



# Casey Art News



## Parents and Students Making Art Together

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Several Casey families gathered at the school on Thursday, September 27, for the annual "Make and Take Night."

This is when parents get to join their children in their classrooms to create meaningful artwork. The popular evening event introduces parents to the "arts integration" philosophy of Casey, which is all about using the arts in the classroom to enhance the learning of other subjects.

In the kindergarten room, students and their parents drew self-portraits with a single line, a skill that is important in preparing students to draw lines to make other images and symbols, like letters and numbers.



First graders had a blast creating puppets of "The Three Little Pigs" and then acting out the story with their parents. On every grade level, the young and old alike were having fun sharing their creativity with each other.



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.





# Pointillism in Open Doors

Fifth graders in Open Doors learned about the "Pointillism" style of art used by Georges Seurat and made their self-portraits with dots of overlapping colors.



Students notice details in Seurat's painting  
*Sunday Afternoon on La Grande Jatte.*



## Fourth Grade Murals



Working in groups,  
fourth graders have designed  
and painted large murals of pic-  
tures showing movement in the  
style of artist Keith Haring.





# Junkyard Wonders



After the third graders read about Patricia Polacco's Junkyard Wonders, they worked with their families to design and build their own versions of "junkyard wonders." These recycled masterpieces are full of great humor, imagination, and ingenuity. What a fun project for all!



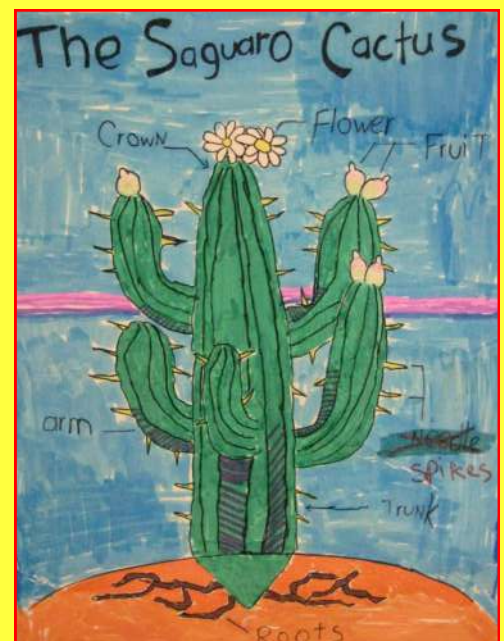
Part of the study of "Junkyard Wonders" includes discussions of character traits. In the Art classroom, third graders identified the character traits they saw in figures in famous paintings.



## Artistic Diagrams



Fifth graders rendered very detailed diagrams of various plants in Ms. Williamson's Science Class.





# Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*

Fifth graders have spent the first nine weeks reading and preparing to perform their version of Shakespeare's comedy *Twelfth Night*.

They first read the play with Ms. Trotter and Mr. Howell. When they were assigned character roles, they began to learn their lines and to think about how to bring these characters to life. In Ms. Walker's class, they have created self-portraits of the characters, learning details of how to draw the correct proportions for facial features.



In Drama Class, the students rehearse their parts over and over, learning to work together to tell the story.





Visiting Artists coming to Casey this semester will include visual artist Kay Thomas, writer and poet Asia Rainey, and the dance group "Kinetic Etchings."

## Special Events for October-December 2019

### Thursday, October 18

Reading Fair in the Library; National School Lunch Week Celebration in the Cafeteria (with a Mississippi theme)

### Monday, October 22

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY

### Thursday, October 25

6:00 p.m. PTA meeting with 5th grade performance of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

### Tuesday, October 30

Kindergarten & 1st grade field trip to the McClain Pumpkin Patch & Animal Safari from 8:50-11:50.

### Wednesday, October 31

Visiting artist Kay Thomas will work with four classes in Ms. Walker's Art Room and present training for teachers after school.

### Wednesday, November 7

Visiting artist Asia Rainey will work with all 4th graders in Ms. Braddy's classroom, sharpening writing skills with spoken word poetry.

### Thursday, November 8

5th Grade field trip to Small Town Harvesst Fest at the Ag Museum from 8:00-11:30.

### Wednesday, November 14

Teachers from other schools tour Casey during Model Whole School Site Visit.

### Friday, November 16

3rd Grade field trip to Mississippi Crafts Center from 10:00-12:00.

### November 19-23

THANKSGIVING BREAK

### Thursday, November 29

6:00 p.m. PTA meeting with 3rd grade performance of *Junkyard Wonders*.

### December 3-7

BOOK FAIR

### Friday, December 7

Field trip for grades K, 1, 2, & 4 to "The Nutcracker" at Thalia Mara Hall from 9:15-12:00.

### Monday, December 10

Kinetic Etchings Dance Troupe performs an interactive version of "The Nutcracker" in the Library at 12:00 and 1:00.

### Wednesday, December 12

3rd Grade field trip to "Peter & the Wolf" puppet show at Belhaven Arts Center from 10:30-12:30.

### Tuesday, December 18

6:00 p.m. PTA meeting with 2nd grade performance of *December Nights, December Lights*.

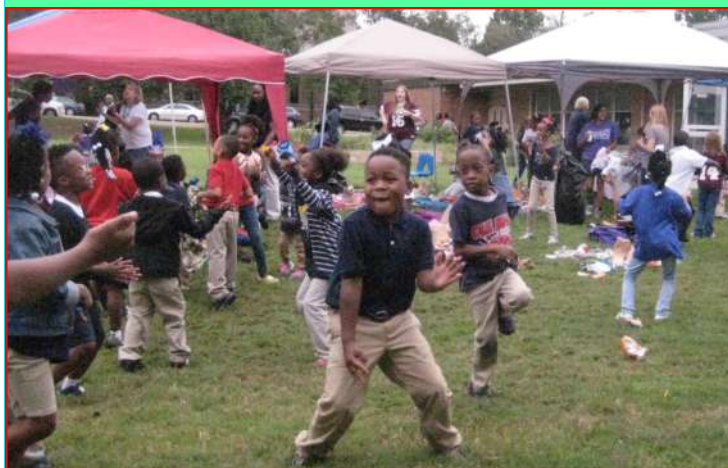
### December 21

60% Day before students dismissed for WINTER BREAK





# College Spirit Day



On College Spirit Day, the students enjoyed tailgating outside, eating lunch under tents and dancing to music played by a local disc jockey. Afterwards, each class performed a college cheering routine to express their excitement about preparing for college.







We are fortunate to have such a gifted and generous grandparent as Cheryl Smith as our resident mural designer. In addition to designing our new courtyard, Ms. Smith spent part of this summer finishing up a colorful mural of a multiplication grid as a permanent educational installation located outside the cafeteria.



We want to congratulate Ms. Trotter for being recognized as an Outstanding Educator by "Ask for More Jackson" this fall. Ms. Trotter is a previous Casey Teacher of the Year.



Students who completed their Summer Reading Logs enjoyed a fun outdoor celebration.



We recognized our wonderful dads at Casey with an invitation to join their children for an early morning "Donuts with Dads" event.







**Ms. Daschbach, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Weems, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Howell presented an arts integration workshop for teachers, using collage-making and dramatic reenactment techniques they had learned at the Whole Schools Summer Institute.**



**We are happy to welcome our newest dance teacher, Ms. Arianna Marcell, to Casey. She is currently working with the fourth grade students.**



**Ms. Luke is very busy with this year's Strings students, which now includes students in first grade and up.**

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