



Casey Art News



Magnificent Masterpieces Showcase on Deceber 14



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**Pictured top left to bottom right:
Fifth graders Nikeira Russell and Saniyah
Nelson, kindergartner Kenya Jones, and
second grader Jerriah Dyre. Not pictured
is fourth grader Roman Jones-Reed.**

As a Model Whole School affiliated with the Mississippi Arts Commission, Casey participates in the annual showcase of “Magnificent Masterpieces” presented by the Arts Commission. Each Whole School in the state selects five artworks that exemplify strong creative work produced during an arts-integrated lesson. This year’s Casey Masterpieces include self-portraits of characters from *Hamlet* by fifth graders Saniyah Nelson and Nikeira Russell, a mixed media collage of *The Three Little Pigs* by kindergartner Kenya Jones, a chalk homage to Paul Klee’s painting of *Cat and Bird* by second grader Jerriah Dyre, and an artistic rendition of a multiplication problem by fourth grader Roman Jones-Reed.

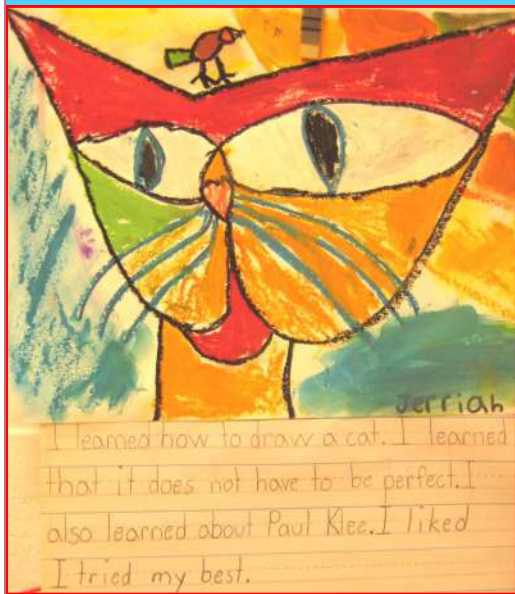
The artworks will be displayed downtown at the Mississippi Arts Center next to the Planetarium on Pascagoula St. An opening reception for the showcase will take place on Saturday, December 14, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All Casey supporters are invited to come! The art display will stay up through January 2020.



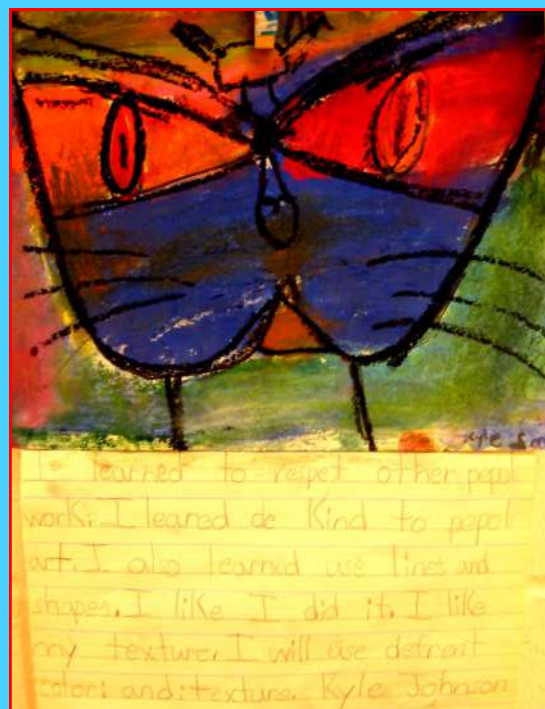
Casey has been designated as a Model Whole School and receives support from the Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency, which in turn is supported by funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



Ms. Walker's Art Class



In Ms. Walker's class, second graders studied the artist Paul Klee and made chalk drawings inspired by his painting, *Cat and Bird*. Later, they moved on to a three-dimensional form of art, building sculptures of much larger birds using papier-maché.

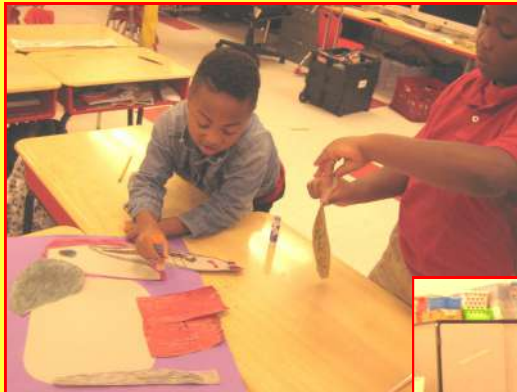


Fourth graders have experimented with the new medium of printmaking using Styrofoam plates and printer's ink.

Art in the Regular Classroom



As Ms. Ellis reads to them, her kindergartners act out voices in the story of "The Three Little Pigs." They made collages of the pigs' houses using natural materials like twigs and pine straw.



First graders read a story about a group of blind mice who discover that the different parts of an elephant that they find all go together to make one big animal. Ms. Maye's students worked in groups to build an elephant in the same way that the mice built their "big picture" from several smaller clues.



After Open Doors students designed and built paper airplanes, they tested them, making careful measurements to find out which ones flew the farthest.



Visiting Performers & Special Guests



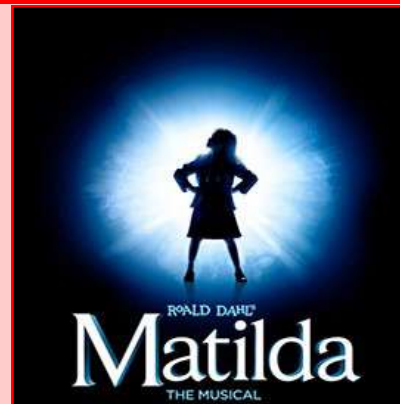
Theatre students from Power APAC presented a fun show of their own creation for Casey students who received the PBIS reward in November. They used music, dance, and drama to tell several quick stories, some adapted from familiar children's books.

Next semester, our special visitors will include dancer Shanina Carmichael, the New Stage Acting Apprentices, and Civil Rights activist Hezekiah Watkins.



This semester, students took some exciting field trips to places like McClain Farms, the Natural Science Museum, the Civil Rights Museum, and the Nutcracker Ballet. Next semester will see a few more special trips including the musical play *Matilda* at New Stage Theatre on February 14.

Field Trips



Special Events for December 2019-February 2020

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

3rd Graders take a field trip to the **Mississippi Science Museum** from 9:30-12:20.

Friday, December 6, 2019

Students in grades K, 1, 2, & 4 take a field trip to see the **Nutcracker Ballet** at **Thalia Mara Hall** from 9:15-12:15. Also, selected fifth grade Strings students perform holiday music at **Bank Plus**.

December 9-13, 2019

CASEY BOOK FAIR WEEK

Friday, December 13, 2019

Students in grades 1-2 take a field trip to the **Belhaven Center for the Arts** to see the **Junie B. Jones** Christmas puppet show from 10:30-12:30.

Another group of fifth grade Strings students perform holiday music at **Bank Plus**.

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Magnificent Masterpieces Opening Reception at the Mississippi Arts Center downtown, featuring artwork by Casey students (11:00-12:30).

Thursday, December 19, 2019

PTA: 5:30 Parent Meeting, 6:00 2nd graders perform **December Nights, December Lights**.

Friday, December 20, 2019

60% Day—Students dismissed at 12:00, followed by **WINTER BREAK**.

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Students return to school.

Monday, January 20, 2020

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Saturday, January 25, 2020

A team of Casey teachers will attend the Whole Schools Winter Institute in Meridian.

Monday, January 27, 2020

MSO Wind Quartet performs for fifth graders at 10:30 in the Library.

January 27-31, 2020

Weeklong residency with visiting artist **Shanina Carmichael**. She will work with second graders each day to develop a dance performance which the students will present on Friday.

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

80% Day—Students dismissed at 1:55.

Thursday, January 30, 2020

PTA: 5:30 Parent Meeting, 6:00 **Art Night for Parents** featuring artist **Shanina Carmichael** with three arts activities available for parents and students to do together.

Friday, January 31, 2020

Second graders perform a dance presentation under the guidance of **Shanina Carmichael**, time TBA.

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Model School Visit—Teachers from other Mississippi schools will tour Casey and observe sample arts integrated lessons.

At 1:00, the **New Stage Acting Apprentices** will perform the Civil Rights play "**If Not Us, Then Who?**" in the Library for grades 3-5.

Friday, February 7, 2020

Ms. Yoder and a team of Casey teachers will attend a Model Whole School tour at Saltillo Elementary School.

Monday, February 10, 2020

MSO String Quartet performs for fifth graders at 10:30 in the Library.

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Mr. Howell and a team of Casey teachers will attend a Model Whole School tour at Laurel Magnet School for the Arts.

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Possible date for 3rd grade drama presentation.

Friday, February 14, 2020

Students in grades 2-5 take a field trip to the **New Stage Theatre** to see **Matilda** Christmas puppet show from 9:00-1:00.

Monday, February 17, 2020

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

80% Day—Students dismissed at 1:55.

Thursday, February 27, 2020

PTA: 5:30 Parent Meeting, 6:00 4th graders perform Civil Rights musical **I'm Gonna Let It Shine**.

Friday, February 28, 2020

4th graders perform Civil Rights musical **I'm Gonna Let It Shine** for students in Library and Civil Rights activist **Hezekiah Watkins** will speak.

The Performing Arts



On October 24, the fifth graders performed their version of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.



"To be or not to be...." Sixteen actors and actresses shared the difficult role of Prince Hamlet.



In their Dance Class Showcase, second graders demonstrated movements inspired by the natural changes of the seasons.





The third graders created a show called "I Like Being Me," combining original scenes of drama with a short play about the Wolf Who Cried Boy, inspiring songs, and scarf dances to demonstrated different colors of moods, directed by Ms. Davis in her Music Class.

Fourth graders have now begun taking dance classes with Ms. Bishop.



In Drama Class, third graders work together in groups to create tableaux of different characters and stories.





During their studies of "The Old West," **Ms. Hogan**—one of our favorite Casey teachers—presented a special lesson for second graders about Native American heritage and artifacts.



Santa Claus greeted students at a second "Doughnuts With Dads" event this month, sponsored by the Casey PTA.

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