



Casey Art News



Students Enjoy Arts Festival



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On February 28, Casey students experienced a day full of arts-integrated activities. Kindergartners and first graders learned Black History through the arts: making paper collages in the style of Alma Woodsey Thomas, dancing like Alvin Ailey, dramatizing the story of Rosa Parks, and more. Second and third grade activities included using their bodies to enact math problems and place value and using musical instruments to express the theme of a story. Fifth graders performed a Black History program that incorporated narration with music. And fourth graders created a museum of living exhibits in their Wax Museum of Famous Mississippians.



Casey has been designated as a Model Whole School and receives support from the Mississippi Arts Commission, which in turn is supported by funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Special Visitors



Students loved the fun and exciting interactive opera called *"Goldilocks and the Singing Bears,"* presented by the Mississippi Opera.



Circus of the Kids



Performers from the "Circus of the Kids" entertained students and taught lessons in juggling and balancing, with a special performance for students who had earned extra PBIS points through great classroom behavior.



Drama & Dance

Third graders began this semester with a unit entitled “Cinderella Around the World.”

In drama, each class chose a different country as their focus and developed plays based on the Cinderella stories from France, China, and Mexico. They performed their plays for parents on February 21.



In art class, the third graders created works from the “Cinderella” countries, like Mexican *papel picado* and Korean cherry blossom branches made from ink.



In Ms. Marcell’s dance classes, second graders learned folk dances from around the world, including an Israeli dance for Ms. Waterloo’s class and an Irish dance for Mr. Mack’s students.



Now Ms. Marcell is working with kindergartners and will teach them the dances for their “Momma Goose” program in May.

FIELD TRIPS



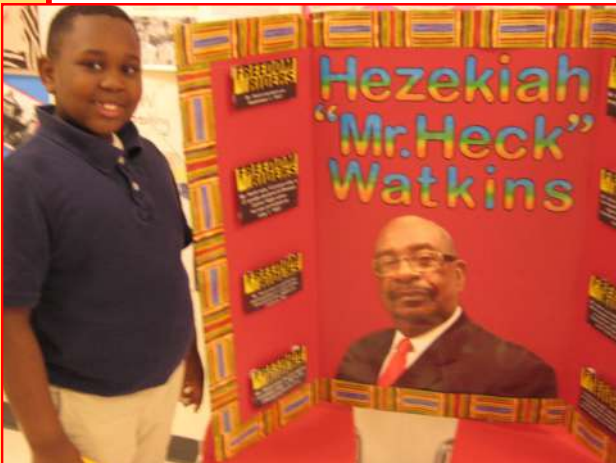
On March 29, second graders and Ms. Lamb's students got to climb in and out of many types of heavy equipment at the "Touch a Truck" event in Pearl.



You never know who you might meet on a field trip. While touring the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, first grader Kaiden Evans recognized the man giving the tour as the civil rights activist he had studied for his Black History project, Hezekiah Watkins. Mr. Watkins told Kaiden's class how he came to be a part of Civil Rights history when he was just eleven years old. Simply for daring to defy Jackson's Jim Crow

laws of the time, Mr. Watkins was arrested for walking through the front door of the bus station instead of the back.

History becomes even more meaningful for students when they meet the people who made it happen.





On February 15, a number of fourth and fifth graders were inducted into the National Elementary Honors Society in a very special ceremony.

Special Events for April-May 2019

Thursday, April 4

5th Grade Choir performs in **All-City Music Festival** at 6:30 pm at Cardozo Middle School.

April 19-22

EASTER BREAK

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

2nd grade field trip to the **Mississippi Children's Museum** from 9:00-12:00.

Thursday, April 25, 2019

PTA meeting at 6:00 p.m. with performance of 1st grade musical, **Bugz!**

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Kindergarten field trip to the **Mississippi Children's Museum** from 8:30-11:30.

Friday, May 10, 2019

3rd grade field trip to the **Mississippi Museum of Art** from 9:30-12:00.

Monday, May 13, 2019

The **Kinetic Etchings** dance troupe performs **Peter and the Wolf** for grades K-2 at 12:30 in the library.

Friday, May 17, 2019

FIELD DAY

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

3rd Grade Awards Ceremony at 9:00.

4th Grade Awards Ceremony at 1:00.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Kindergarten musical program, **Gettin' Down With Momma Goose** and Awards Ceremony at 9:00.

1st Grade Awards Ceremony at 1:00.

Thursday, May 23, 2019

5th Grade Awards Ceremony at 9:00.

2nd Grade Awards Ceremony at 1:00.

Friday, May 24, 2019

60% Day, **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS.**





Incorporating the words and ideas of the fourth graders, Ms. Braddy, Ms. Haynes, and Ms. Davis designed an arts-integrated program about the musical heritage of Mississippi. They created an intricate dance to "Wade in the Water," inspired by the choreography of Alvin Ailey.



Ms. Davis leads fourth graders in playing and singing their own original blues licks.





The fourth grade program recognized the musical genres of spirituals, blues, jazz, and rock and roll with student-created skits and movement. They performed for parents on the evening of March 28.





We want to recognize three very special people for their contributions to our school: Teacher of the Year Greg Mack, Support Staff of the Year Karla Galloway, and Parent of the Year Cheryl Smith.



A former art teacher herself and grandmother to two fabulous Casey students, **Cheryl Smith** has conceived and created three different murals that decorate our halls and courtyards. Her latest mural is a celebration of the Accelerated Reader program that will



allow students to see their own progress as they continue to earn AR points. As usual, Ms. Smith found a way to include the students in the creative process by allowing each of them to add one star in the overall design. She leaves us a lasting legacy of her talent and dedication.



For the third year in a row, Casey Elementary is the District Overall 1st Place Winner in the JPS Chess Tournament! In addition, nearly every Chess Team participant placed in their grade level, with 1st place trophies going to third grader Dillion Crockett and fifth grader John Perry. Congratulations to the entire Casey Team!

Getting Smart Through the Arts!

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