

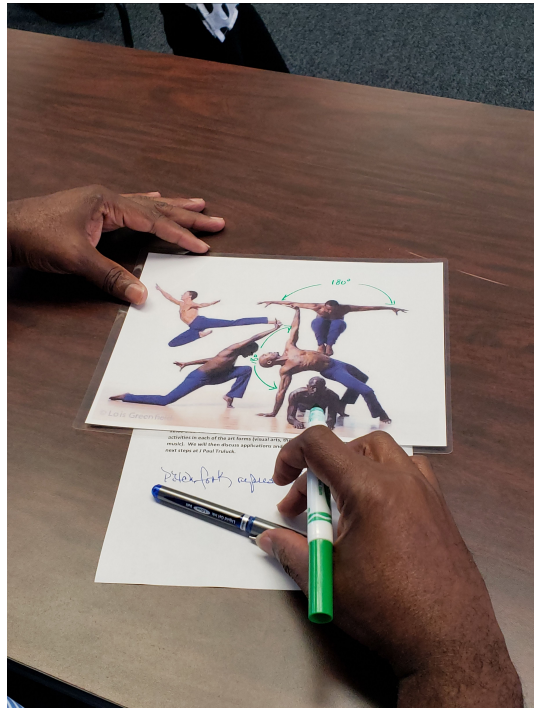
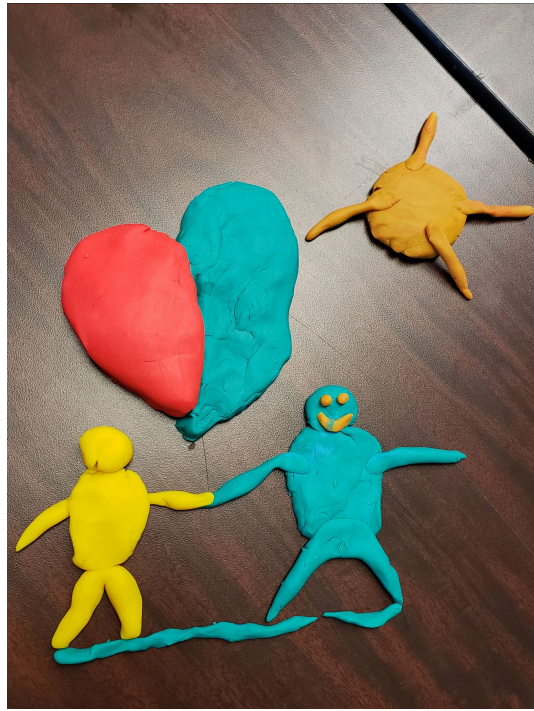


Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!

September Edition

New Partnership in South Carolina!

As ArtsNow Learning continues to grow, we have begun a new partnership with two fabulous schools: J Paul Truluck Creative Arts and Science Magnet School and Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School. Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins spent several days in Florence, SC, in order to meet with teams from each of the schools and to conduct professional learning in four of the art forms (music, visual arts, dance, and theater). District level support for this new partnership is incredible, and in fact, the superintendent attended sessions from each day. We thank Florence School District 3, particularly Dr. Cutina Barrineau, for introducing ArtsNow Learning to staff at these two schools and we look forward to a great future together!





Zion Baptist Academy

Whitney Snuggs and Crystal Collins got to support 4-year-old through first graders at Zion as Whitney worked with the students introducing them to dance integration. It was a great opportunity to work with students of these ages, as the sooner we can introduce children to the arts the better! Whitney integrated language arts through story elements, retelling of main ideas, and sequencing.

Students were able to demonstrate their learning through choreography and had fun doing so!



Willis Foreman Elementary School in Hephzibah, Georgia

Visual arts consultant, Debi West, worked with EVERY student during a residency at Willis Foreman Elementary to design a school-wide quilt.

Debi spent the week with the students and Shaunta Payton, principal. Students used symbolism to represent themselves in a "Name Design" challenge. Through these activities, students understood the importance of their names and gained a sense of pride as they explored everyone's unique and individual characteristics. Mrs. Payton worked to identify student leaders to help with the installation and plans to have a ribbon cutting ceremony to share with the community.

ArtsNow Residencies in Barrow County, Georgia

Students who attended residencies at the Center for Innovative Teaching (CFIT) in Barrow County worked with Shannon Green to explore several integrated projects this quarter through a variety of art forms.

Students in 5th grade (at Statham Elementary and Countyline Elementary) created Picasso Petri Dish artwork. Students were studying types of bacteria in their science classes. During the residency, the students studied elements of art and then collected samples from around the CFIT campus. Using their hand print in a petri dish, they created their works of bacteria art. Once the bacteria grew, the students studied the color, textures, and types of bacteria that were found in their creations.

Students in 4th grade classes were studying astronomy in science. The students chose colors and design elements to create their nebula art pieces. In order to incorporate writing into visual arts, the activity was extended to inspire stories of how each nebula was created.

The obliteration room was a project with 8th graders inspired by the work of Kusama. The installation was a public creation where the class invited other students, teachers, and community members in to assist in obliterating the room. The lessons and final installation were integrated into science and a study of habitats.

Engaging Minds Math Grant in Clayton County

Fourth through ninth grade math teachers, along with fine arts lead teachers, in Clayton County are participating in the PDAE federal grant in which ArtsNow Learning is the lead partner. Theater consultant, Barry Stewart Mann, and STEAM consultant, Jeff Mather, provided both math and arts teachers strategies for integrating the arts in to mathematics. Teams collaborated about best practices and worked to support the instruction of high quality math practices while simultaneously integrating the arts. The four days were content rich and and highly engaging.

Other Updates and Information

- Powder Springs will host a school visit, October 3rd, beginning at 8:30. At the conclusion, all principals and district level leaders are invited to attend the Principals' Network Luncheon at 11:30. Please RSVP to Pamela Walker at pam@artsnowlearning.org.
- Please join us November 13th for a Demonstration of Learning at the Barrow Center for Innovative Teaching campus. For more details, contact Pamela Walker at pam@artsnowlearning.org.
- We met the second year of our three year \$100,000 challenge grant provided by a generous donor and supporter of the arts in education. The opportunity is in its last year, so please help us meet this challenge by visiting the Donate tab on www.artsnowlearning.org.

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