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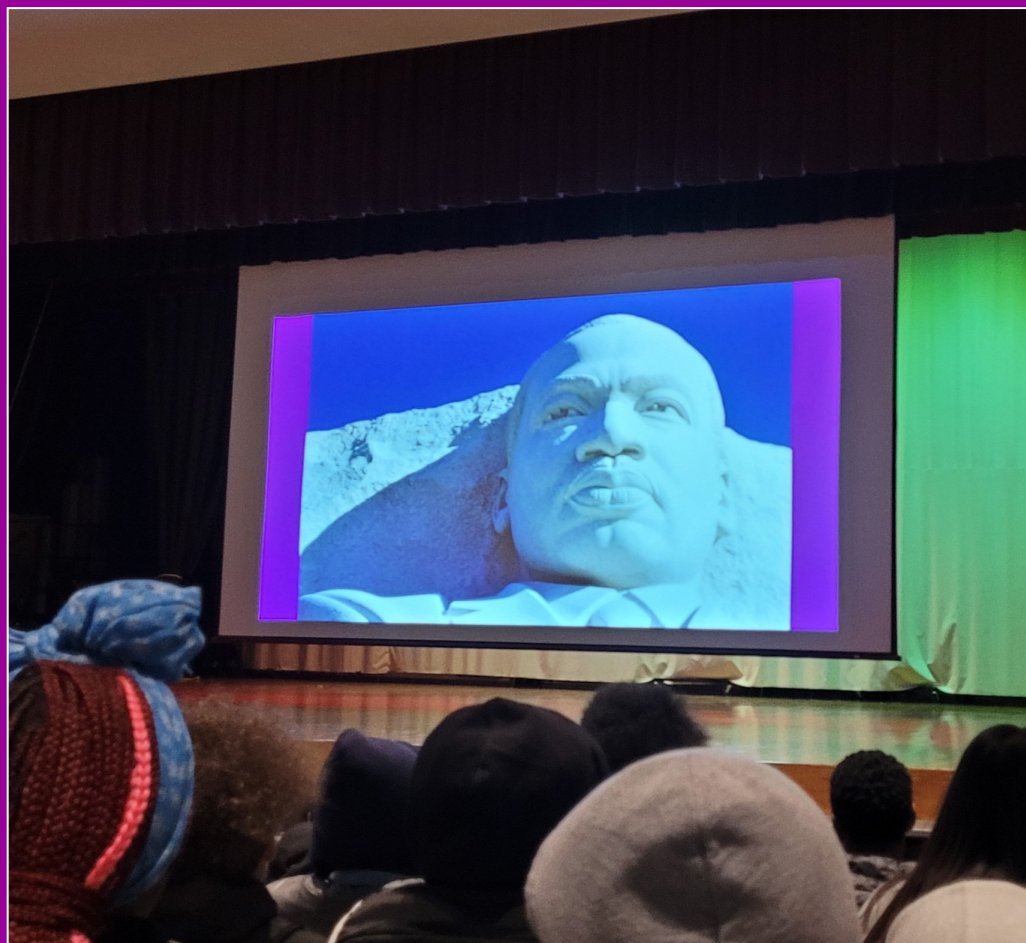
January 30, 2025. Carr Lane VPA celebrates Martin Luther King Day. Ms. Hill of Trio accompanies the Carr Lane VPA Concert Choir under the direction of Ms. M. Williams. The Concert Choir performed before a packed house!



Alex, one of Ms. M. Williams piano students, takes the stage during the Martin Luther King Day celebration!



Mr. Walker leads the Carr Lane VPA Strings!



Left: 8th grade student Kyrie serves as the Master of Ceremonies at the Show. **Right:** An MLK Celebration from 8th Grade Computers!



Dancers under the direction of Ms. T. Parker perform a moving tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Ms. L. Williams explains student artwork.

BLACK HISTORY SHOW!



Under direction of Ms. M. Williams, The Carr Lane Concert Choir performs at the Black History Show.



Under direction of Mr. Walker, the Carr Lane Strings perform at the Black History Show on February 26, 2025!



Left: Principal Young welcomes the audience of students, teachers, parents, families and friends to the Black History Show, presented each year in honor of Black History Month. **Right:** The show included dramatic presentations on the history of slavery in America.



Ms. T. Parker's dance students take the stage with a featured, professional rap artist.

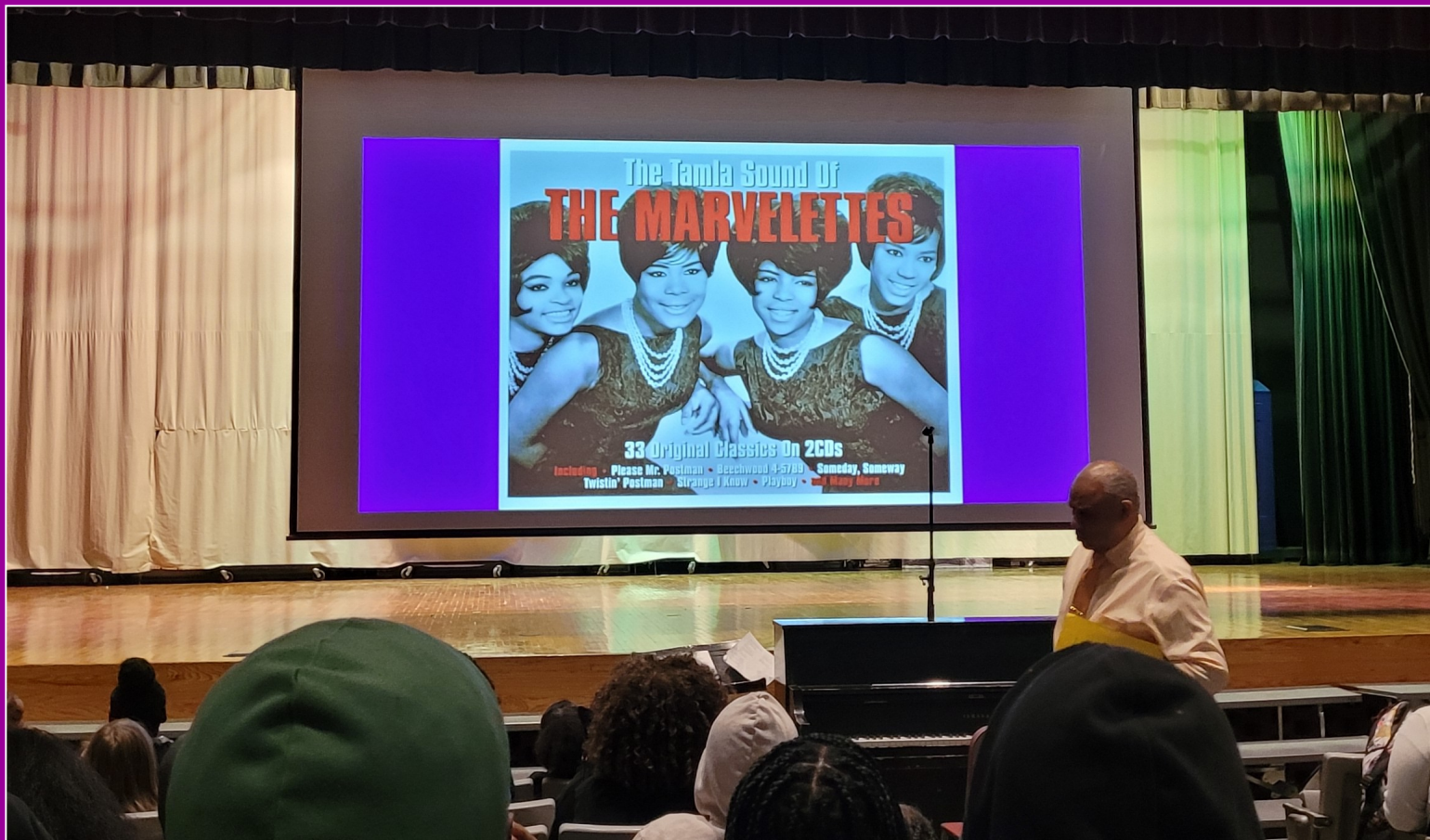


Ms. L. Williams shares artwork created by her students. *(See related story on page 28, below.)*





Mr. Folkes delivers his award-winning dramatic presentation, *Sam Sharpe*, the legendary Jamaican Freedom Fighter!



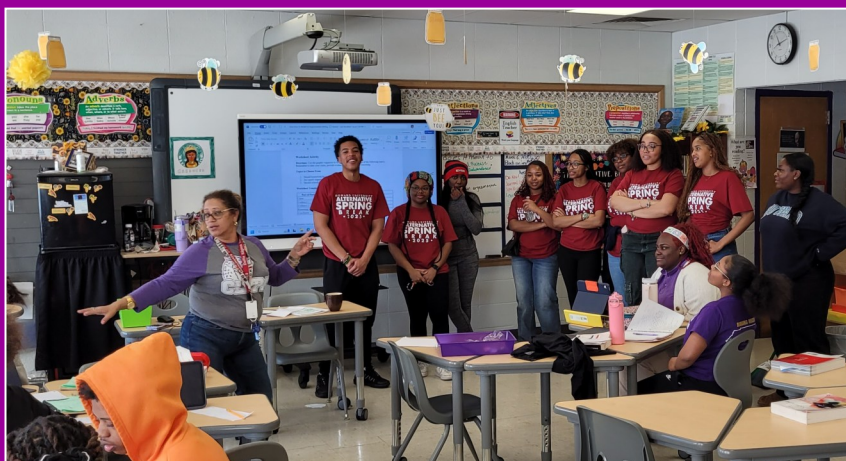
8th Grade Computer Science presents "The History of Motown," a multimedia presentation recognizing the nation's first black media empire.



A visit from Howard University Students. Howard University, the historic black college in Washington DC, has a Spring Break program for students interested in volunteer work. The Howard University students pictured here, gave up their spring break, boarded a bus in Washington, and came to St. Louis and Carr Lane VPA to tutor Carr Lane students. On day one, top 8th Grade Carr Lane students served as building “tour guides.” After that, the Howard University volunteers went to help out in the class rooms!



Howard students in Ms. Parker’s dance studio!



Howard students preparing to assist in Ms. Garwood’s 8th Grade ELA!



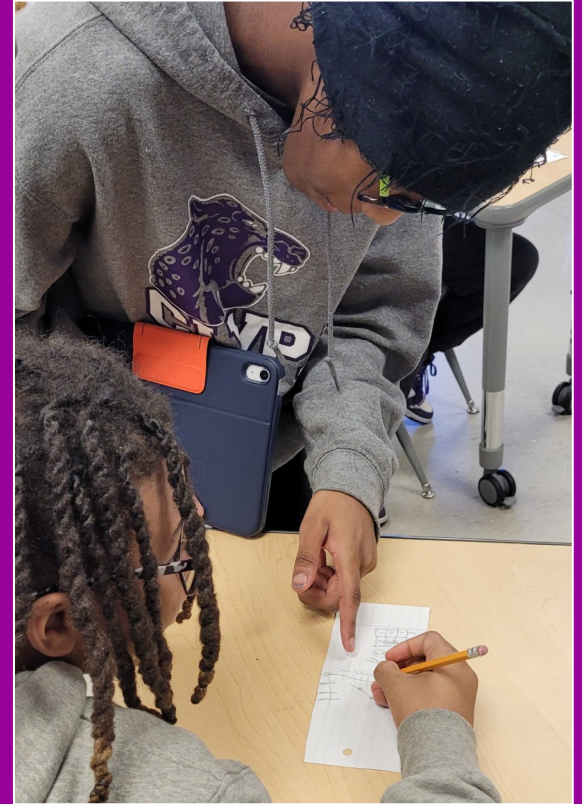
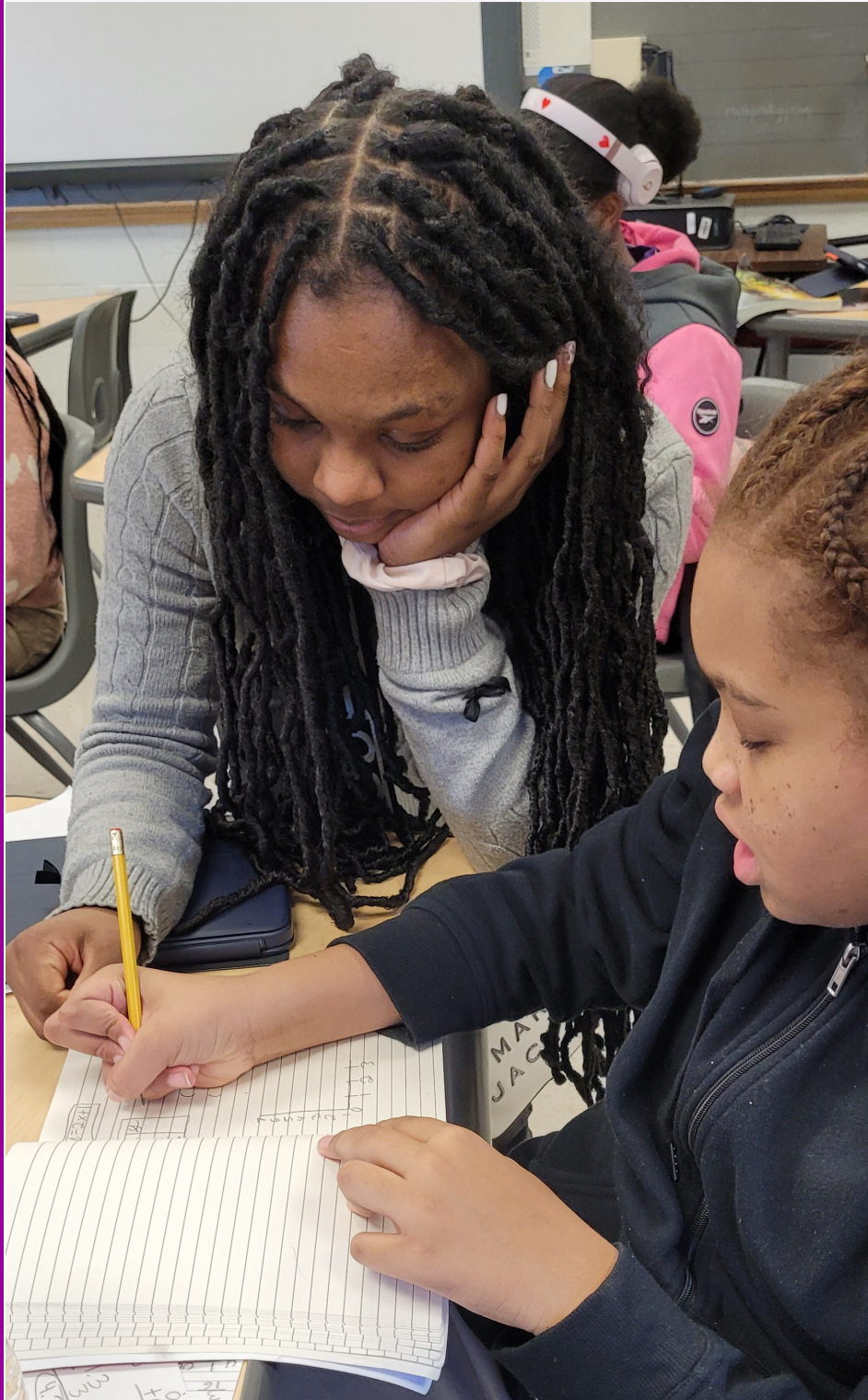
The Howard students, per Ms. Garwood's assignment, help 8th graders use graphic organizers as tools to develop a written argument.



After a week of service, this Howard volunteer prepares for a luncheon hosted by the Carr Lane Administration by way of thanks!

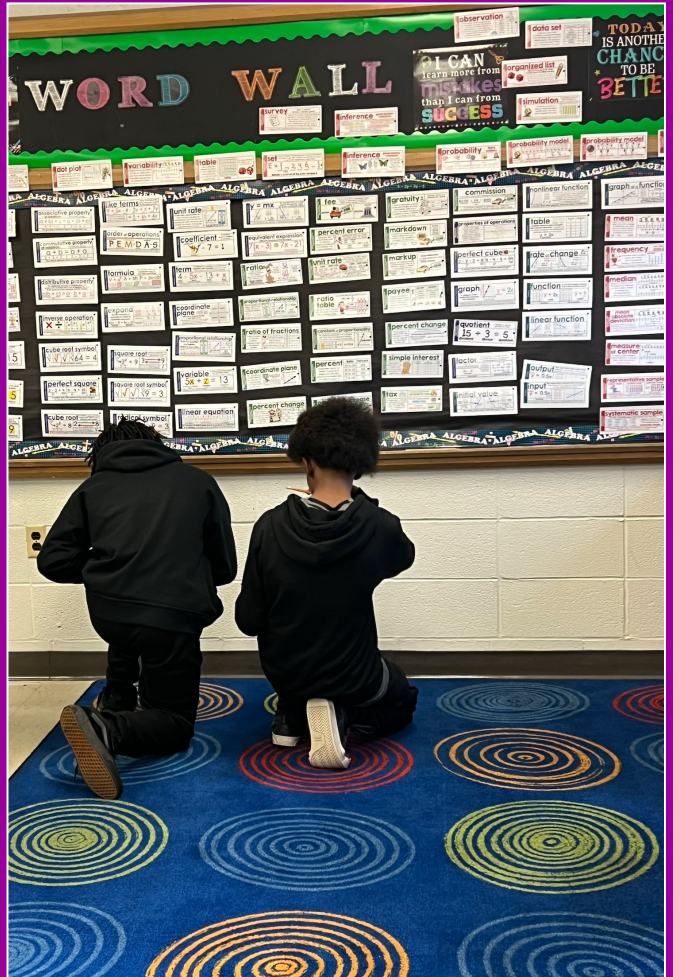
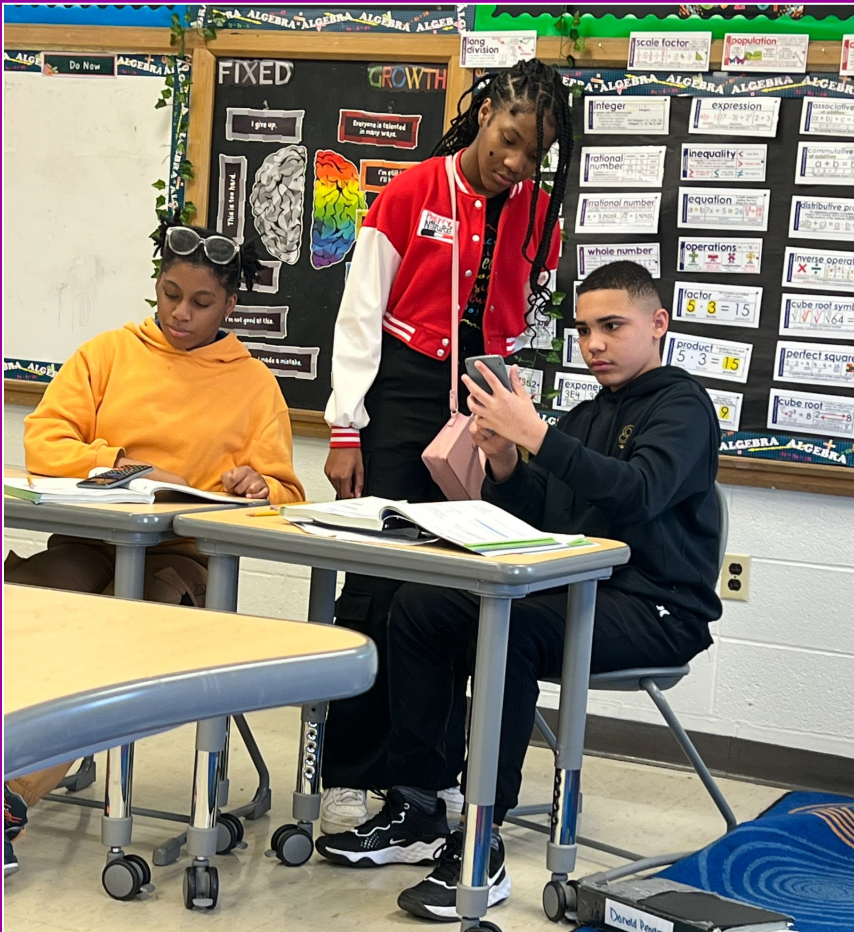
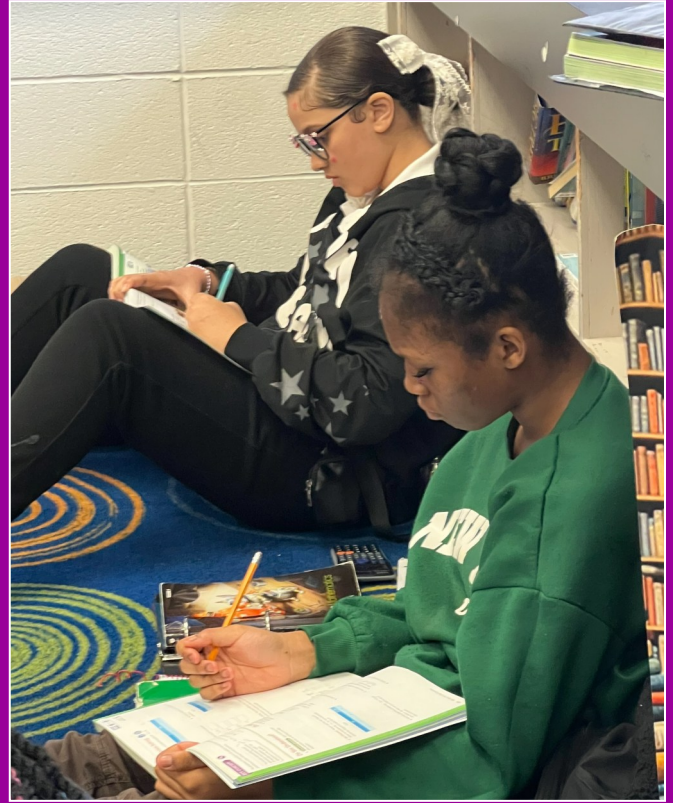
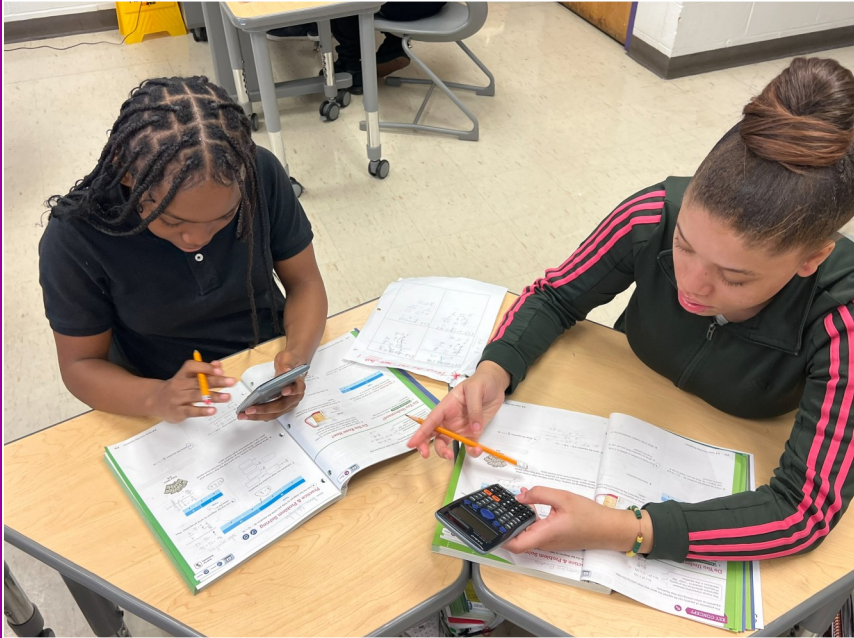
8th Grade Tutors!

Outstanding 8th grade math students spent some time helping 6th grade students. Recently, two, top Computer Science students, Jacole Jackson and Kaylianna Conway helped out in 6th Grade Computer Science: specifically, helping 6th graders learn how to create a web-site navigation bar.



The Face of Collaboration

Thanks to Ms. Dickson, 7th Grade Mathematics teacher, and 7th Grade Team Leader for sending in these photos of her students who spend a portion of class leaning collaboratively. Two heads are better than one!



DES LEE FIELD TRIP!

Thanks to Ms. M. Williams for sending in these photos of her recent field trip with her Vocal Music students and Ms. L. Williams' Art students to the *The Des Lee Music and Arts Festival* for middle school students (Feb. 4). The Festival brings students from across the St. Louis region together for a day of arts training with expert conductors and art educators. Each day concludes with a free evening concert and visual arts showcase.



Shout Out to Ms. Bennett!

This March, Ms. Bennett, 6th Grade ELA Teacher at Carr Lane VPA was the subject of an extensive article in *The Green St. Louis Machine Newsletter*. Ms. Bennett, a Green STL Machine Advisor, was voted Green Staff Member of the Month. Her award was celebrated at a gala on April 3. Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, ELA, Computer Science: kids in Green St. Louis Machine Classrooms:

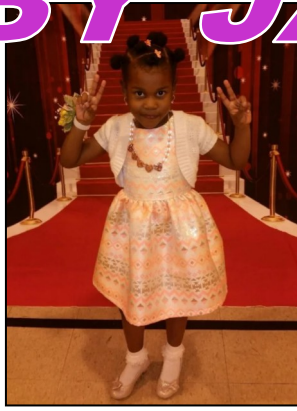
1. Engage in STEM/STEAM practices through Tower Garden technology;
2. Promote nutrition by growing, preparing, and eating healthy food with students, thereby teaching them to independently acquire their own food;
3. Develop skills in urban agriculture, entrepreneurship and community engagement.



BABY JAGUARS!



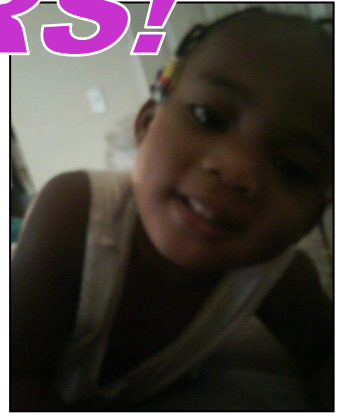
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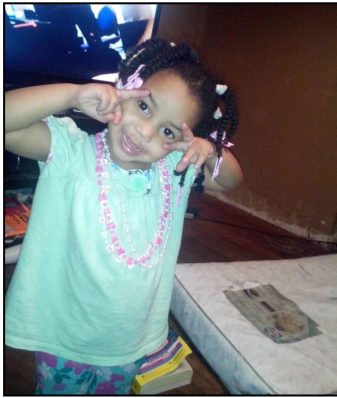
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Bell, Beautiful



Bell, Ckjah



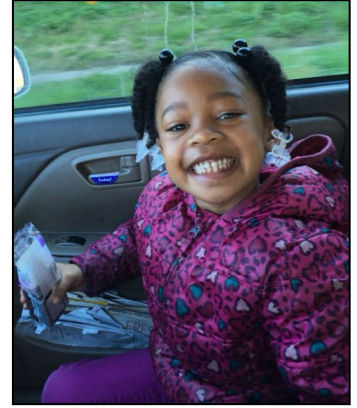
Burchfield, Kayla



Carter, Nicco



Collins, Braylah



Conner, Taraji



Covington, Karmah



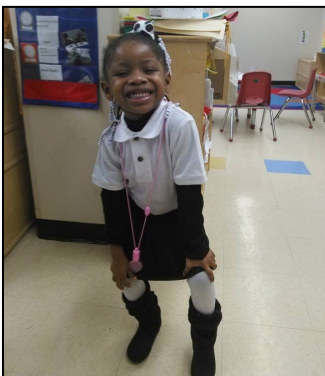
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Dear, Makenzie



Dominick, Amirrah



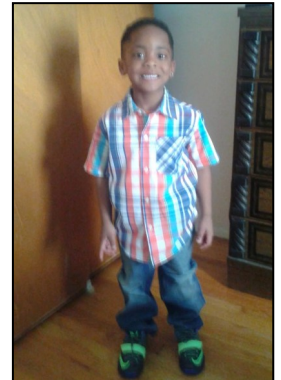
Dunn, Destiny



Edwards, JayDa



Enlow, DeaNylah



Fips, Briyante



Green, Shemiah



Hall, Giani



Harris, Jade



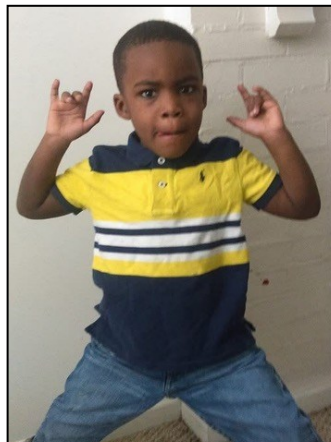
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Henderson-Garner, Tyme



Hughes, Quashaun



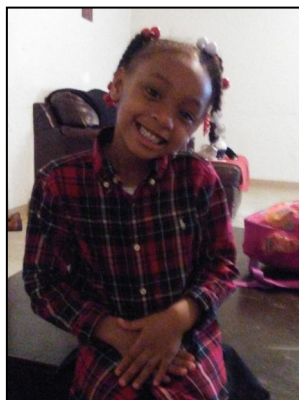
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Jamison, Janiya



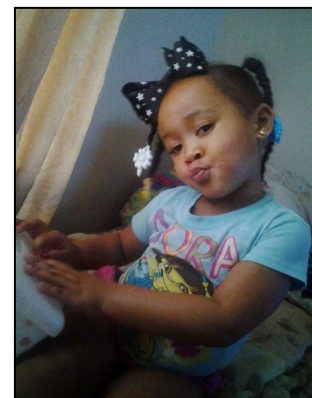
Johnson, Emani



Johnson, Heaven



Kemper, Donyae



McIntyre, Diane



Norman, Jordynn



Oliver, Savannah



Powell, Artist



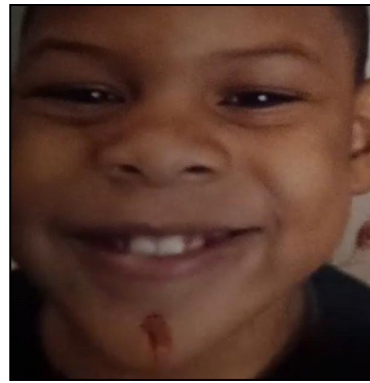
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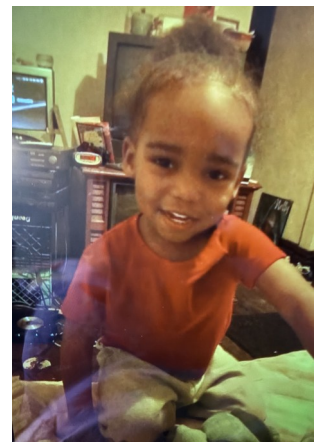
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Roddie-Scott, Cheyenne



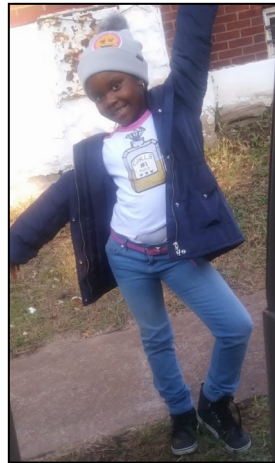
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Terron, Sparks



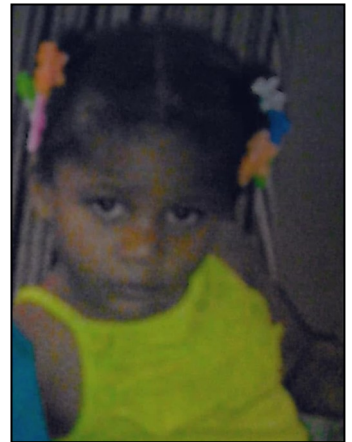
Terry, Kennedy



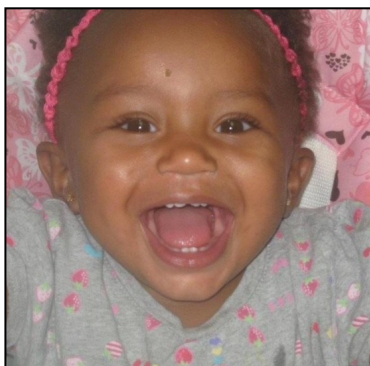
Thomas, Chelsea



Thomas, Miley



Tucker, Camiyah



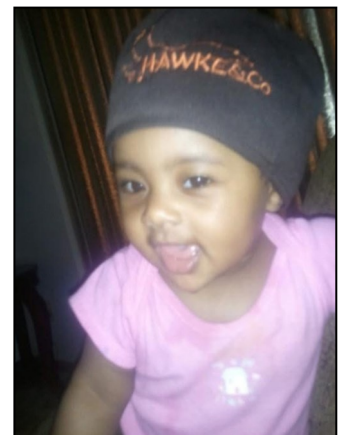
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Warren, Kayden



Williams, Derielle



Williams, Shaniya

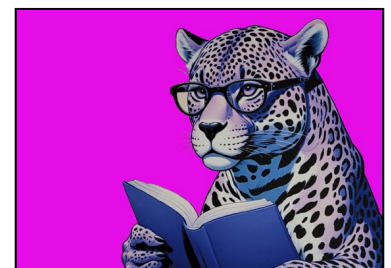


Wright, Janiya



Yates, Ayden

BABY JAGUARS!





SPIRIT SQUAD DANCERS



DRUMLINE



CROSS COUNTRY



BOYS' VOLLEYBALL



GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL



GIRLS' BASKETBALL



BOYS' BASKETBALL



POMS



FLAGS



CHEERLEADERS



GIRLS' and BOYS' BASKETBALL



BOYS' FLAG FOOTBALL



GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL



GIRLS' SOCCER



BOYS' SOCCER



ART CLUB



THE SPIRIT SQUAD



Picture time with Mr. Folkes!



The ladies from Howard University dancing with Jayke!



Collins, Braylah



Collins, Exzavier



Conroy-Scheuler, Joleigh



Covington, Karmah



Dunn, Dallas



Bruce, Eli

VISUAL ART from Ms. L. Williams' ART STUDENTS

Surrealism in collage is about creating something dreamlike, and unexpected by combining realities that don't normally belong together. It allows us to see ourselves and the world in new ways, blending reality with imagination to tell a story.

In our final project, *Our SurREAL Dreams*, students created digital surreal collages that represent their dreams—who they want to be and what they want to do when they grow up. Birthright given by the Creator, inspired by our ancestors, and countless others who paved the way for us, this project is a tribute to those who fought for the right to dream freely and live those dreams out loud.

Many of our projects ask the question: *Who are you?* How often do we truly take the time to reflect on that? It's important for students to know who they are, to understand where they come from, and to recognize the richness of the stories carried in their bloodline and divinity. This project takes that reflection one step further and asks:

Where are you going?

This project is a celebration of possibility, a reminder that our dreams are REAL, and a declaration that we are the co-architects of our future. So, I take this opportunity to ask, "Who are you, who do you want to be, and where are you going?"



Bruce, Johnnie



Hall, Khloe



Adams, Harmony



Hersi, Amina



Hopkins, Dakotah



Green, James



Thompson, Jayion



Charles, Landon



Carson, Melvin



Oakley, Shyaira



Paster, Zion



Peoples, Donald



Reed, Haylee



Robinson, Phlaysia



Schellert, Eliyah



Simmons, Alannah



Thompson, Demarcus

FIELD TRIP TO THE ARCH!



FIELD TRIP TO THE SCIENCE CENTER!





SPRING FASHION SHOW and MAP PEP RALLY. Family, friends, students and staff turned out for the annual Spring Fashion Show, produced by Ms. T. Parker. Her dance students, moms and Carr Lane Teachers appeared in five, separate numbers: *Blue Gangsta*, *Swag and Sneakers*, *What !?!*, *Pretty in Pink*, and a show-stopping finale “*Amen*,” featuring Mr. Tellis.









Jay'Da & Cheyenne getting ready to MC the cheer competition. Carr Lane Cheerleaders took top honors for the third year in a row. *Photo courtesy of Mr. Avant.*



Zariah getting fitted for 8th Grade Promotion and her cap and gown.



Guest artist working with Ms. T. Parker's dance students.



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