January 3, 2022, the last day with Mr. Banks as he retires after a lifetime of service. Members of the Related Arts Team gathered in his room and wished Mr. Banks farewell!

Mr. Folkes and Ms. Litteken, Carr Lane’s new Health Teacher!

1-11-22 —— Back to the books!
Early in the semester-long course, students use block-coding to program events in a computer animation.

The first week of a program sponsored by Amazon Future Engineers: Project STEM Computer Science Explorations. 8th grade A-Day Computer students wrote algorithms for a robot arm to stack a pyramid of drinking cups. Success!
Mr. Phillips introduces Ms. Clark. She directed and produced for original videos, written by and starring Carr Lane VPA students. The four films premiered in the Carr Lane VPA Theater for the student body as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. Later, students voted on their favorite student video and student actor and actress!
7th Grade Science Teacher Mr. Young prepared students across grade levels to participate in a week-long dissection unit. Students interested in animal biology or considering careers in the medical profession were especially attentive.
Students gather in the Carr Lane VPA Dance Studio to work with partners and learn new steps!

At the end of January, Fine Arts Department Head, Ms. Parker brought in a dance professional to provide instruction to Ms. Parker’s dance students.

DeMarie Jackson, Carr Lane’s resident Videographer-in-Training from her 6th Grade Computer Literacy Class, video-taped three sessions during the day.

The still images seen here are drawn from those three separate videos. Nice job, DeMarie, and congratulations to Ms. Parker’s dance students!
Meanwhile, computer labs were updated with new images, including DRC Insight as SLPS prepares for MAP.

Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School students on February 8, 2022!
On February 22, 2022, 8th grade students lined-up to be fitted for their promotion caps and gowns!

Look at the time of day on the digital display (top right). 2:22PM on 2-22-22!

8th Grade Team-Leader, Ms. Jarrell handles the paperwork as 8th Graders are fitted on 2-22-22!
Thanks to the hard work of Carr Lane VPA Reading Specialist, Ms. Fenner, Carr Lane Librarian, Ms. Cotton and Carr Lane Students who trained and competed for weeks, the day of the Carr Lane Spelling Bee Final had arrived! This photo depicts the set-up for the live event which Ms. Fenner shared in a live video stream.

Carr Lane finalists begin arriving in the Media Center in advance of the live event!

Students in Computer Literacy catch the event streaming in Room 109.
On the eve of the Scripps Regional semifinals, Ms. Fenner and Ms. Cotton present the signed card to Tatum on a Friday at the end of the day. Although Tatum did not ultimately win the competition, the Carr Lane Family supports his efforts and is proud that he represented our school!

Ms. Fenner welcomed her audience to the Spelling Bee.

The competition streamed across the school. Here, on the monitor outside the Main Office, one could catch 7th Grader, Lindsey, during a late round of the event!

8th Grader Tatum, won the school-wide event. Ms. Cotton prepared a gigantic card, signed by the Carr Lane Staff, wishing Tatum well in the district finals.

Congratulations to Tatum, winner of the Carr Lane Spelling Bee!

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It was February 14, 2022 (Valentines Day) and faculty and staff presented awards to outstanding Carr Lane students recognizing them for their academic performance, growth, and perfect attendance!

Mr. Phillips takes the stage! Recalling the Martin Luther King Premiere of 4, original videos directed by Ms. Clark, Mr. Phillips announces the awards (determined by secret, school-wide, student voting). The Categories: Best Video, Best Actor, and Best Actress!
Artwork from Ms. Choate’s Visual Art classes adorn the walls!
CARR LANE STRINGS!

On the eve of the Black History Program, Mr. Walker and his strings students practice on stage!
Ms. Choate’s students lined the stage with works celebrating the Black American experience!
Accompanied by Ms. Ms. Hill on piano, Mr. Walker performs a solo, “Lift Every Voice and Sing!”
Ms. Williams directs the Carr Lane VPA Concert Choir accompanied by Ms. Hill of Trio!
Ms. William’s piano students perform: Jaila Watts, Ramondo Gillespie, Tashyra Martin, and Taylynn Hicks.

A Black History Video Presentation from Computer students.

Ms. Choate and her students play a guessing game — Guess Who? — with the entire audience!
Ms. Parker’s Dancers take the stage!
Carr Lane VPA Spirit Squad Dancers under direction of Ms. Parker

Carr Lane Drum Line under direction of Mr. Phillips
Carr Lane Drum Majors under direction of Mr. Phillips

The Carr Lane Cheerleaders under direction of Ms. Tuggle
Behind the scenes... waiting for the curtain to open, the Carr Lane Orchestra is ready to shine as the first performance of the Black History Program on March 3, 2022!

Ms. Parker introduces Principal Young who addressed staff and students at the conclusion of the Black History Program.

HAPPY SPRING!

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