

Carr Lane VPA News & Views



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Carr Lane VPA Faculty and Staff gather in the Carr Lane Library on August 7, 2023. The first day back from summer vacation and the official start of the 2023-2024 School year. Students would return on August 21.



Dr. Phoenix on day one. Several days later, the Carr Lane Family boarded a bus for a day of Team Building activities in Eureka at Camp Wyman, one of the oldest camps west of the Mississippi founded in 1898.



Principal Young gathers with faculty and staff in the Wyman Lodge to begin the day's activities.



Participants gather. Let the games begin!



Completing a complex task as a team. Ms. Beverly finds a friend.



More team-building in the main hall and a game of chess.



Participants prepare for the zip line through the tree tops, and Mr. Tellis meets a local celebrity.



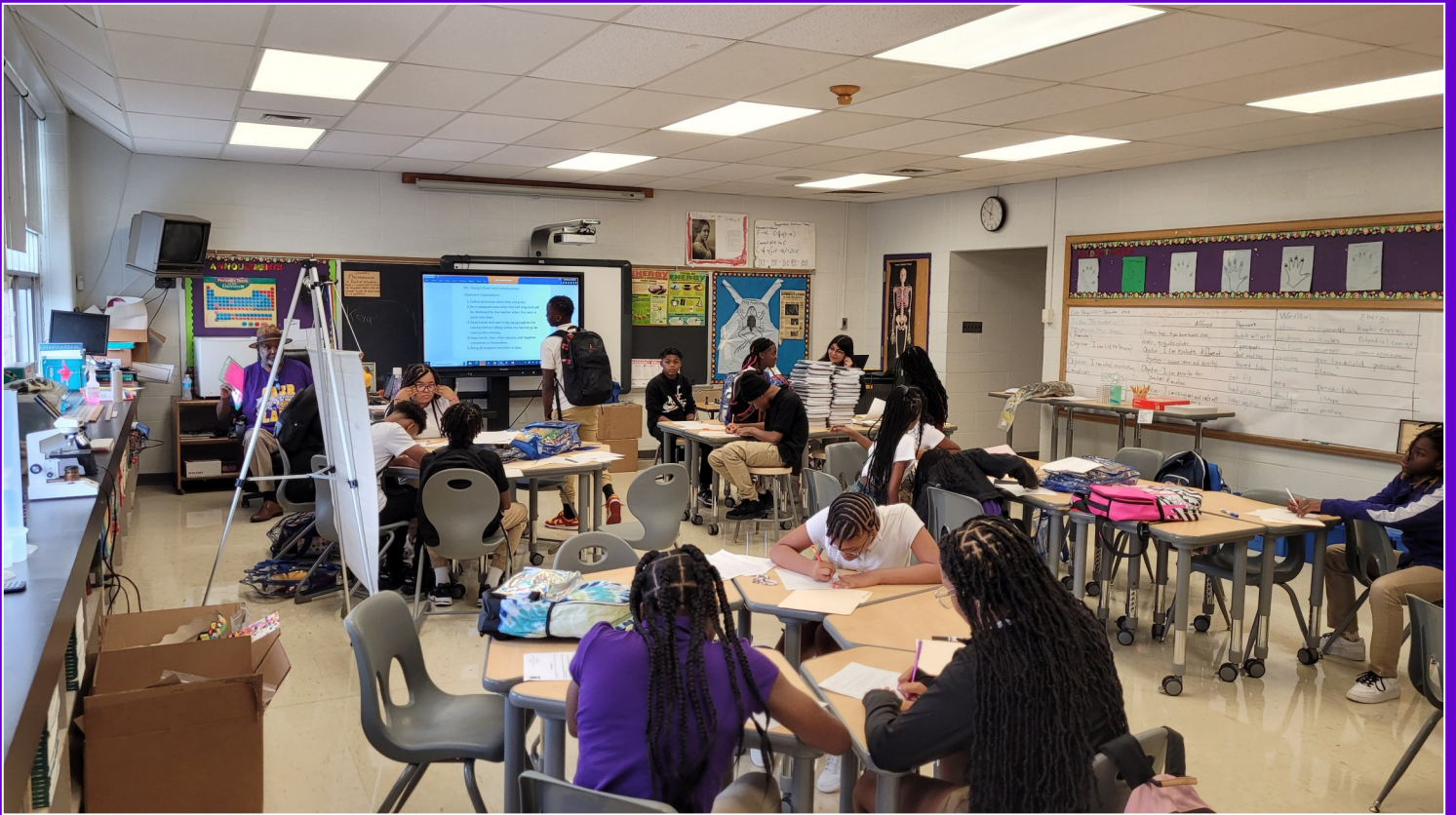
Ride of a Lifetime! Back on the earth, Principal Young looks skyward to those who also took the ultimate challenge. (Everyone who tore through the forest canopy above Camp Wyman on the Zip Line signed waivers.) Among the CLVPA family members who climbed the tower and rode the Zip Line were Mr. Ford, Ms. Mears, Ms. Tina Parker, Ms. La'Shay Williams, Dr. Phoenix, Mr. Whitfield and other, fearless Jaguars! It was a lot of fun and a lot of laughs for those who remained safely on solid ground below! *(Thanks to Ms. Jarrell for the pix!)*



August 21, 2023. The Carr Lane Drum Line and Spirit Squad perform for the entire school during the morning meeting in the Carr Lane Gymnasium on the very first day back for students.



Back in the classroom. New 8th Graders on day 1, 2023-2024!



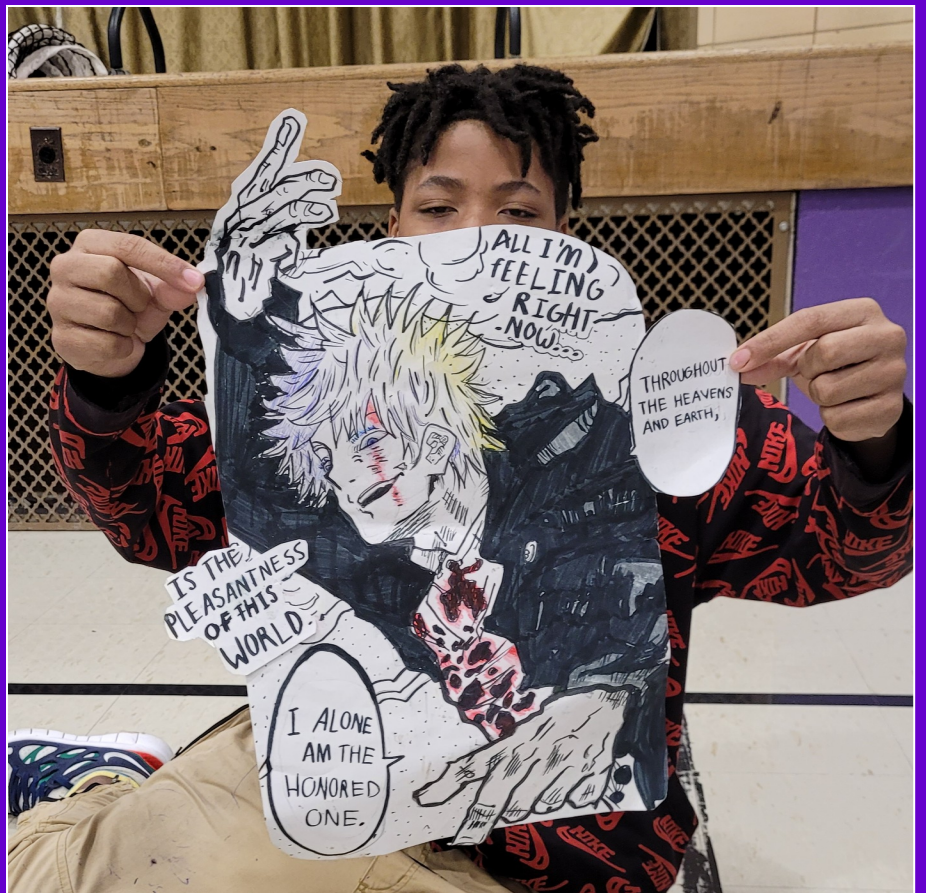
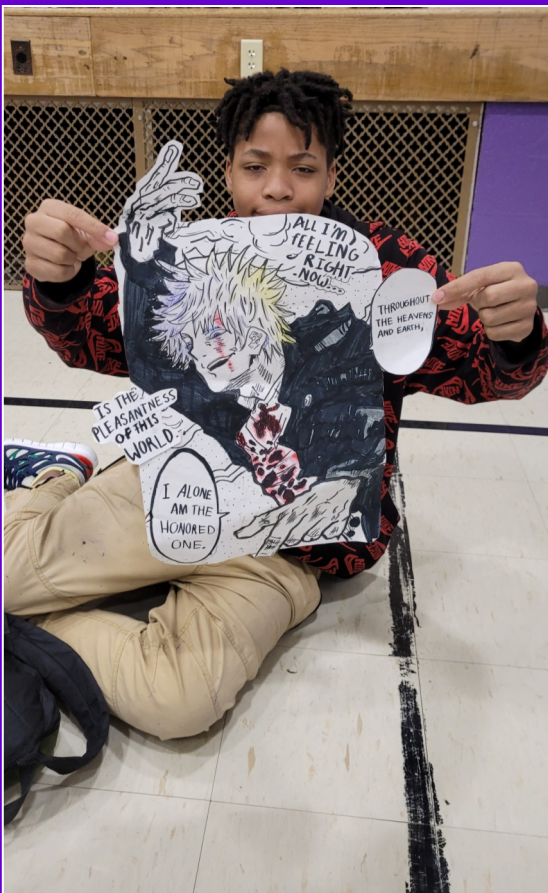
Mr. Young's 7th Grade Science Class on Day 1!



Makin' it happen for our scholars! Tellis, Parker and Ford!



8th Grader, Jairus Nesbitt shows the “GREEN” (all students accounted for) on the first district mandated FIRE DRILL of 2023-2024. Students took it seriously, and it went off without a hitch!



The “V” in Carr Lane VPA. A 6th grade visual artist shares his skills at the morning meeting!

OPEN HOUSE!



Principal Young and Assistant Principal Gross address a Carr Lane Theater audience of parents, students, family, friends, Carr Lane faculty and staff on Open House Night, September 21, 2023. There was a great turn-out!



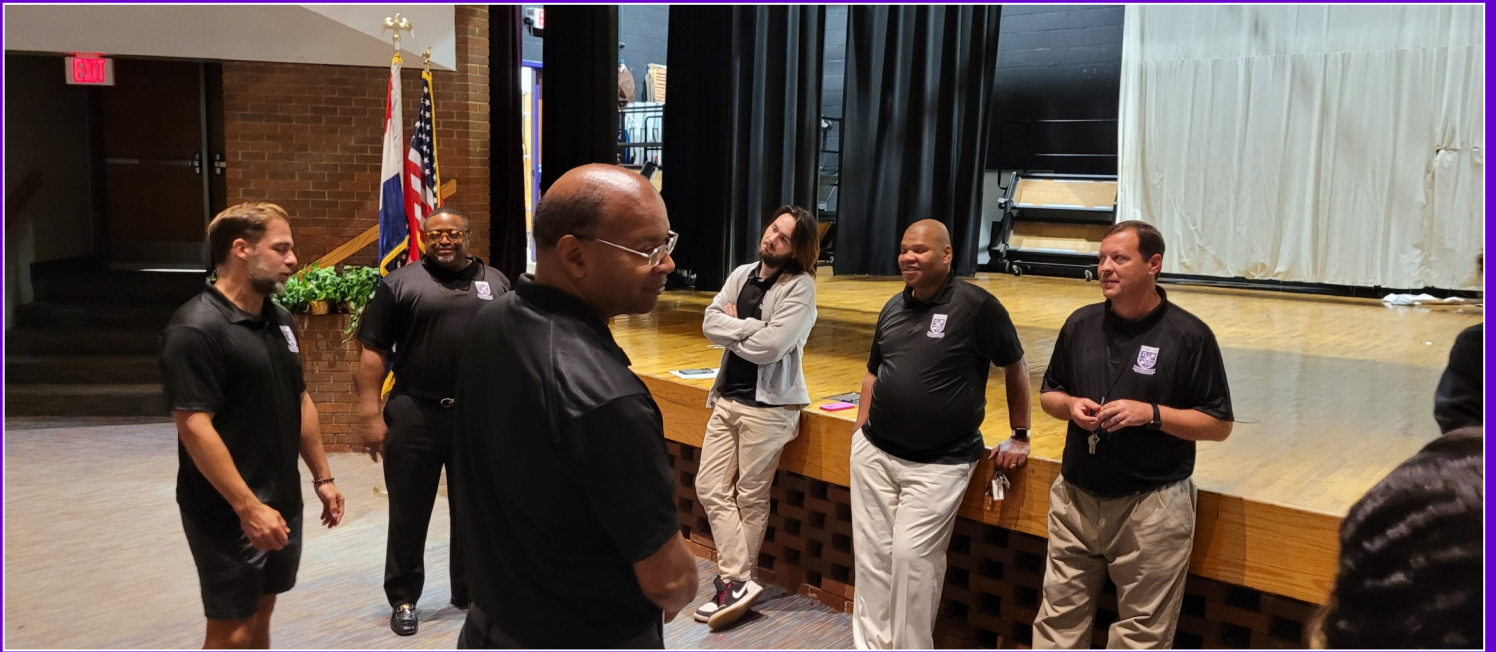
Ms. Ring, Mr. Tellis and Ms. Jarrell greet parents and students for the annual Carr Lane Open House.



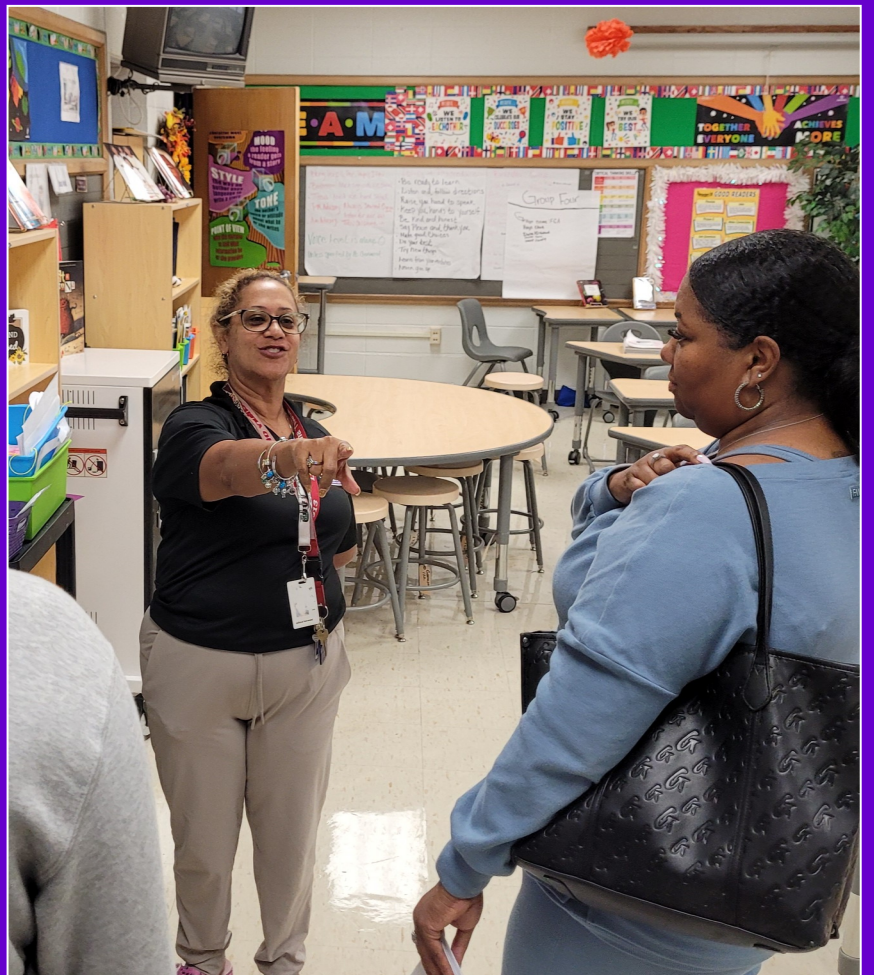
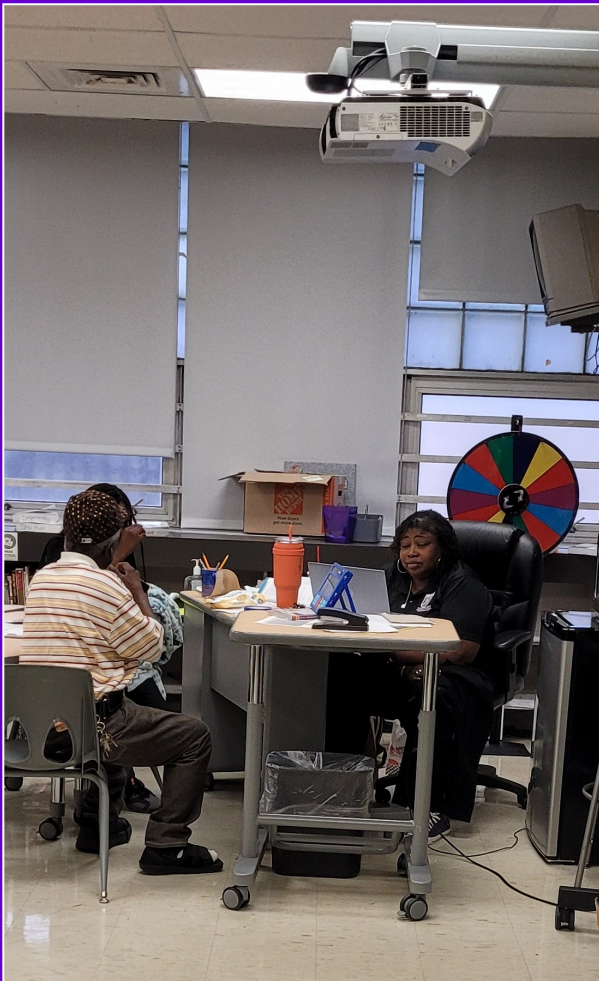
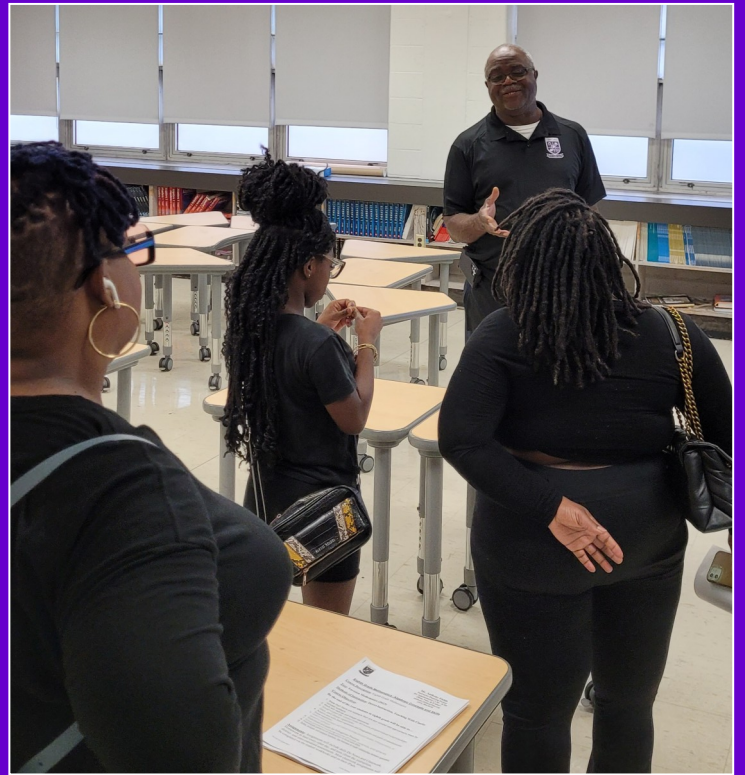
Ms. Hill of TRIO welcomes families and encourages them to sign-up for the program designed to help families and students prepare for college — beyond middle school and high school. Many families signed-up!



High-achieving 8th Grade student, Aiiyah, and her mom at the open house!

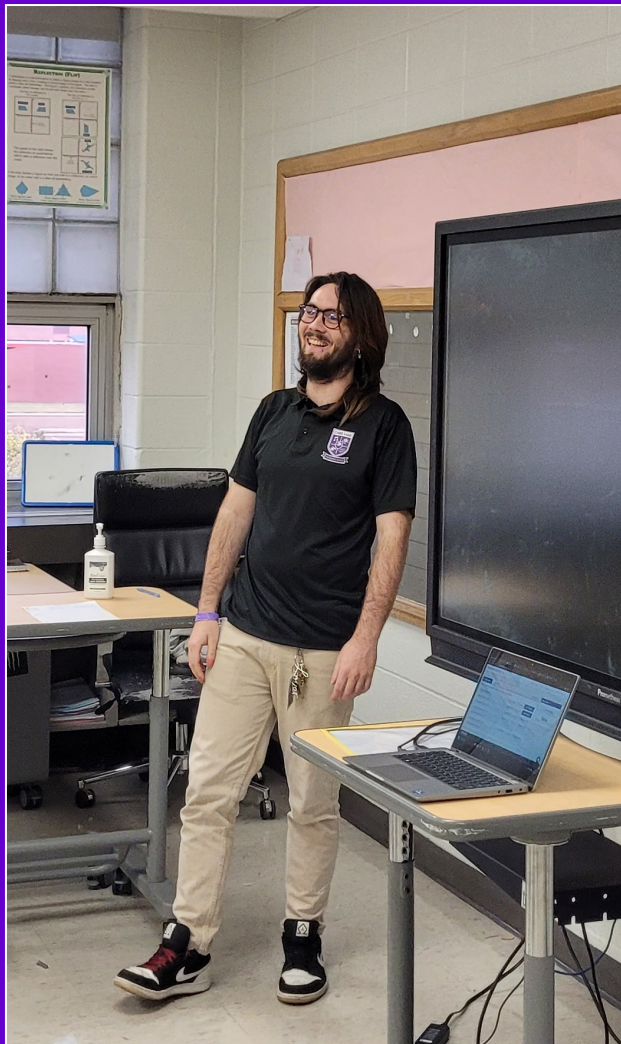
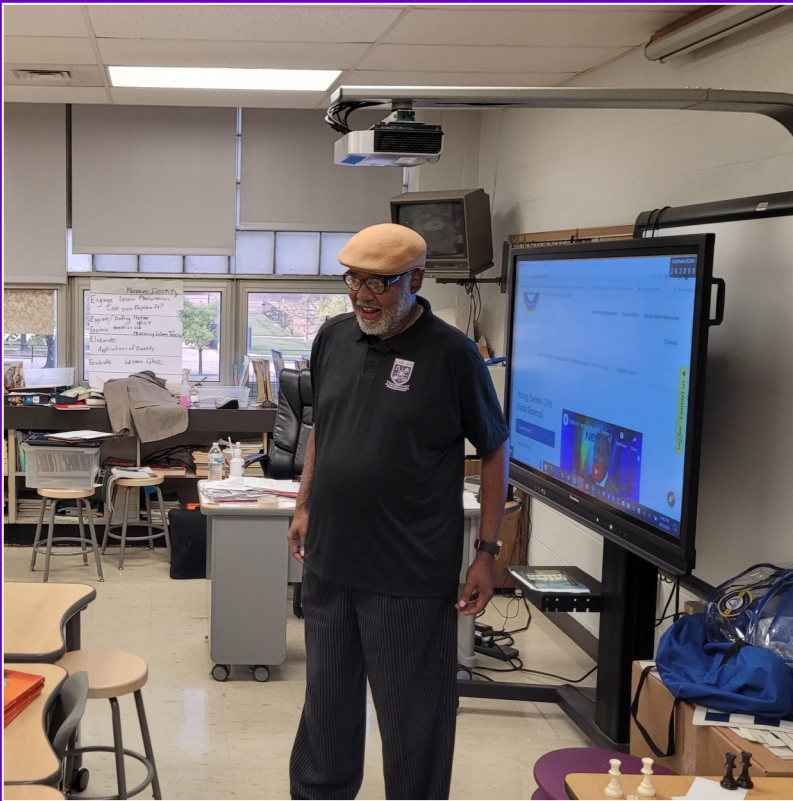


Ms. Garwood and Ms. A. Parker greet parents in the auditorium. The teachers head out to their classrooms!

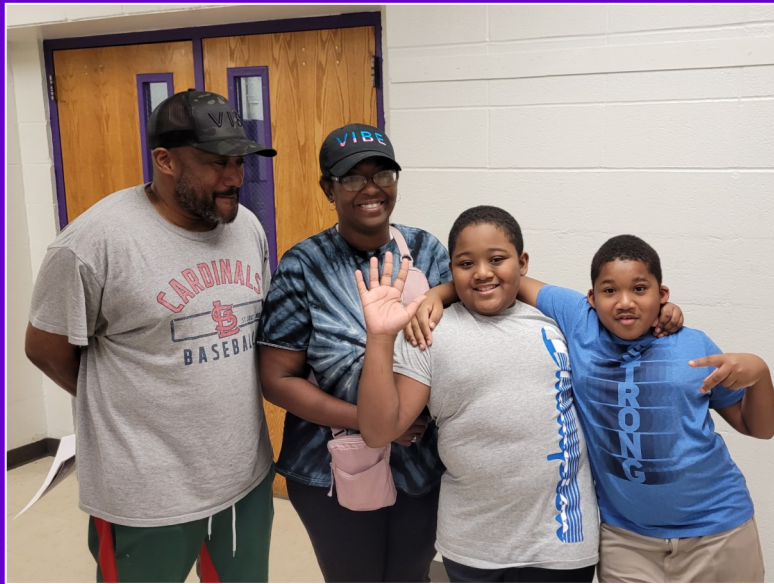
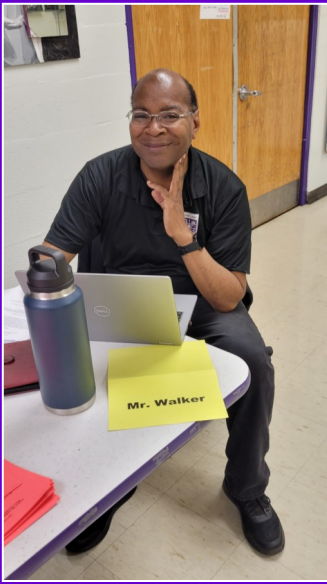


Parents and families meet the teachers!









Following the open house, folks gather for refreshments and conversation in the Carr Lane Cafeteria!

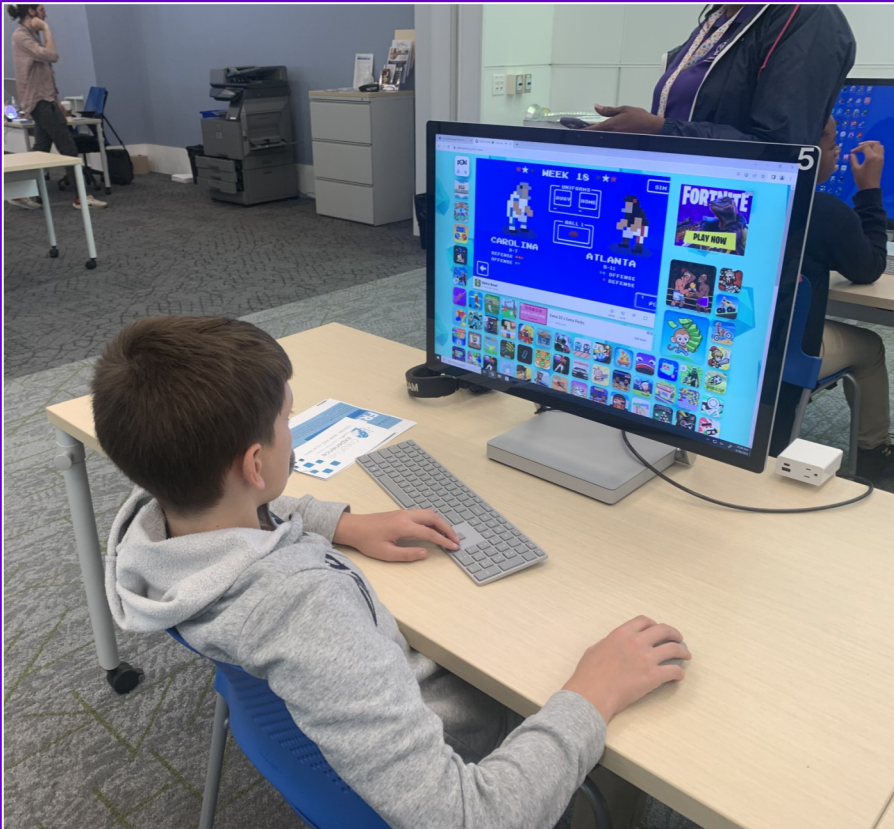
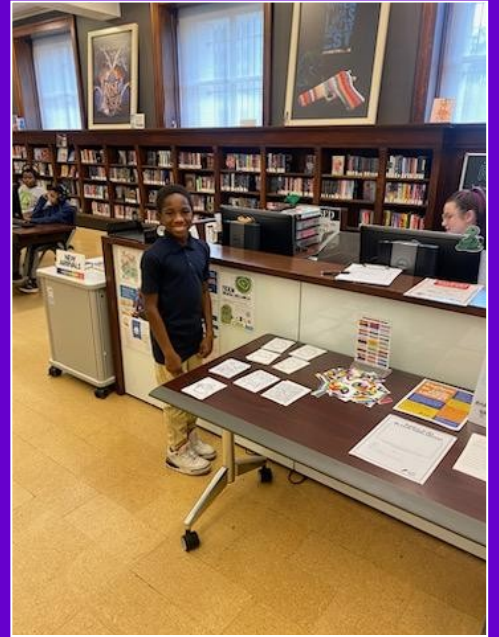
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Carr Lane Reading Specialist, Ms. Fenner and her team lead students on a field trip to the library!



LITERACY!





TRIP TO INDIANAPOLIS!



Carr Lane's Family and Community Specialist, Mr. Gregory Tellis with the Carr Lane Drum Line!









ATTENDANCE PARTY!



Students with 90% or better average attendance first quarter received a “Nacho Party!”



PBIS FUN DAY!



Principal Young and Mr. Ford grill for the students invited to the PBIS Celebration. In addition to serving as Carr Lane's Athletic Director, Mr. Ford coordinates the building's PBIS Program. Students were rewarded with barbeque, soda, chips and games for their positive behavior and outstanding, cooperative attitudes for first quarter!



Mr. Whitfield and 7th Grade student, Tyme stand-in for a picture at the afternoon celebration!



Mr. Avant with his award-winning Cross Country Team. Carr Lane VPA took 1st Place at the meet!

2023 PHL Middle School Cross Country Championship



**Team 1st Place:
Carr Lane Jaguars**



**Team 2nd Place:
Lyon Ligers**

Boys



**Nicholas Dillon
Busch Bobcats**



**Elisha James
Lyon Ligers**



**Charles Brown
Carr Lane Jaguars**

Girls



**Roriaunna Calhoun
Carr Lane Jaguars**



**Miley Thomas
Carr Lane Jaguars**



**Zayaira Daniels
Lyon Ligers**



Congratulations to Carr Lane VPA's winning Cross Country Team! It's a brutal sport, one that requires training, focus and determination. Thank you to Coach Avant for supplying these candid shots of the CLVPA team!



The Carr Lane Garden (Thanks to Ms. Beverly who tends it for CLVPA!)



Left: Principal Young beside the new mural outside the Gym. The Carr Lane Mural between the Cafeteria and the Gym received a new look thanks to the artistry of Washington University Senior, Ms. Fatou Kane. During the Spring of 2022-2023 she donated a lot of time and energy making the new mural a reality. **Top:** 7th Grade student, Fred volunteers to help clean-up the cafeteria following lunch time. Thank you, Fred!

Middle School... Here I come!



Middle School, Here I come! On the morning of October 17, 2023 5th grade students from SLPS elementary schools around the district gathered in the Carr Lane Theater for an introduction to Carr Lane, its teachers, programs, activities and many performing arts opportunities! Thanks to Ms. D. Williams for hosting the event!



Ms. M. Williams directs members of the Carr Lane VPA Concert Choir.



Ms. M. Williams accompanies 8th Grade Strings student, Denim Browder.

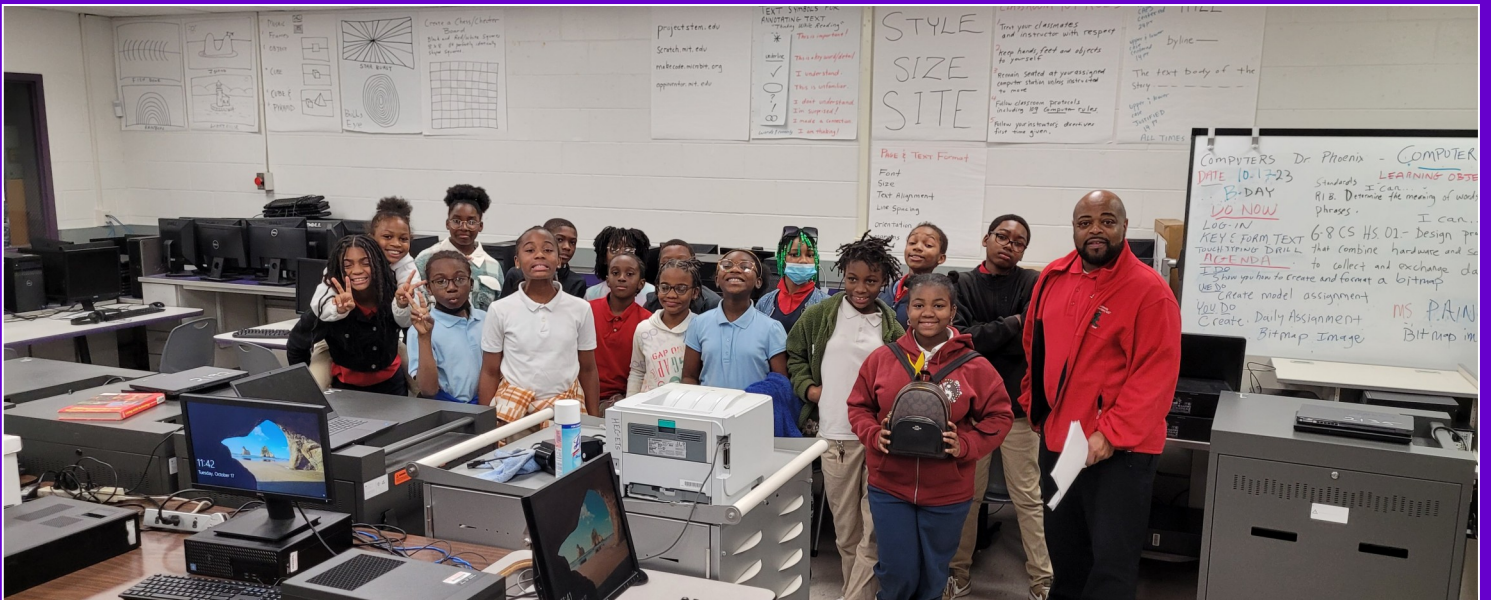


Ms. T. Parker's Dance Students take the stage!

CARR LANE SPIRIT SQUAD!



A show-stopping performance by the Carr Lane Spirit Squad.

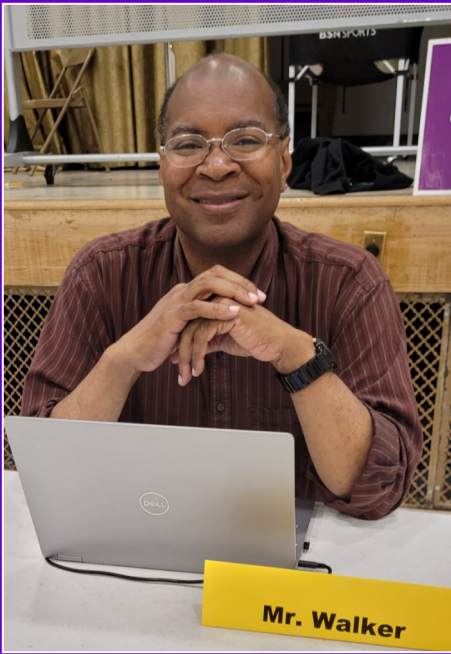


Students conclude their morning with visits to the 6th grade classrooms. This: Computer Science.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parents gather to speak with teachers — October 18 and 19, 2023.







Ms. Edmond and Ms. Pittmann



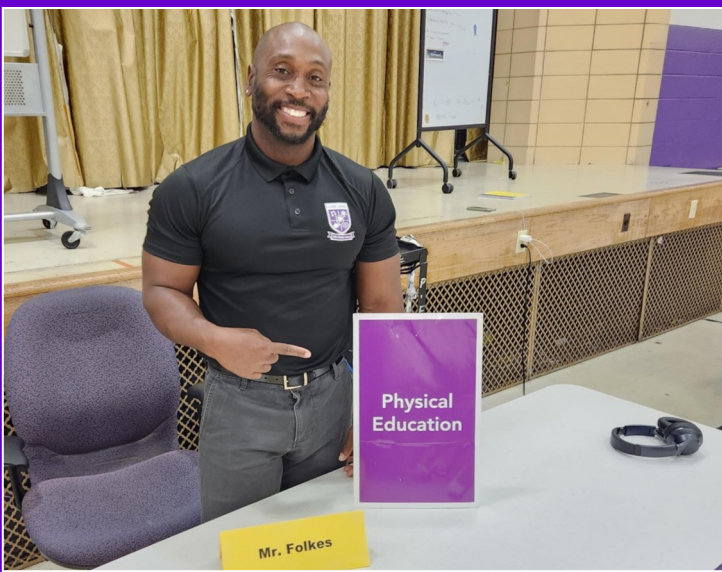


Ms. C. Williams and her team!





Health teacher Mr. Fendler with Ms. C. Williams, the head of Carr Lane VPA's SPED Team.





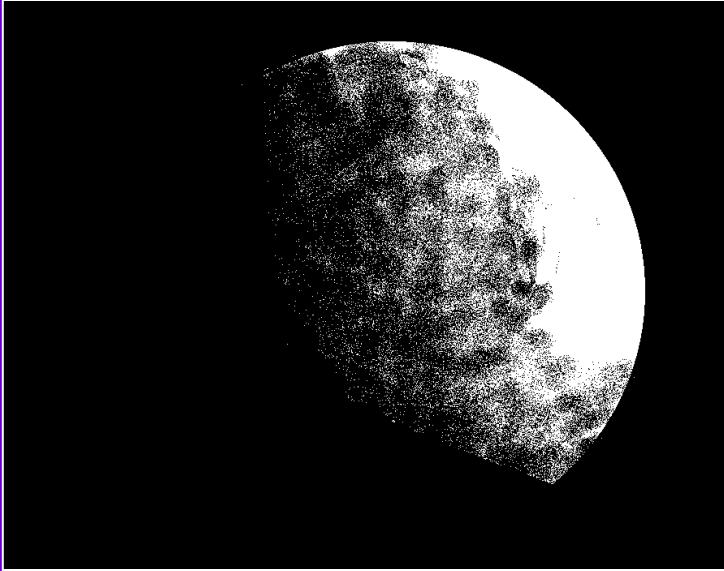
Parents check-in at the Main Office and receive printed copies of their students' 1st Quarter report cards.



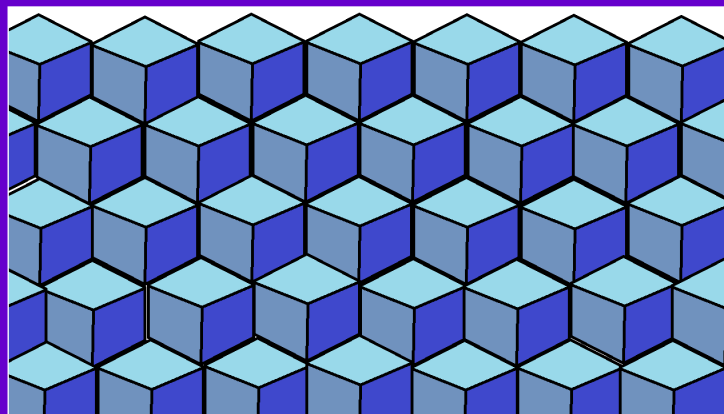




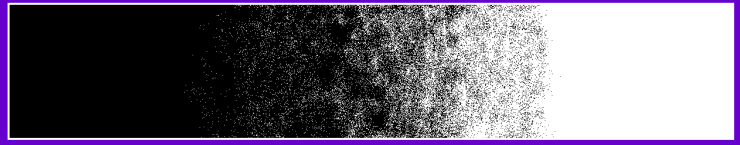
8th Grade student, Kyler celebrates high marks on her 1st Quarter Report Card! Way to go, Kyler!



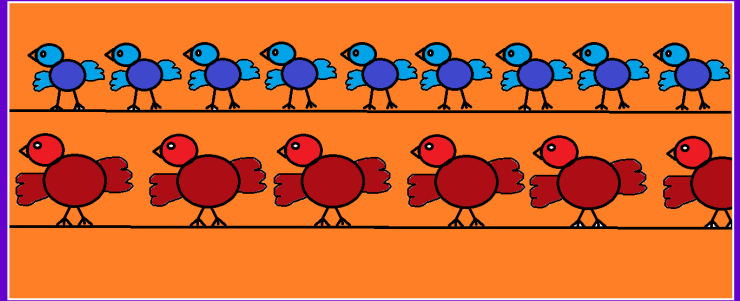
Just in time for Halloween... "Moon" by Olivia Soler, from the Computer Graphics Unit in 8B computer science



"Tessellation" by Darnell Williams, 8A Computer Science.



"Twilight Zone," by Darnell Williams, 8A.



"Birds on a Wire," by Charles Brown, 8A.



"Pumpkin Patch," by Jaden Graves 8B.



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