



Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

A Message from Our President and CEO

During this time of the year, I am always reflective of all that I have to be thankful for, and I would like to extend a very heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who is receiving this newsletter. It is because of you, your support, and your passion for the arts in education that ArtsNow Learning is the organization we are today! I have the privilege of leading this amazing work that I know is impacting students, teachers, and education as a whole. Thank you for all you do to keep arts in education a priority and for being an advocate for authentic arts integration for students in the southeast. Without you, ArtsNow Learning would not be the leading professional development organization we are today!

With Joy, Pam

ArtsNow Learning Advisory Committee

Senior leadership met with our advisory committee to discuss the future of ArtsNow Learning and to ensure we are meeting the goals of our strategic plan. Dr. Tamara Pearson, from CEISMC at Georgia Tech, presented the initial proposal for CEISMC and ArtsNow Learning's partnership to solicit ideas for how to strengthen and grow our work together. We were also able to discuss, and receive feedback, regarding ideas for integrating technology and distance

learning as services ArtsNow Learning would offer in the near future. There were many ideas shared, and Pamela Walker presented organizational updates and our End-of-the-Year Report.



STEAM Residency at Tritt Elementary School in Cobb County

One of ArtsNow Learning visual arts consultants, Debi West, worked with kindergarten students at Tritt Elementary School in Cobb County. The teachers had the opportunity to plan the STEAM residency with Debi prior to her working with the students, and they were able to debrief with her after the installation to discuss the grade level content and visual arts standards addressed.



Pitner Elementary in Cobb County

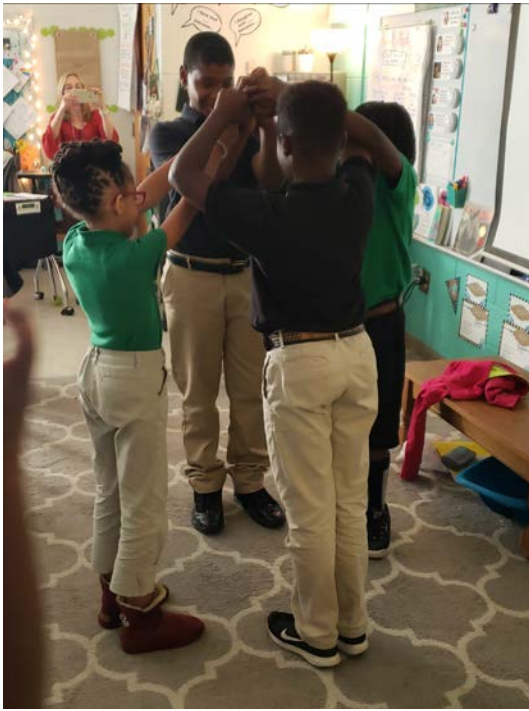
Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins presented an introductory session to arts integration at Pitner Elementary School. Teachers were able to choose to attend the session as part of their

professional learning day provided by Cobb County School District. It was an exciting session full of professional conversation, sharing of ideas, and plans for future implementation.



Savannah, Georgia

The ArtsNow Learning team traveled to Savannah as part of our AAEDD federal grant, *SmART Literacy*, and we provided arts integration strategies in the area of literacy at all three of our grant schools. Shannon Green, Susie Purcell, and Melissa Joy rotated through planning sessions and provided student demonstration lessons over the course of two days. Whitney Snuggs, Pamela Walker, and Crystal Collins were assigned to each of the schools in order to offer ongoing support and to ensure that the grant's goals are being met. While in Savannah, Pam and Crystal were able to meet with Savannah-Chatham Superintendent, Dr. Ann Levett to provide an update for the grant, as well as to discuss the future partnership with CEISMC at Georgia Tech.



Barrow County School System

November was a very busy month for our partnership with Barrow County and our Center for Innovative Teaching (CFIT) campus. ArtsNow Learning sponsored a Demonstration of Learning Day in which community members and visitors from all ArtsNow partnerships are able to come observe high-quality arts integrated instruction. We had over 50 attendees who observed Melissa Joy use dance strategies, Shannon Green use visual arts strategies, and Susie Purcell use theater strategies to teach content standards for 6th and 7th grade students. As well, Barrow County Superintendent, Dr. Chris McMichael, found time in his busy schedule to address visitors and to discuss the strong partnership Barrow and ArtsNow Learning has. Dr. McMichael is an avid supporter of arts in education and his visionary leadership is giving the students and teachers of Barrow County the opportunity to use arts integration to master academic knowledge and skills and to prepare students for the future!

Also happening in Barrow this month was the beginning of the STEM + Arts Integration project awarded through National Young Audiences, funded by American Express with matching funds from Barrow County School System, Georgia Council for the Arts and individual donors. Students in 4th through 8th grades worked with Whitney Snuggs, Ysheena Lyles, Ashley Bailey, and Shannon Green in an after school program to learn about chemical and physical changes through choreography and visual arts. The event concluded with a community culmination presentation that included the opportunity for community members to become part of a visual arts installation that will be housed at CFIT.





Zion Baptist Academy

ArtsNow Learning's newest theater consultant, Andrea Washington, provided theater lessons to students at Zion Baptist Academy. Andrea used literacy, science, and social studies standards in all of her lessons for students in pre-k and kindergarten. Welcome to the team, Andrea!



Updates

- We would like to welcome Lane Hall to our team, as Executive Assistant. Lane comes to us with a wide range of experience in project management, development and office coordination.
 - Please join us at our next Demonstration of Learning hosted by Powder Springs Elementary School, January 16th, and/or at the Center for Innovative Teaching, January 29th. For more information, please email Lane Hall at lane@artsnowlearning.com.
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