



Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!

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As a personal note from our President and CEO, Pamela Walker, we would like to express our thanks to each of you during this season of gratitude.

You are all vital members of the ArtsNow Learning family. We could not continue to do this incredible work without your partnership, support, and understanding of how important arts integration is to lives of so many students in Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida. So, thank you and know how much you are appreciated.

Incredible News!!

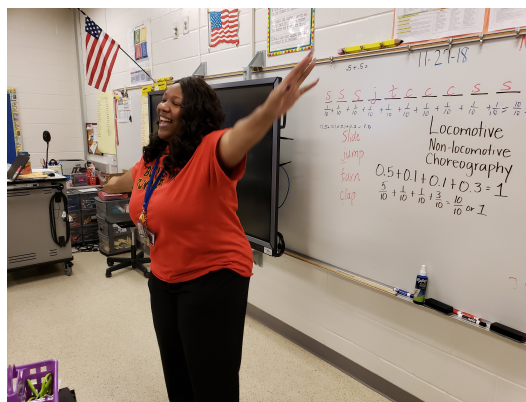
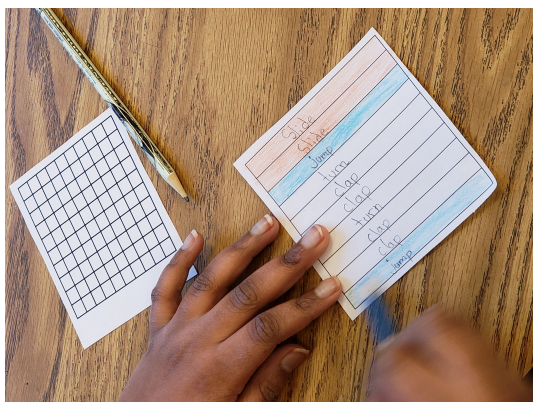
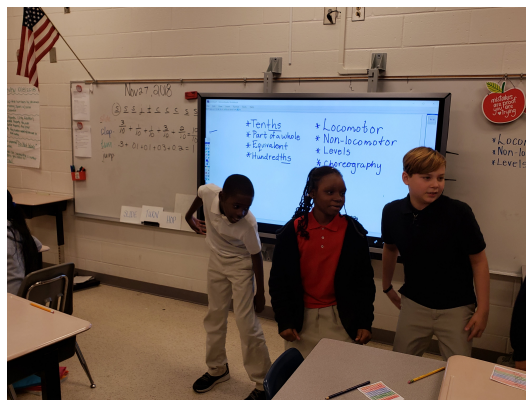
ArtsNow Learning has been selected to receive funding through the US Department of Education's (USDOE) Assistance for Arts Education Development and Dissemination Grants Competition (AAEDD). We have been awarded more than **\$2.27 million over four years to fund our SmART Literacy project in four elementary schools in both Georgia and South Carolina.** ArtsNow's SmART Literacy initiative will deliver professional development and job-embedded training in literacy-based arts integration to Angel Oak Elementary School in Charleston County School District, as well as Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools' Garrison School for the Arts, Heard Elementary School, and Marshpoint Elementary School. ArtsNow's curriculum consultants will work with 124 educators to improve their ability to effectively integrate various art forms with their literacy-focused content. The project will benefit more than 2,300 students in kindergarten through 5th grades, improving students' reading level and writing skills, while also increasing engagement and enjoyment of learning. We are incredibly honored to have received this grant!

Newest ArtsNow Learning Team Member

We are excited to announce that Whitney Snuggs will be joining the ArtsNow team December 1, 2018 as the project coordinator for the new AAEDD grant, SmART Literacy. Whitney has been a dance consultant with ArtsNow this past year and has been an incredible contractual team member. She was an elementary teacher and served as an arts integration team lead in her school. In addition, she worked at the Gwinnett Ballet as a dancer and teacher. We feel very fortunate to be able to add Whitney full-time to the ArtsNow Learning team!

Clayton County *Engaging Minds!*

Whitney Snuggs and Dee Morris worked with the students of West Clayton Elementary and Tara Elementary to integrate choreography and math for 4th and 5th grade students. As part of the lesson, students created a ten step choreography piece and had to identify the fractions, decimals, equivalencies, and expressions to accompany their specific dance. It was such an engaging lesson and the students' depth of knowledge was incredible. One teacher was so excited, she created her own choreography as well!

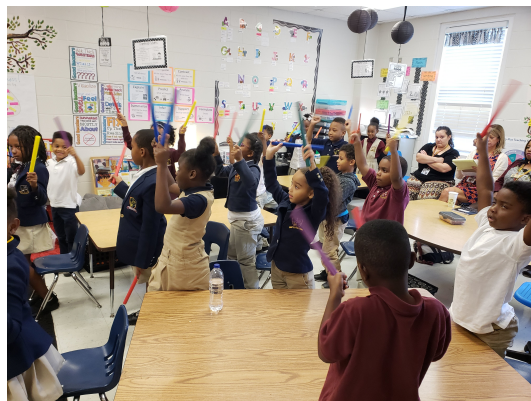
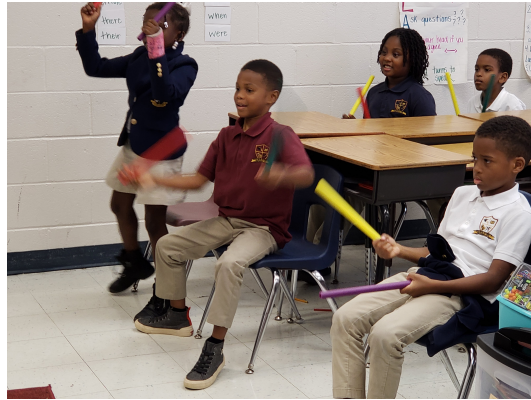


North Metro Academy of Performing Arts

One of our newest partners in Gwinnett County (Georgia) had the opportunity to work with Darlene Guida as she integrated music and

literacy for the students of North Metro Academy of Performing Arts. The students used rhythm and beat to increase fluency and rhythmic speech.

These lessons were presented as demonstration lessons, in which the teachers process observe in order to take the strategies back to their own classrooms. Thanks to the Nordson Foundation for making this possible! Funding was secured through their grant opportunities to support the students and staff of North Metro.



LaBelle Elementary School

Debi West led the students of LaBelle Elementary School, located in Cobb County (Georgia), through a visual arts and math lesson based on the works of Wassily Kandinsky. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade learned visual arts and math vocabulary while creating their own masterpieces of art using a rubric based on geometric shapes, line segments, angles, and proportions/scale.



Other Updates

- We are beginning the second year of our three year matching challenge grant! We met the \$100,000 goal last year. For every dollar that is donated to ArtsNow Learning, we have a generous donor who has agreed to match the amounts up to \$100,000. As a supporter of ArtsNow Learning, please help us get the word out! Go to www.artsnowlearning.org and click the "Donate" button at the top of the menu.
- Barrow County will host the next ArtsNow Demonstration Day December 6th, from 9:00-1:00 with a 10:30 informational session at the Center for Innovative Teaching. We will have a tour of the facility and the opportunity to observe our consultants at work with middle and elementary school students. Please email Crystal Collins if you would like more information. crystal@artsnowlearning.org
- Please join us at Powder Springs Elementary School, located in Cobb County, January 16th for our next Principal's Network Luncheon. We will visit classrooms from 8:30 to noon. Principals and district level leaders will stay for the luncheon. Please email Pamela Walker at pam@artsnowlearning.org for more information and to RSVP for the luncheon.

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