



October Newsletter

Vanessa Dean, Principal

"Arts integration allows us to build chefs who make choices--not cooks who merely follow the recipe."

— Susan Riley

Fall is in the air, I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates and upcoming events happening at Casey Elementary. October brings a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage in various fall-themed activities. Scholars are experiencing fun events, including our first "Arts After Dark" event.

Classroom projects that celebrate the season are ongoing. Please ensure you have all these important dates marked on your calendar

Classroom instruction begins at 7:30. Morning carpool will end at 7:30. Students arriving after 7:30, should be escorted into the building by a parent. Students arriving after 7:45 must be signed in tardy.



Blue Jean Friday

Scholars may wear blue jeans October 31st with a Casey shirt. Red polo shirts may also be worn.



Event Reminders

Oct. 25 Reading Fair Projects due
Oct. 25 PTA Trunk A Treat

- 1 Fall Break
- 12 2nd Nine Weeks Midterm Reports
- 19 PD for Teachers (80% Day)
- 21 Monthly Leadership Meeting
- 25-29 Thanksgiving Break

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15 Student Days

- 12 Monthly Leadership Meeting
- 20 2nd Nine Weeks Ends
1st Semester Ends
- 23 Winter Break Begins

DECEMBER '24						
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Want to make an impact in the lives of our scholars?

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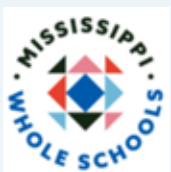
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We want your "Arts After Dark" feedback!



"Strong Arts, Strong Schools"



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CASEY ART NEWS

Meet our Arts Team

As a Model Whole School, Casey is the only elementary in JPS that provides all scholars (Prek-5th) the incredible opportunity to acquire skill in weekly, 50 minute classes with highly qualified arts specialists! Read about our specialists below!

Art Specialist



My overall purpose of doing what I do best is to open up that creative world where the child can become the creator they strive to be. Art can be a life saver and create life savers

-Mrs. Brittney McCallum

Dance Specialist



My goals are to teach the art and history of dance, teaching emphasis on technique, etiquette, and style, and allow a freedom of expression through choreography and performance.

-Mrs. Marlena Duncan-McGee

Music Specialist



I do what I do not only because of my love for music, but also because of how music can help students work together to make beautiful art. They are learning musicality and a set of life skills that can possibly take them anywhere in this world.

-Mr. Carroll McLaughlin

Thank you for joining us!!!

Please provide us with feedback on our Arts After Dark Event below!



Arts After Dark



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Arts integration shines bright in Dr. Reece's Pre-K class! They built and painted furniture for their dramatic play center!!!

Kindergarten



Ms. Jones Kindergarten class collaboratively created coconut trees depicting scenes from the story Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.



Wow!

1st Grade



Ms. Bailey's class created a tableau of key details in the book Biblioburro!



Ms. Sijansky's class gained a deeper understanding of plant lifecycles through dance!



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2nd Grade



Ms. Evans and Ms. Pates scholars showcased their understanding of place value through collaborative dance!

3rd Grade



Mrs. Duncan-McGee led Mrs. Whisenton and Ms. Marshall's scholars on a dance journey to build knowledge of how our organs function!



4th Grade



Mrs. Johnson's 4th grade class showed serious investment as they created and performed a rounding dance! Round and round we go!!!

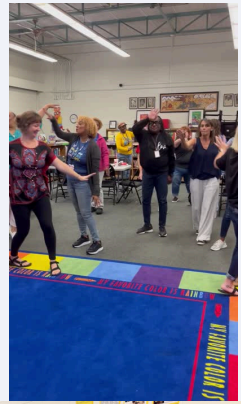
5th Grade



Mrs. Price proves daily that the arts and science make the perfect pair! From color mixing, testing buoyancy, and melting points, student engagement stays high in this 5th grade class!



Making every minute count on professional development days!



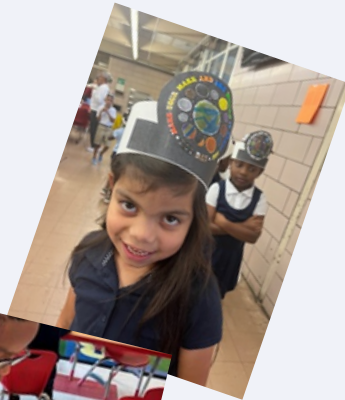
"A happy mind is a learning mind."

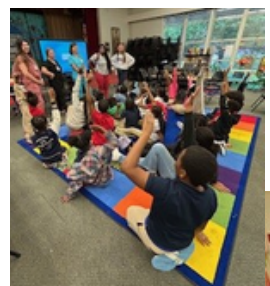


Our Arts Leadership team dug deep into our Why for arts integration at the Whole Schools Leadership Retreat in Meridian. They had the privilege of touring The MAX Museum and The Children's Museum of Meridian!



The Dot is a book that inspires creativity, courage and collaboration in all of us. Each student was tasked to "MAKE THEIR MARK"! as they engaged in dot art the entire week!





Thank you 

Thank you Mississippi Smiles
for prioritizing the oral
health of our scholars and
treating our teachers to
yummy popcorn!

Students were
eager to learn
backpack do's and
don'ts to maintain a
healthy spine!
Thanks KPMG!



Thank you 



Teachers and staff shined
bright in their white in
remembrance of the great
Frankie Beverly.



Birthdays are the
best days! Feliz
Cumpleanos to the
students, teachers
and staff who
celebrated
birthdays in
September!



Four Casey scholars were
invited to the MS State Capitol
to recite their winning poem
from last years Poetry
Project contest at the
10th Annual Mississippi Book
Festival!!!

Way to go Major Lewis,
Rosetta Turner, Aniyah Nix,
and Zella Selassie (not
pictured)!!!

