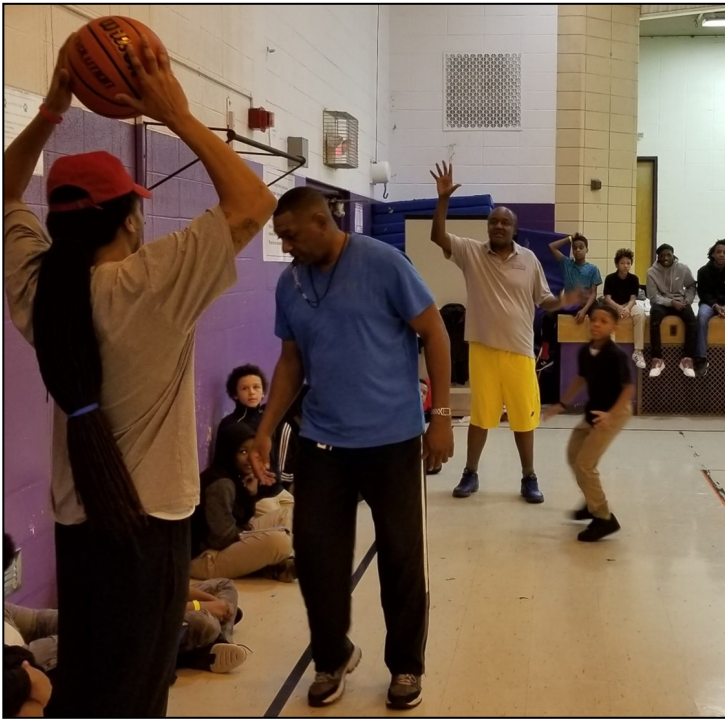


Miguel, center, helps represent the 7th grade boys as they take-on the staff and faculty. Visiting coach Demetrius and Mr. Bass (playing on the faculty and staff team) prove to be more than the youngsters can handle, although the 7th grade gave them a run!



Ri'Naya Sutton represents the 7th grade girls in their match against teachers and staff. She manages to hit a basket from the free-throw line, although the girls ultimately lost their game.

It was non-stop action during related arts!



Watch Mr. Gray “2-piece” his free-throw for faculty and staff!

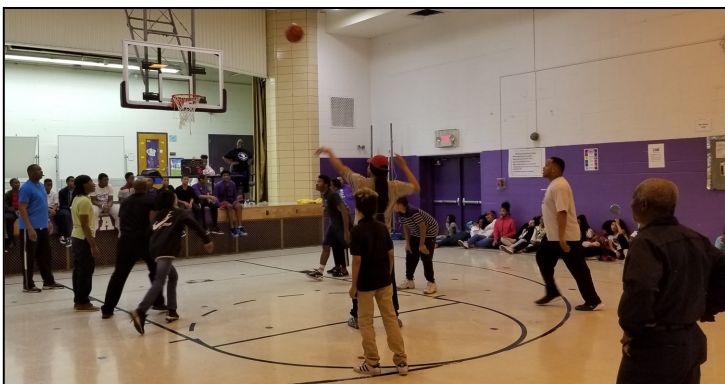


During the final arts block of the day, 6th graders face off with Ms. Love during the 6th Grade student versus staff games. By the way, Jordan, looking as this replay, is that a screen or a foul?

7th Grade Science Teacher, Mr. Young, makes a lay-up!



Ms. Bouvatte waits for her shot to land. (It did!)





A “rejected” image from this issue’s cover photo-shoot! Don’t blink, Carr Lane, these 8th grade students will soon be graduates!



8th grade boys perfect their moves in a special dress rehearsal of the Winter Showcase performed before the entire student body on the afternoon of December 13, 2019. See page 7 (above) where they meet-up with the girl dancers on the Carr Lane VPA Stage!



More moves during the “6th grade boys versus teachers” basketball game at the close of 2018! The entire 6th grade turned-out to watch or play in the B and V-Ball tournaments on 12-20-18!



Winter Show Grade Finale. See our photo-essay on the grand, Fine Arts celebration on pages 2 through 12 of this special issue!

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