



*Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!*

## **JANUARY EDITION**

**ArtsNow Road Warriors are at it again! We are pleased to announce the addition of two new partner schools: Scintilla Charter Academy and Zion Baptist Academy.**



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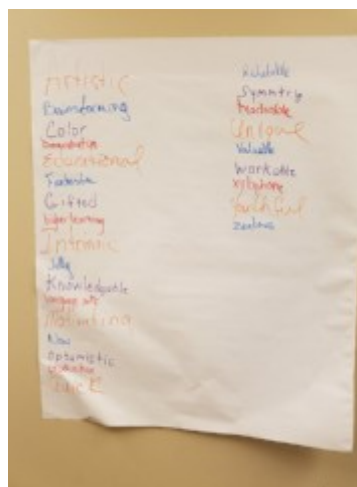
It is with great excitement that ArtsNow will be working in partnership with Scintilla Charter Academy, located in Valdosta, Georgia, due to SCA receiving an implementation grant provided by the Federal Charter Schools Program. Scintilla is only one of eleven schools to receive the grant, and 22 schools applied! ArtsNow will provide professional development and teacher resources to support Scintilla's Expeditionary Learning curriculum. Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins were on-site, January 5th, introducing staff to arts-integration strategies. January 24th and 25th, Susie Spear-Purcell and Crystal Collins will be at Scintilla to work with students and teachers as they learn to integrate theater strategies into the core content areas.



## Zion Baptist Academy

Zion Baptist Academy is located in Marietta, Georgia. Zion enrolls students from infants to first grade! Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins

rang in the new year by being at ZBA, January 2nd. Introducing arts-integration strategies was very exciting and generated more interest in the work we do. We look forward to this long-term partnership with Zion Baptist Academy. Dr. Weathers' commitment to providing authentic arts-integration to his students and staff is visionary!



## Other Updates

- We continue to support West Clayton Elementary, Jackson Elementary, and Brown Elementary in Clayton County. Our work with Clayton County will be featured in South Atlanta Magazine in the March issue. We are scheduled for a photo shoot at West Clayton and Jackson to highlight our work with students and school-wide initiatives.

- **Crystal Collins was at Goshen Elementary in Augusta, Georgia. She and the teachers worked with Process Boards to ensure all components are included, as Goshen works towards getting STEAM certified.**
- **Data from our work in Barrow County at the Center for Innovative Teaching (CFIT) is showing significant gains in teacher effect and student efficacy.**
- **Cobb County schools, such as Powder Springs Elementary and LaBelle Elementary, continue to receive professional learning from our consultants at the local school level. As well, our Arts Integration Series and STEAM Series with other Cobb schools are in their third nine weeks of professional learning support. KickstART Cobb, our state funded literacy project is in year two with professional learning support, in-school performances, and residencies at Powder Springs Elementary, LaBelle Elementary, Clarkdale Elementary, and Kennesaw Elementary.**
- **Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins have begun initial conversations with St. Peter Claver, a Catholic School in Decatur, Georgia. We are looking forward to this new partnership! If you have interest in learning more about an ArtsNow partnership, contact Crystal Collins at [crystal@artsnowlearning.org](mailto:crystal@artsnowlearning.org).**
- **Cherokee County is in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of an AEMDD Grant that focuses on arts integration in all elementary grade levels and in all subject areas. Literacy is the current focus, with professional storytellers presenting at two local schools (Oak Grove and Hasty), as well as one in Clayton County (Jackson) that is also part of the grant, and a dissemination school in Florida (Lamarque in Sarasota). Teacher leaders are also being identified and trained to sustain the work after the grant concludes.**



### LOOKING AHEAD

Foundational Seminar will be held June 5, 6, and 7 at Georgia Tech. More details to follow. Hurry, because registration is filling up fast! Contact Pamela Walker at [pam@artsnowlearning.org](mailto:pam@artsnowlearning.org) if you have not registered your school team.

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