



Casey Art News



Students Meet a Celebrity at the Mississippi Book Festival



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On August 16, a select group of JPS students were invited to hear from some special authors. Some of Casey's second and third graders met with Dav Pilkey, author of the comical children's books *Dogman* and the *Captain Underpants* series. Another group of fourth and fifth grade students went to Galloway Methodist Church to hear a presentation by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. She spoke to them about her childhood and upbringing and her development as both a lawyer and a writer. The Justice emphasized that she came from very humble beginnings and conveyed that every student had the potential to achieve things far beyond their own expectations. All students in attendance received a copy of one of two books by Sotomayor.

On October 10, students were celebrated for being "Off the MAAP and Over the Moon." Ms. Scott and others organized special activities to recognize those fourth and fifth graders who performed extremely well on last year's MAAP test.



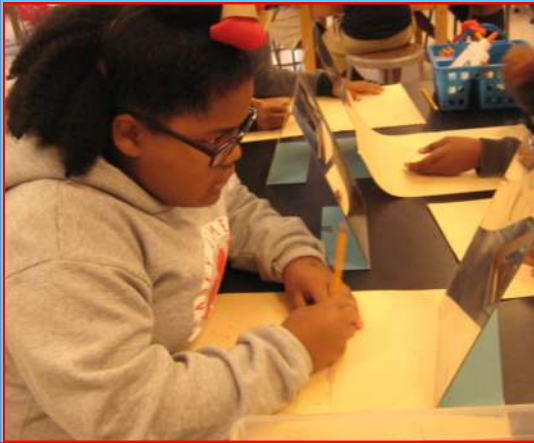
Casey has been designated as a Model Whole School and receives support from the Mississippi Arts Commission, which in turn is supported by funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Fifth Graders Prepare for Hamlet



The fifth graders have taken on the challenge of performing what may be Shakespeare's greatest play: the *Tragedy of Hamlet*. In Art Class, they have made set designs and self-portraits of the characters they will play.



The winning set design for the play was created by Gabrielle Hubbard.



In Drama Class, the fifth graders have begun rehearsing their roles: memorizing the lines and actions of the characters in this famous drama. They will perform their play on the Library stage at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24.



Classes in the Arts

Casey students have the unique opportunity to learn the fundamental elements of many arts disciplines in their weekly visual arts classes with Ms. Walker and music classes with Ms. Davis. In these classes students a basic vocabulary of the arts and experience in the skills and techniques necessary to creative expression.

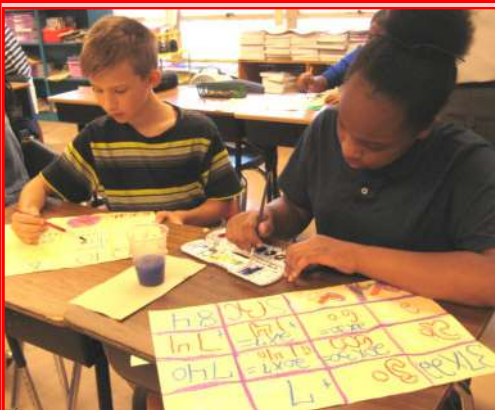


We are very happy to welcome our newest dance teacher, Ms. Anne Bishop to Casey. Using the themes of their reading unit, she and the students are developing dances based on the changing seasons. Each class will present a different season in a showcase for parents on Monday, November 18.

College Spirit Day



Ms. Walker and Ms. Taylor organized a fabulous College Spirit Day on September 27. Students enjoyed food and music while they tailgated in tents later gathered on the black-top to give college cheers.



In Mr. Miller's math class, fourth graders combined their art skills with math. They transformed a two-digit multiplication problem into an artwork that showed the process of their work while letting them express individual design choices.





The end of a summer is a good time to take the arts outside and let a sidewalk be your canvas. Ms. Ellis's kindergartners enjoy a creative afternoon with sidewalk chalk.



Special Events for October-December 2019

Thursday, October 3, 2019

3rd-5th graders leave at 10:00 to attend a concert performance by the **Mississippi Symphony Orchestra**.

Monday, October 7, 2019

FALL BREAK

October 15-18, 2019

SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

4th grade field trip to the **Mississippi Museum of Natural Science** from 9:20-12:20.

Monday, October 21, 2019

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

80% Day—Students are dismissed at 1:55.

Thursday, October 24, 2019

PTA: 5:30 Parent Meeting, 6:00 5th graders perform their version of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

October 28-November 1, 2019

RED RIBBON WEEK

Monday, October 28, 2019

Students in grades K-3 take a field trip to the **McClain Farms Safari Tour & Pumpkin Patch** from 9:45-1:30.

Friday, November 8, 2019

5th grade field trip to the **Museum of Mississippi History** and the **Mississippi Civil Rights Museum** from 8:30-11:40.

Monday, November 18, 2019

2nd Grade Dance Showcase, time TBA.

Thursday, November 21, 2019

PTA: 5:30 Parent Meeting, 6:00 3rd graders perform *I Like Being Me*.

November 25-29, 2019

THANKSGIVING WEEK

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

3rd grade field trip to the **Mississippi Museum of Natural Science** from 9:20-12:20.

Monday, October 28, 2019

Students in grades K-2 and 4 take a field trip to **Thalia Mara Hall** to see the *Nutcracker Ballet* from 9:15-12:15.

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.

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**.

MAKE AND

On September 26, parents joined their children in making art all across the school and learned what "arts integration" is all about.



Kindergartners and parents drew self-portraits with a single twisting line in the style of Paul Klee.



First graders made fairy tale character puppets and used them to retell familiar and new stories.



TAKE NIGHT



Second graders painted chameleons and their backgrounds.



Third graders made portraits of people they admire and filled the pictures with appropriate adjectives.



Fourth graders turned two-digit multiplication problems into works of art.



Fifth graders learned to draw Leonardo DaVinci's *Mona Lisa*.



Students enjoyed the first PBIS celebration of the year on August 30. Every Casey student could buy treats and dance to music at the outdoor amphitheatre. In future months the PBIS events will be open only those students whose excellent behavior has allowed them to earn the required number of PBIS points.



At the next PBIS even on October 4, the qualifying students enjoyed a "Trunk of Treat event in parking lot of Covenant Presbyterian Church.



Dads brought their children to school on September 16 to enjoy the PTA-sponsored event, "Doughnuts With Dad"!



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