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Teaching and Learning Across the Curriculum

Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!

MARCH EDITION

BUSY AT SCINTILLA CHARTER ACADEMY THIS MONTH

ArtsNow has been working in Valdosta a lot during the month of March. Crystal Collins accompanied Shannon Green, one of our visual arts consultants, as Shannon worked with students integrating our STEAM series with students. Some grade levels learned about refraction and reflection of light waves, others learned about forces and motions and their effects on objects of varying sizes, and still others learned about light and the effects of shadows. Students created visual arts masterpieces as they integrated these content standards.





Students also got to work with one of our music consultants, Maribeth Yoder-White, as they integrated math concepts with music standards. Students were working on comparing numbers and had to discriminate between the sounds they heard, and identify if the numbers were greater than, less than, or equal to the sounds the students performed with instruments. As well, other students had to compare the values of fractions and identify both the numerator and denominator for fractions created through instruments and the sounds they make.



Work at Hillside Conant

Shannon Green was able to support students at Hillside Conant, a therapeutic and residential psychiatric treatment school near Piedmont Park in Atlanta. Students have emotional and behavioral needs, and the arts are a great way to reach students who do not have the ability to express themselves through the four core content areas. Shannon and Crystal worked with students as they wrote a first person narrative from a character's perspective in a current novel they were reading. Students created a sculpture to represent the character and his/her feelings. One of the best moments for ArtsNow came when one student shared the following sculptures, adding that his narrative was written from his 16 year old perspective and that, "sometimes I am confused, sometimes I am scared, sometimes I am mad, and today I am happy because this lesson has been fun!"





Georgia Council for the Arts Vibrant Communities Award Dance Class Culmination

As you know from previous newsletters, Crystal Collins, our Director of Innovation, wrote and received a grant in order to provide students of Barrow County with an after-school ballet class which integrated dance standards with math and language arts standards. March 29th, community members came out to support the culmination performance and to hear directly from the students what they have learned throughout this opportunity. Parents were very proud of their children and expressed tremendous interest in being able to continue the class. Thank you to all of the donors and Barrow County School System who matched funds to provide the dance floor and mirrors! The grant was able to provide set equipment, dance bars, costumes, dance shoes, leotards, tights, and salary for our dance teacher, Whitney Snuugs. It was a HUGE success!





Other Updates

- Pam Walker, Carol McGrevin, and Crystal Collins will attend the National Young Audiences Conference in Denver, CO the first week of April.
- Principals, don't forget to register your school teams for Foundational Seminar June 5, 6, and 7. Hotel blocks have been secured for anyone wanting to stay near Georgia Tech's campus. Contact Crystal Collins at crystal@artsnowlearning.org for further information.
- Jessica Espinoza and Catherine Rosa have been very busy in March working closely with KickstART Cobb. Richard Benjamin and Jessica Espinoza have been supporting the AEMDD grant with Cherokee and Clayton Counties.
- Shannon Green began her after-school visual arts residency at CFIT in Barrow County.
- Crystal Collins continues to work closely with Goshen Elementary in Augusta, GA (Richmond County) as they work towards STEAM certification.

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