Under the direction of Ms. Parker, The 8th Grade Dancers take the stage in a brand new holiday themed number choreographed especially for the school-wide Fall Show performed in the Carr Lane VPA auditorium on Tuesday, October 30, 2018.

Ever since Principal Young assumed the reigns of Carr Lane VPA last January, determined to return this middle school gem to all its former glory, there have been so many special events, news-worthy classroom lessons, community collaborations, field-trips, and performances, that it has been difficult for New and Views to limit itself to quarterly publication. Hence, this special “November” edition. (Look for Issue #7, next month!) Meanwhile, Carr Lane VPA’s Visual Art Teacher, Ms. Choate, spared no expense decorating the stage for the Fall Showcase, the subject of this special edition!
Stage Crew Assemble! Carr Lane VPA’s Drama Teacher, Mr. Mahr is building a volunteer team of drama students interested in learning the knowledge and skills of technical theater. While there may be more glamour on stage as an actor in front of an audience, the paying jobs in the field are wide open for professionals who work behind the curtains, running lights, sound, building sets, and managing theatrical productions. Another benefit of building a Carr Lane Stage Crew? Students get first-hand experience running a show!

To help entertain students waiting for their classmates to fill the auditorium, 8th Grade Computer Literacy students, Kaiya Patterson and Brianna Shields, put together a slide presentation featuring student visual art and photos from the first three months of school.
7th grade students file into the auditorium and take their seats as the presentation continues on screen.
Ms. Williams, Carr Lane VPA Vocal Music Director, conducts the Concert Choir.
Mrs. Hopp conducts the Carr Lane VPA Purple Pride Orchestra.
Ms. Andrick, the Carr Lane VPA band director, conducts the Carr Lane VPA Concert Band.
“Yo-Yo” (aka, Ms. Parker, Carr Lane VPA Dance Director) introduces the 8th Grade Dancers and a very special guest!
Mr. Mahr’s 6th Grade Drama students take the stage in a number of scenes.
Another vocal performance for the Carr Lane Student body and staff from Ms. Williams and her vocal music students.
More shots of the 8th Grade Dancers performing Ms. Parker’s original and newly choreographed holiday number.
At the conclusion of the Fall Showcase and at the close of the school day, Fine Arts Team Members Ms. Choate, Mr. Mahr, and Ms. Parker gather with Carr Lane’s Family Community Specialist, Mr. Phillips (who served as Master of Ceremonies at the event) to celebrate. The audience had been wonderful: attentive, appreciative and respectful. Everyone seemed to have had a wonderful time and the Fine Arts members were glad to have successfully completed the first school-wide Fine Arts Performance for the 2018-2019 school year!

Principal Young hired a professional DJ for the school-wide, Halloween Dance Party, held on Halloween Day, October 31, 2018!

Storm won the school-wide award for best costume!

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