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Integrated learning solutions

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Read how we have brought learning to life this month!

Arts and Innovation Magnet Program: Center for Innovative Teaching

Thanks to our valuable partnership with Barrow County School System, the ArtsNOW team is fully vaccinated and finally able to return to schools to provide high quality arts integrated opportunities in person! Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White was able to visit students at the Arts and Innovation Magnet Program at the Center for Innovative Teaching in Barrow County, GA. Dr. Yoder-White was able to utilize the bucket drums provided by generous ArtsNOW donors to explore fractions, division, and expand upon the study of aboriginal music from Australia. Students were able to use their knowledge and understanding of these concepts to create and perform using the drums. While at CFIT, she was also able to provide virtual lessons to students at Auburn Elementary School and Barrow Arts & Sciences Academy. This project was made possible through a Vibrant Communities Grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts, which encourages access to the arts for all.







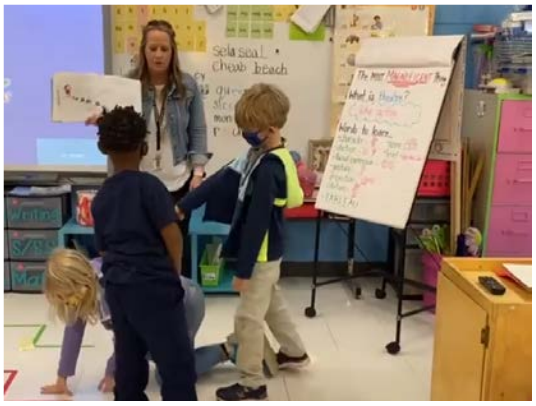


ArtsNOW's SmART Literacy Grant

ArtsNOW, Charleston County School District, and Savannah-Chatham Public Schools' professional learning days continued this month across all four project schools (Angel Oak Elementary School, Garrison School for the Arts, Heard Elementary School, and Marshpoint Elementary School) in dance and visual arts. These sessions left teachers inspired to use creative and innovative strategies with their students. Additionally, teachers and consultants

have been hard at work collaborating about literacy-based arts integrated lessons. SmART Literacy teachers deliver the lessons to their students and receive individualized feedback from the ArtsNOW consultant team. Ms. Christine Hattrich, first grade teacher at Marshpoint Elementary, reflected on her experience. *"Digital coaching inspired me to expand beyond the rectangles of our lives and engage students in learning all art forms. Whether we are in person or in the digital world, I feel confident in stepping outside my own rectangular box and trying new things, like theater, to teach literacy."* We are proud to work with many talented teachers who are not afraid to step outside the box and use the arts to empower students!





ArtsNOW's Annual Foundational Seminar

We are very excited to host two Foundational Seminars this year, due to such high demand! Our Atlanta seminar will be held, June 8-10, at our Center for Innovative Teaching in Winder, Georgia. Through one of our federal Arts in Education grants, we will host approximately 50 educators from the Savannah region as part of our dissemination of best practices. So far, educators from Cobb County, Barrow County, Richmond County, and Atlanta Public Schools have also registered to total more than 100 educators who will participate in our three day seminar to learn about the foundations of arts integration, participate in breakout sessions, and collaborate with peers. June 22-24, we will then host our second Foundational Seminar at the GTPE Savannah Campus in Pooler, Georgia in which educators from Charleston, South Carolina and other Savannah schools will have the same opportunities to learn about authentic arts integration. Each of the Foundational Seminars will be held in person, and we are thrilled to be able to see our partner schools again! If you are interested in further details, or how to register for the event, please contact Crystal Collins at crystal@artsnowlearning.org.

Why ArtsNOW?

- Integrated learning is powerful learning.
- For over 20 years, ArtsNOW has been leading the way in reshaping pre-K–12 education by integrating the arts with all core subjects.
- We're setting the stage to encourage teacher confidence and improve student engagement for greater academic and personal achievement.
- Teachers are champions and students are heroes.
- We're not just teaching. ***We bring learning to life.***

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