



Coach Litteken with members of her SLPS Championship Award Winning Boys' Volleyball Team



Carr Lane VPA Girls' Basketball Team



The Carr Lane VPA Girls Soccer Team with Coach Folkes on the day of the opening game of the season, March 3, 2023



Last issue Carr Lane News and Views reported the baby shower for Carr Lane Reading Specialist Ms. Fenner. Recently, Ms. Fenner visited the school with her healthy, baby boy! Only weeks earlier, the Carr Lane Family had gathered in the Library for a surprise baby shower for Mr. Allen! We are happy to report that Mr. Allen's child was born, and that both mom and baby boy are both doing great!



Baby Fenner!



Proud dad-to-be, Mr. Allen.



Welcome Baby Allen!



Ms. Gross, Mr. Allen and Ms. V! It's Cake Time!



February 24, 2023

**Those We Love Don't Go Away
They Walk Beside Us Everyday
Unseen, Unheard But Always Near
Still Loved, Still Missed
And Very Dear**

To Family of Mr. Ronald Banks:

The Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School Staff, Students and Families were very sorry to hear of his death. We grieve with you. We also pray that you allow God to be the Comfort that you need during your bereavement.

Carr Lane is a better place because Ronald Bank entered the doors. He was a great teacher and coworker. He was admired by staff and multiple students. During his time at Carr Lane, Ronald was instrumental in anonymously supporting students and staff activities. It was not unusual for him to fund 8th grade dues, purchase uniforms for teams and contribute to other after school activities. He truly was about the children.

We encourage you, family members and friends to remember and to share what is true, honorable, right, pure, beautiful, and respected about Ronald. The sharing of your memories will keep him alive in your hearts. The sharing of your memories will ensure that his spirit is 'always near and walking beside you every day'.

Finally, family we will continue to pray that God will comfort and keep you; that He will make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; that He will turn His face toward you and give you His peace.

Sincerely,

Carr Lane VPA Middle School

Darwin Young, Principal

BLACK HISTORY ASSEMBLY!



February 23, 2023. Carr Lane VPA pulls out all the stops for its celebration of Black History and Black History Month. In this show-stopping number at the conclusion of the event, dance students under the direction of Ms. Tina Parker perform a classic piece. (Two weeks later, many of Ms. Parker's students went on a field trip to see the Alvin Ailey Dance Company perform in Memphis, Tennessee.)



Students from Dr. Phoenix's Computer Literacy classes offered a video presentation on Black America's history of struggle in the USA. The presentation was accompanied by the award-winning musical number, "Glory," performed by John Legend and Common.



Strings students await direction from Mr. Walker as they prepare to perform a number of pieces for the Black History Assembly. On the blue cello, far right, 7th grade student and frequent solo performer, Denim Browder checks his music. Denim has played with the St. Louis Symphony!



Under the direction of Ms. Michelle Williams, the Carr Lane VPA Choir takes the stage!



Courage? Nothing like it when you are alone on stage in front of a grand piano preparing to entertain fellow students, teachers and visiting parents and friends in the audience. Two of Ms. Williams' piano students were up to the challenge!

Mr. Allen's Drama Students Take the Stage



Dred Scott talks to the young people of today



Sojourner Truth speaks her mind!



Thurgood Marshall sets the record straight.



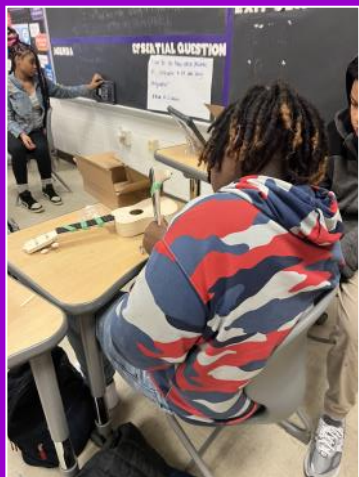
Ms. Parker's dancers close the assembly with two, moving dance numbers.

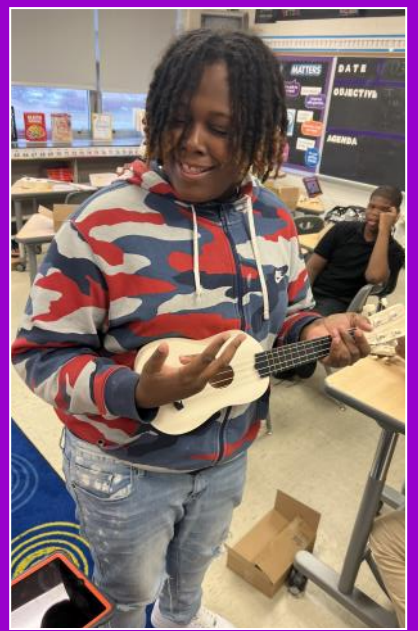
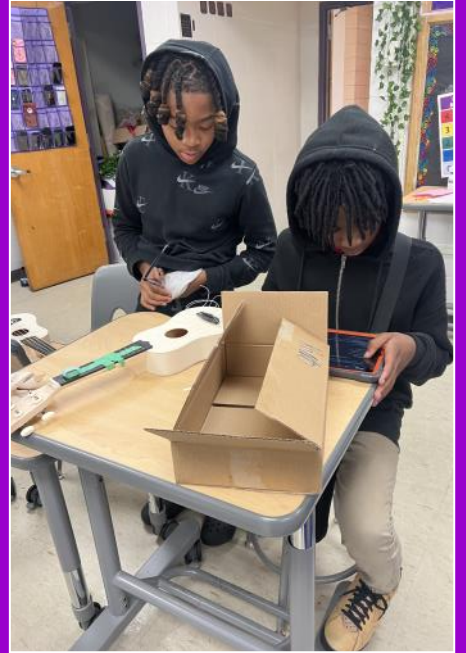


STEM UKULELE PROJECT!

Recently, 7th Grade Team Leader and Mathematics Teacher, Ms. Dickson shared some photos of her students at work on the “STEM Ukulele Project.” Students each had to construct working Ukuleles from model kits.



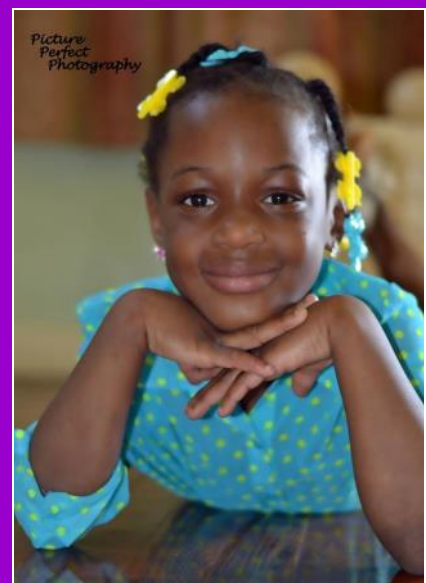




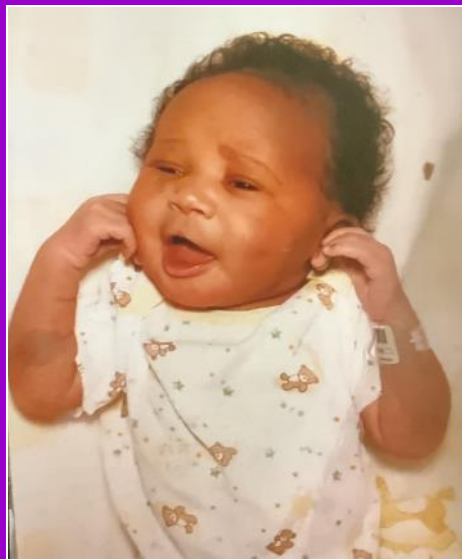
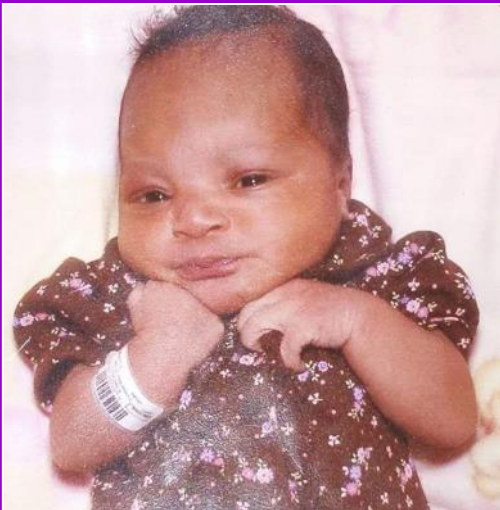


Name the Baby Jaguars!

Thanks to 8th Grade Team Leader and Social Studies Teacher Ms. Shipp for sending in these baby pictures of 8th grade Carr Lane VPA students! And thanks to all the 8th grade students who sent in their pix to Ms. Shipp. Look for these same photos in the upcoming Carr Lane VPA 2022-2023 Year Book. (After Spring Break check out “Student Life” on our School Web Page to view (or download) the key to solve the mystery: who are these kids?)



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Look for the “answers” on Carr Lane VPA’s District Website, under “School Life” in late March 2023!





Mr. Folkes turns-out to support his Jaguars!



Ms. St Louis! Thanks to Ms. Moore for the photo!



A little friendly competition before the winter break!



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See you next time for our Spring-Summer Issue 21!