7th Grade Science Teacher, Mr. Darnell Young, stands with the Carr Lane VPA Chess Club. Mr. Young has sponsored the club for 2 years. The Chess Club took this picture for the Jaguar 2020 Yearbook. At the time the photo was taken, in the days leading up to the start of Spring Break, no one foresaw that no one would be returning to the building in the 2019-2020 school year.
First Row: Michael Dickerson, Henry Armstrong, Jaelyn Smith, Christian Dominguez
Second Row: Ronnie Crenshaw, Derrion Smith, Kamran Bailey
Back Row: Calvin Cooper, Kamron Hudson, Da’Mon Branom, Jirhee Paster, Lorenzo Gordon
Not pictured: Coach Fox
CHEERLEADERS

Front Row: Joylynn Simpson, Coreyana Brooks, Ariel Williams
Second Row: Arianna Lacey, Samantha Rivas
Third Row: Arin Warren, Shaqola Ruffin, Makayla Gholston, Kamryn Strong
Back Row: Aaliyah Herron, Kenya Love, Cianna Nolan, Camille Brown
Not pictured: Coach Tuggle
Front Row: Kahmia Jones, Jasmine Fletcher, Coach Petty, Valeria Dominguez, Timiya Mosley, Asia Shepard
Top Row: Briana Williams, Semaj Stracuther, Leah Macon-Ford, Janae Trevillion
FLAG TEAM

Front Row: Ahmylah Gunn, Jakayra Little
Middle Row: Arie Yarborough, Jenaiya Buchanan, Jaiyana Stallworth
Top Row: Kamiliya Dickens, Saniah Swinson, Amijah Elliot
Not pictured: Coach Shipp
Front Step: Naomi Williams, Timiya Mosley
Second Step: Deandra Whitfield, Nailah Hamm, Janae Trevillion
Top Step: Jasmin Fletcher (Captain), Kadin Johnson
Sponsors: Left: Ms. Bolden   Right: Mrs. Goode-Lockley
Front Row: Kamran Bailey, Hassan Evers, Donovan Anderson, JaRon Delancy
Second Row: Imani Neal, Makhi Ford, Jeremiah Green, Courtez Hall, AJ Neal
Back Row: Landon Ruffin, Lawrence Harmon, Andre Rush
Not Pictured: Coach Phillips

DRUMLINE MAJORS
(Left to Right)
Josiah Muhammad
Keith Brown
Bryson Jones
Front Row: Charity Lockhart, Savannah Tate
Middle Row: Kamori Rucker, Tasia Gill, Spirit Keeper, Khyla Lacy, Jaylen Smith
Top Row: Neveah MMartin, Shania Wilbon, Sariah Allen, Deasia Clark
Not Pictured: Nyla Jones, Alexandria Bell, Coach Parker

Spirit Squad at a Basketball Game at Carnahan High School
ONLINE LEARNING AT CARR LANE VPA

In their final computer literacy assignment for their 4th quarter, students in all three grades were asked to reflect on their experience of online, “virtual” schooling. Here are some the responses.

Demetrius, 6th Grade
During the past five weeks of school, it is getting harder. All my classes are different from regular school. In online classes, I learned a lot about computers. Over these last five weeks I have experienced and learned a lot about computer science. I have experienced typing better and faster, and I am learning about keyboard shortcuts, and where to put my hands on the keyboard. My favorite shortcuts are Ctrl-C and Ctrl-V, because it copies all typing and images, so you don’t have to keep doing it over and over. These are some of the things I experienced over the last weeks of Carr Lane Middle School.

Keith, 6th Grade
It has been hard doing work on laptop. Sometimes it isn’t working. I wish we could go to school. It is not so bad working from home, because I don’t have to get timed on my work, and now I can go to the bathroom any time I want. The work is not so hard now. I’m happy that I can stay home and do my work in the house and not at school. I went to Branson a few days ago. It was fun. I went paddle boat riding in the middle of Table Rock Lake. It was so fun. So, what did you do for the last five weeks?

Jardin, 6th Grade
It’s been an OK time the past few weeks for online learning. I don’t really mind it at all. I would rather get up and do the work on the computer than write on paper all the time. Sometimes it’s hard to get it all done, because I have other stuff to do, but I try to make it work in any way I can. Online school isn’t all that different from actual school. I really feel stressed when doing it, but I work it out. I try to do my work when I wake up, but I’ve been waking up later than usual. I do my chores, focus on myself, and do my work every day. Now that we have less than a week of school left, I want to try to do as much as possible. I do my work, but I send it in emails instead of clicking “turn in,” on my Teams classes. That way, I think that the teachers know I have given them the work, and that I don’t just click the “turn in” button. People don’t really like online school, but I think it’s cool. I don’t really like seeing people I don’t really know every week for five or less days. We get about 35 hours of school each week, and 48 hours of the weekend. It seems really close, too. School is important in many ways. We learn, make friends, enjoy it, and we leave. We go to bigger jobs and chase our dreams. I don’t like school, but I know it’ll be worth it. You might not want to go to school, but it’ll help you in life if you want a specific job. Some jobs may not use all the things you’ve learned in school, but they will all have some type of school education to achieve things.
Brandon, 7th Grade

Home
I like to stay at home to play games. I have to do work, too. I didn’t think it was worth it to work every single day. I like to watch TV now and then. I watched some shows I didn’t watch in a long time. I stay up all night and wake up super late or early, so, it’s just some random thing I like to do, and it’s sometimes fun to do.

School Work
It is important to do all the work that they have given us. I rather read a book than do all the work every single day. I know some people are not ever doing the work. I almost forgot about science and social studies. I have to do a lot, but I get on it. I hope we can stop, soon. It is very annoying to do this every day.

Coronavirus
I see some people at fast food restaurants. I think some want to get food at Schnucks. I saw more people wearing masks. Toilet paper is just nowhere to be seen at the store. It was very sad to say, but you are only allowed to get one or two rolls. Some people just wait for a truck to get the toilet paper, because they cannot ever get any in the store.

Tristan, 7th Grade
I would say the past few days have been boring, because I rather be at school where, they help with the assignments instead of just having to figure it out on your own. One thing I dislike about online work is instead of doing the MAP test we have to do finals because of coronavirus. I am using a real computer because our mom bought us a laptop to do our schoolwork. At first, when the school year was ending, I was so excited. Now, I hope you have a happy summer, even though we have to stay indoors.

Joseph, 8th Grade
These last couple weeks have been rough for me. My teachers get mad because I don’t put the work in, but that was because I didn’t know how to right it down. Also, I had to do a lot of work around the house because nobody else was here to help. But out of all that, there was I experience that made it all worth it, I finally got to see my oldest sister. I haven’t seen my oldest sister in years, I haven’t even talked to her over the phone, oh and I mean literally years. I missed her so much, and now that she’s back I’m happy to finally get to see her after so many years. I personally, DO NOT recommend working at home if yours is like mine.

Quintin, 8th Grade
The last few weeks work online has made class easy for me. It makes it easy to do assessments. I have been getting the assessments, and I have been learning more. I have been learning how to type without looking at my hands on a keyboard.
Christian, 8th Grade

One thing I like about online school is that we get to ask questions to the teachers because if we never asked questions we would never get the work done. Another thing I like about online school is that when we are hungry we have food next to us and we can eat while we are learning. Things I dislike about online school are that we get distracted by the people who are in the house with us. One thing I dislike about online school is that it is way harder than regular school, and I don’t get most of the work especially computer because we don’t have the same setup as we do in school. More things I dislike about online school are that I don’t get to some of the work, so I just leave them there. I prefer regular school to online school. I don’t get the things here. I didn’t even use the iPad they [SLPS] sent us. I just used my cell-phone the whole time. And on online school, it feels like you guys [teachers] send us more work than in regular class.

Another hard part of doing this at home is you can’t easily ask questions. For instance: to ask someone questions that you need to ask will mean that you have to email your teachers and get them to explain back and forth. The past five weeks have been a challenge for me. I am reaching out to my teachers, if I can’t understand what I’m doing. I will ask for help, or I will get one of my cousins to help me understand things. It helps me to understand something if it’s broken apart, and it’s also better when they leave feedback on it so I can know what to do.

Arianna, 8th Grade

Reflection Essay

The experiences working from home on schoolwork is really more complicated than at school. Sometimes I must reset my Internet in order to do my schoolwork. This is my work routine: First, I get up in the morning, and then eat my breakfast. Next, I brush my teeth, and finally do some assignments that were assigned to me for schoolwork. After that, I take a break and eat lunch. Then, I do some more assignments, and I’m done. Three things I like about online schoolwork are that you can wake up whenever during the day, you can easily turn in late assignments, and you can get help from family members easily, too. Three things I dislike about online schoolwork are that it’s really complicated, hard in many ways, and I don’t have a teacher to teach me or help me. I work on the laptop, so it’s kind of an advantage to me compared to working with other devices. This is my reflection essay.

Genora, 8th Grade

In the past five weeks working from home it has been alright because you have people to help you. Still, in school you get more understanding because the teachers break it down in small little pieces, and they make sure you understand before moving on to the next level. In addition, you can be in a group with friends to help each other out. That said, being at home, I can take my time and move slow and get a better understanding of what I’m doing and what the teachers are asking me to complete.
Ms. Garwood

Mrs. Goode-Lockley

Ms. Green

Ms. Grove

Ms. Hagler

Mr. Hommowun

Ms. Jarrell

Mr. Jones

Ms. Joyce
Mr. Young
Ms. Ward
Mr. Walker
Ms. Watson... Ms. Watson?
Ms. Williams
Ms. Wilson
Mr. Wise
Mr. Young
Ms. Parsonage and her assistant.

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The Carr Lane VPA Home Page, part of St. Louis Public Schools’ District website, an essential source of information and outreach during the months of social distancing and online-learning.

Staying in shape and physically fit! Carr Lane’s Mr. Folkes and son! On our Home Page you may view a video produced by the district and featuring Coach Folkes and his young son. The video provides some great ideas for staying physically fit during this time of social distancing. Check it out!

April 2020 saw the debut issue of the Carr Lane Student Support Team’s Newsletter produced by Williams, Abrams and London!
That Purple Banner with the White Lettering at the top of the Home Page is the “Navigation Bar.” When you “click” on the various words, you will link to other parts of Carr Lane VPA’s “Web Domain.” When you click on “Teachers,” for instance, you will navigate to the Carr Lane VPA “Teachers Directory.” Pick a teacher, click on the name of the teacher whose pages you wish to visit, and you will land on that teacher’s “home” page. From there you may learn more about the teacher, current online class assignments and lots of other important information.

If you click on “School Life,” you will land on an archive of past issues of Carr Lane News and Views. Over 270 pages of content looking back on the great history of Carr Lane VPA!
Issue 9 from May of 2019. What a difference a year can make! We regret that we were unable to capture stories and pictures of all the great moments that we might have shared with our Carr Lane Family during this time of social distancing. Stay strong, and we will come together again!
Here you see the balloon has been covered with Papier-mâché!

In this photograph, you can see that Jeremiah covered the papier-mâché globe, with colorful crepe paper. You know what happens next! Hang it up and get out the baseball bat!

7th grade student Amijah Elliott wrote: “Here’s the Piñata I made. I’m not even sure if I wanna smash it anymore!” Can’t blame you!

Anatomy of a Piñata! Thanks to 7th grader Jeremiah Robinson for this step-by-step guide to creating a Piñata!

Thanks to Mr. Jones and Ms. Tuggle for sharing these photographs sent in by Mr. Jones’ 7th Grade Social Studies students! Mr. Jones assigned an “at home project” to create a Piñata!
And a few parting thoughts from a Carr Lane graduate...

Preshon, 8th Grade

These past 6-7 weeks have been hard. It’s boring staying in the house all day. You also start to miss your friends from school. The school work has been hard too. Especially for math. It’s hard not having somebody in front of you explaining it to you. You also get tired of doing it. The only good thing is you get to spend time with your family more. You also can do your work whenever you want instead of waking up early for school. I really don’t like the iPad. I would prefer the computers. I don’t like the Teams. For some assignments it was hard to do on the computer. But for others it was easy. The other thing I like about this is you can eat your own food. You don’t have to eat the cafeteria food. It was also hard, because I’m in eighth grade. This was my last year with some of my friends. I was also looking forward to awards day and graduation. I was also looking forward to prom too, and field day. One good thing is I get to play my games a lot, but sometimes it gets boring. It feels like every day I get bored. Sometimes you get tired of doing the same thing every day. If I think about it, school was actually fun, even though you had to do work. But this coronavirus makes sure you can’t do a lot of things. I am tired of staying in the house. All three years were fun at Carr lane. Especially sixth grade. Seven grade was a little fun. Eighth grade had its moments. But this is how I feel about the coronavirus and how I felt about these past six to seven weeks.