



# Casey Art News



## Special Visitors in August



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Our students started out the year with a couple of special events. On August 18, JPS celebrated the Mississippi Book Festival. Some fourth graders went to Galloway Methodist Church to meet Meg Cabot, author of *The Princess Diaries* books and received copies of her latest book. And the author Barry Wolverton came to Casey to tell students in grades 3-5 about his book



*The Vanishing Island*, the first in The Black Tulip series. The students were excited to learn more about the art of writing, and Mr. Wolverton was excited to reunite with Principal Rhoda B. Yoder, who just happened to be his favorite high school English teacher.



At the end of the month, we were visited by the folks of the Barn Hill Preserve, who brought some of their amazing animals to show to our students, including a snake, a horned lizard, a toucan, and a kangaroo!



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.





# Make and Take Night



Parents and students celebrated ARTS INTEGRATION by making art together at the September 28 PTA gathering. Each activity explored academic concepts through forms of art.



**We congratulate third grade teacher Mrs. Kimble-Braddy for being recognized as an "Outstanding Educator" by Parents for Public Schools for her many skills as a teacher, including her ingenuity in designing arts-integrated units of study.**



# College Spirit Day



Ms. Walker and Ms. Gaines organized a fantastic College Spirit Day to inspire our scholars to strive for a college education. Special visitors included cheerleaders and the MADDDRAMA actors from JSU and Mayor Chokwe Lumumba and his family. We also enjoyed performances by our own student steppers and the extremely talented Ms. Gaines.



Third graders helped to make the planet a little less cluttered and a little more beautiful by recycling discarded objects into sculptures of robots and ships and leopards and more. What a great use of imagination!





# Music



In Ms. Davis's Music Class, fourth

graders learn to play percussion and barred Orff instruments in an "Instrumentarium."



# Dance

Our new dance teacher, Kathryn Wilson, helps second graders find creative ways to express the movements of animals, such as baby turtles breaking out of their shells.



# Teacher Training



In a workshop on Whole Schools training, teachers transform art prints into plays.



# Drama



After weeks of study and preparation, the fifth graders will present their version of Shakespeare's comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on October 26 at 6:00 p.m.



## Special Events for October-December 2017

### Monday, October 9

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY

### Thursday, October 19

4th grade trip to the **MSO Young People's Concert** (9:45-11:30). **Reading Fair Projects** judged.

### Monday, October 23

1st grade field trip to **Pumpkin Fest** (9:00-12:00). Casey will hold Model School Tours for teachers from other Whole Schools in the state.

### Thursday, October 26

At the 6:00 p.m. PTA meeting, 5th graders perform their version of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

### Monday, November 6

**MSO String Quartet** performs for grades 4-5.

### Tuesday, November 7

Casey will hold Model School Tours for teachers from other Whole Schools in the state.

2nd grade **Dance Class Presentation** (time TBA).

### Wednesday, November 8

Visiting dancer and musician **Shanina Carmichael** will work with all kindergarten and first grade students in workshops about African drumming and storytelling.

### Friday, November 17

Third grade field trip to *The Pirates of Penzance* matinee by **MS Opera** (9:30-11:30).

### November 20-24

THANKSGIVING BREAK

### Monday, November 27

**MSO Woodwind Quintet** performs for grades 4-5.

### Friday, December 1

Kindergarten and first grade field trip to see *The Nutcracker Ballet* (9:15-11:45).

### Monday, December 11

The **Covenant Handbell Choir** performs for the school at 1:00.

### Tuesday, December 12

Second grade field trip to *Junie B. Jones in "Jingle Bells, Batman Smells"* puppet show (9:00-11:00).

### Friday, December 15

First grade field trip to **Canton Christmas Festival** (9:15-11:45).

### Thursday, December 21

LAST DAY OF SEMESTER (60% DAY)

Student assembly in the library.



# Visual Art



In Art Class, Ms. Walker's students use the "Mona Lisa" painting as a model for good behavior. Kindergartners build paper sculptures, and fourth graders honor the style of Mississippi's Walter Anderson in alphabetic artworks.



Students painted portraits of themselves doing their preferred form of art. Second graders display their examples of "radial symmetry."

# Open Doors



In September, Open Doors students celebrated National Arts in Education Week by studying the glass sculptures of artist Dale Chihuly and creating their own colorful versions from melted and twisted plastic.





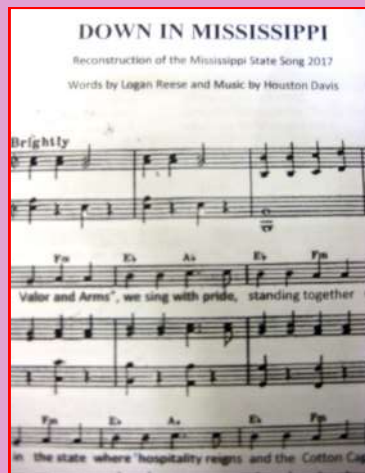
# Arts Integration

On every grade level, Casey students are learning science, math, language, and other subjects through arts-integrated lessons.

Ms. Kling's first graders made their own musical instruments and collages of "cubist" musicians in the style of Picasso to explore the idea of singular and plural.



Third graders used their knowledge of animal habitats and adaptations to design their own "wild things." They made haunted houses to display geometric arrays. And they made "food chain" pictures that clearly show which animals devour others.



In fourth grade, Ms. Haynes's students made salt dough relief maps of Mississippi complete with topographic features and color coded geographic regions. They have also written original state songs for Mississippi. And they have tested their cooperation and engineering skills with a simple string device for stacking paper cups.





# WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

Ms. Lamb's students integrated the arts by acting out the events in a song about a "Bear Hunt." They made maps and binoculars to help them search for the bear. Then they set out on their hunt and followed the directions of their song.



## Volunteers & Visitors



Community volunteers from the KPMG professional service company taught students about the values of agriculture, working with them to build a flower box in the courtyard.

The Health Council made a "crop drop" of free bananas to the school.



Acting apprentices from New Stage Theatre worked with some Aftercare students to try out some ideas for audience interaction for a children's play they are rehearsing.

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