



*Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!*

## **FEBRUARY EDITION**

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### **Engaging Minds Grant in Clayton County**

February was a great month in Clayton County, Georgia! As part of the professional learning ArtsNow Learning is providing fine arts and math teachers, Barry Stewart Mann and Lee Bane worked with Dee Morris (ArtsNow Curriculum Consultant) and Dr. Tamara Pearson from CEISMC (at Georgia Tech) to create incredible arts integrated lessons. Barry is one of our theater consultants and he used theater strategies to go in depth with 6th through 9th grade math standards. Lee, one of our digital arts consultants, worked with 4th and 5th grade math standards to embed technology and the digital/media arts. There were so many ideas shared among the participants, and we are excited to see the strategies used in the math and fine arts classes of Clayton County!



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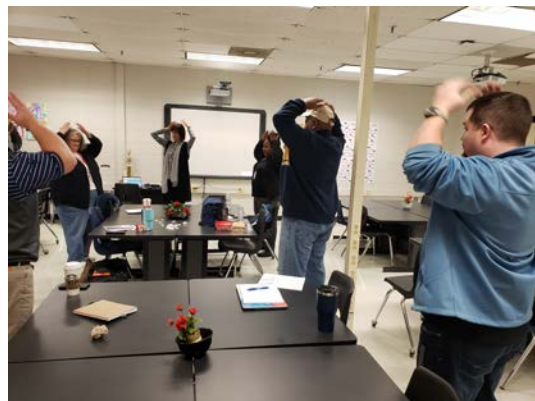
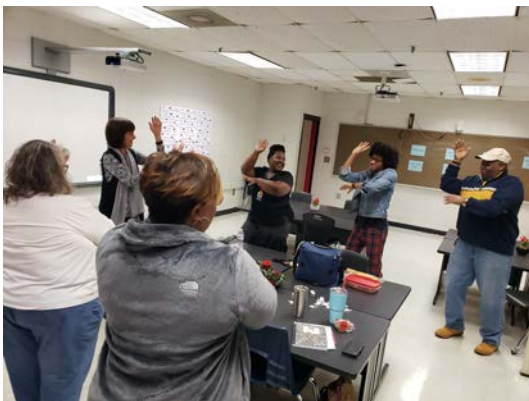
## Hephzibah, Georgia

There were several projects taking place simultaneously at most of our schools in Hephzibah. The funding for this project supports residencies, arts installations, student demonstration lessons, and professional learning for educators. This month, we met each of these goals! At Goshen Elementary, Dave Holland (music consultant) and Crystal Collins provided Black History Month literacy lessons through African drumming. Dave guided students through modeling appropriate drumming behavior so that each Goshen student was able to rotate through the sessions and use the drums to create an original piece of music!

Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White (music consultant), Crystal Collins, and Pamela Walker collaborated with lead teachers from Hephzibah Middle School to provide strategies, ideas, and lessons for integrating music through all content areas. Chris Neal, principal of HMS, was an active participant and provided the framework for school-wide expectations for his team. It was a great day!

Shannon Green (visual arts consultant) and Crystal Collins spent

time at Hephzibah High School and at Hephzibah Middle School working with students to create visual art installations at both schools. The lessons were based on Radcliffe Bailey and Alma Woodsey Thomas's original pieces of art. Diversity, equity, and student voice were the foci at the high school. Radial design and technique were the foci at the middle school. Students were creating, designing, and collaborating with one another as they were working on their unique piece. The final installations are beautiful.





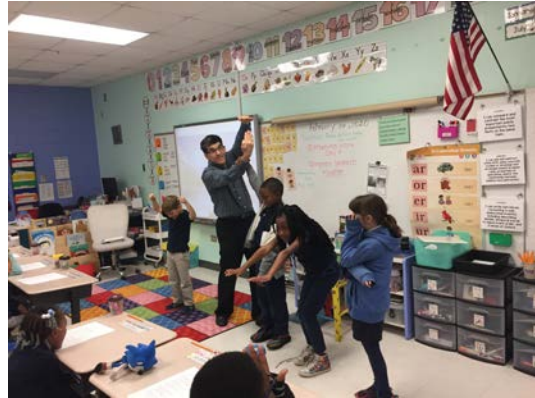
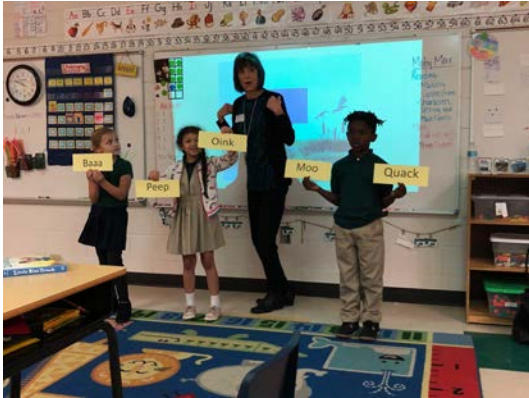


## SmART Literacy Grant Work in Charleston and Savannah

Many from the ArtsNow Learning team were involved with student demonstration lessons and teacher planning sessions in Charleston and Savannah. Whitney Snuggs, Crystal Collins, and Pamela Walker accompanied Melissa Joy (dance consultant) as she worked with students and educators integrating dance standards with literacy standards. The grant supports increasing literacy skills through arts integration. Melissa used poetry, rhyme scheme, patterning, stanzas, and inferencing throughout her lessons as student choreographed original collaborations to depict the meanings of their poems.

In Savannah, Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White (music consultant), Barry Stewart Mann (theater consultant), and Shannon Green (visual arts consultant) each went to one of our three grant schools. Whitney Snuggs, Lane Hall, Crystal Collins,

and Pamela Walker provided leadership and support for each consultant at their respective schools. The focus remained literacy based and the consultants integrated their art forms in each lesson. As part of the grant, debriefing and lesson planning sessions are included so that the consultants can directly address standards and provide insight and applications to other lessons.



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## Zion Baptist Academy

Darlene Guida (music consultant) and Crystal Collins worked with pre-k and kindergarten students as they learned about the foundations of music. Students practiced steady beat, identified word opposites, and used rhythm to identify mood.

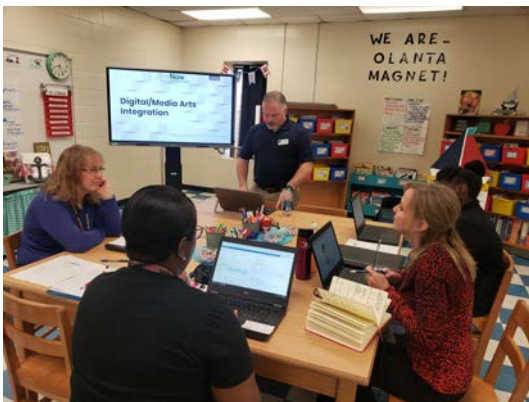


## Centennial Charter Academy

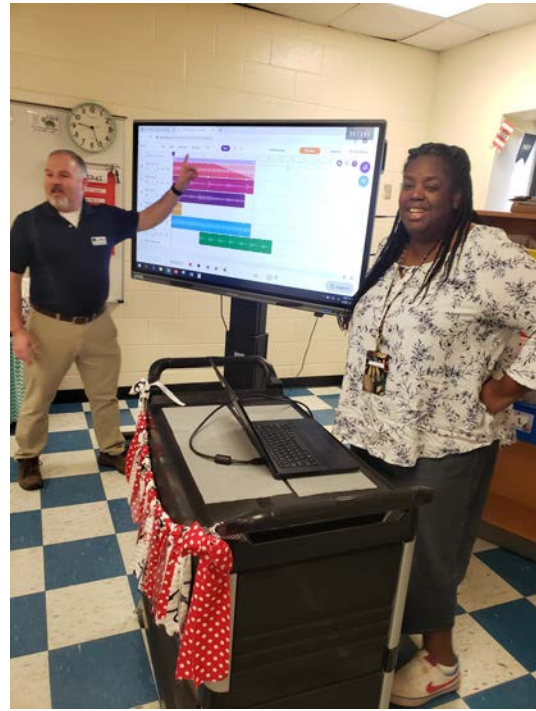
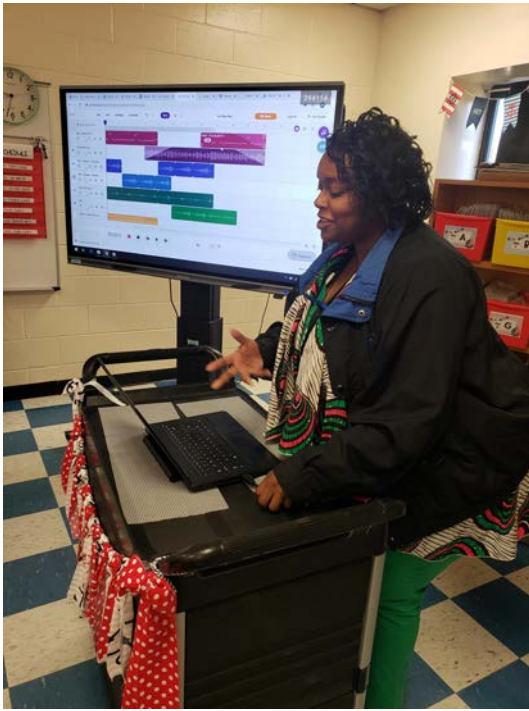
Shannon Green (visual arts consultant) and Lane Hall worked with the students of Centennial as three different grade levels enjoyed demonstration lessons. First grade students studied light and shadows, third grade students used Alma Woodsey Thomas inspirations to learn about area and perimeter, and seventh grade students learned about American colonization and the Aborigines. The teacher leader team was able to debrief, lesson plan, and discuss next steps. Part of their day also included learning how to integrate visual arts into all other content areas by participating in professional learning.



**Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School**  
Lee Bane (digital/media arts consultant) and Crystal Collins were in Olanta, S.C. working with a core teacher team as they explored numerous programs and software applications for their Project Based Learning units. Teachers used Adobe Spark to create social graphics and video production. We explored animation and coding through Scratch, and used Soundtrack to create digital music. It was a great two days in Florence County School District Three!

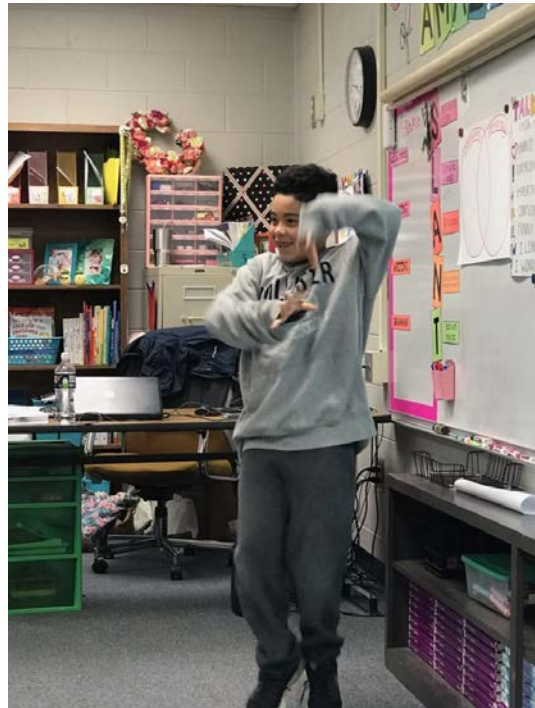






## **County Line Elementary**

ArtsNow Learning consultants recently had the opportunity to work with 3rd-5th grade teachers at County Line Elementary School in Barrow County. Students in 3rd grade learned about the types of rocks using theater strategies and made their own fossils during a visual arts demonstration lesson. Fourth grade students used dance, movement and creation of three dimensional structures to facilitate their understanding of translucent, transparent and opaque. The consultants taught lessons in 5th grade, which supported connections with chemical and physical changes and fine arts. The demo days were made possible through a Vibrant Communities Grant awarded by the Georgia Council for the Arts.



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## Other Monthly Highlights

- ArtsNow Learning's Foundational Seminar will be held June 1-3, 2020 at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Please email Lane Hall at [lane@artsnowlearning.org](mailto:lane@artsnowlearning.org) for details.
- Pamela Walker and Whitney Snuggs traveled to Scott Elementary School, in Thomasville, GA, to provide professional learning opportunities for staff in reviewing strategies in each of the art forms.

- Pamela Walker was invited to present at the leadership meeting for Effingham County principals and district level leaders.
- Pamela Walker worked with new teachers at Youth Villages, in Douglasville, GA, to deliver introductory sessions to all art forms.
- As part of ArtsNow Learning's SmART Literacy grant, Whitney Snuggs continues to Zoom with teachers in Charleston and Savannah to offer distance learning, professional learning opportunities and planning sessions with some of our consultant team.

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