



Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!

SEPTEMBER EDITION

September has been a very busy month for ArtsNow! We will highlight our work in Clayton County, Augusta, Valdosta, Charleston, and our GOSA walk-through in this edition.

Clayton County PDAE *Engaging Minds*

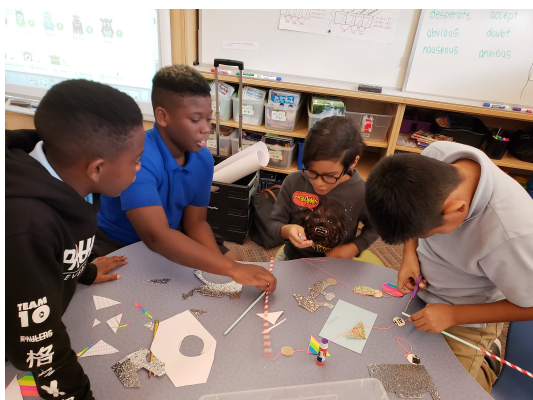
Dee Morris recently joined ArtsNow as our newest consultant and Curriculum Coach. She and Crystal Collins joined Clayton County's Kathy Baker to conduct initial visits to each school participating in the PDAE grant awarded last year. Together, they visited classrooms of the arts teachers in order to process-observe as the work with the math teachers begins in October. They were able to speak with administrators, teachers, and students as plans for authentic arts-integration and support for math instruction begins. We are very excited about being the lead partner with this grant and look forward to working with arts educators to improve math instruction through arts integration.



Charleston, South Carolina

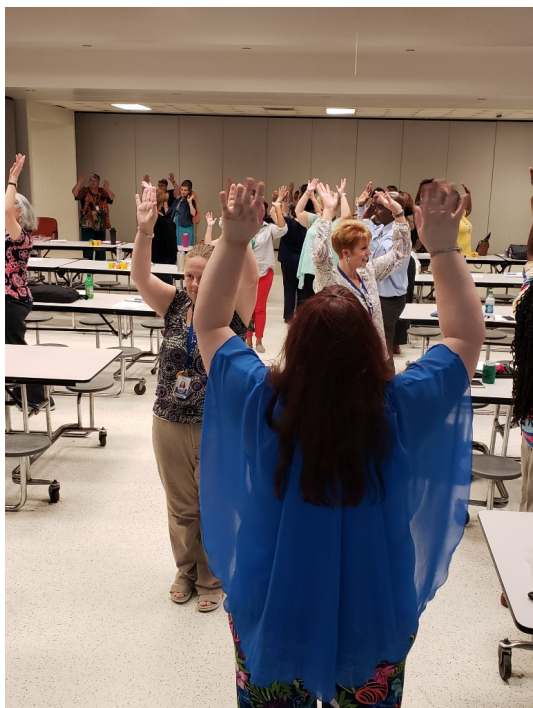
Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White, Shannon Green, Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins traveled to Charleston, SC, to work with two of our newest partner schools: Angel Oak Elementary and North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary. Shannon and Crystal provided training and support to the staff of Angel Oak in order to share more about visual arts integration. As well, Shannon conducted demonstration lessons with students who completed STEAM challenges and worked through the design process based on the works of Sol Lewitt and Alexander Calder. Pam and Maribeth were at North Charleston Creative Arts providing arts integration planning support with teachers and facilitating professional development in the area of music integration. We truly enjoyed working with both of

these schools and look forward to the impact arts-integration will have on the teaching and learning in the Charleston area!



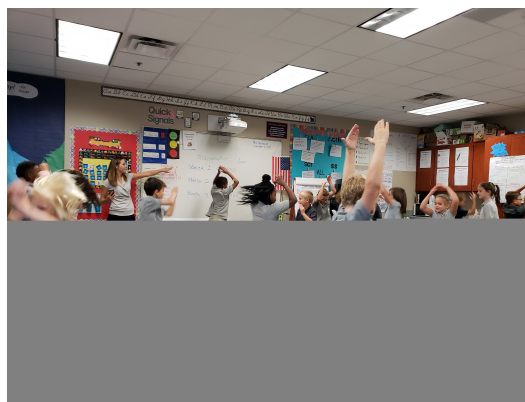
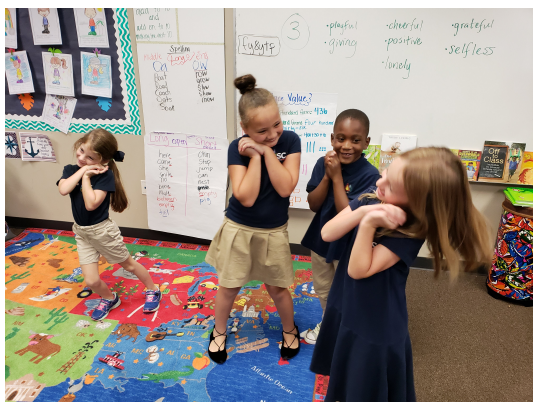
Augusta, Georgia

Crystal Collins represented ArtsNow at Richmond County's annual Partners in Education Celebration Breakfast. School leaders, community members, and district level leaders recognized the valuable partners in education that Richmond County has, and we were very honored to be a recipient at this year's celebration. As part of the week's travels to Augusta, Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins met with the staff of Willis Foreman Elementary, one of our newest school partners in the area, during an afternoon faculty meeting to discuss the benefits of arts-integration and to share more about the opportunities the staff will be offered over the next few years of a funding. The following day, Willis Foreman joined teams from Goshen Elementary and Hephzibah Elementary for the kick-off to a multi-year partnership to support students in the Hephzibah area. It was a great day of professional learning, and we thank Goshen Elementary for hosting!



Valdosta, Georgia

Whitney Snuggs and Crystal Collins worked with students at Scintilla Charter Academy as Whitney integrated dance/movement into each content area across grade levels, K-5. We had time to plan with every grade level either before or after each lesson. This high level of collaboration is one of the reasons Scintilla is hugely successful with authentic arts-integration in their first year as a school-partner with ArtsNow.



ArtsNow had our GOSA (Governor's Office of Student Achievement) walk-through at Kennesaw Elementary, in Cobb County, as part of our KickStART implementation grant ending. This grant fueled early literacy at four Cobb County elementary

schools through the use of arts-integrated strategies, and has yielded positive results for both teachers and students. During the month of September, all four schools also experienced literacy and music-integrated demonstration lessons facilitated by Darlene Guida.



Other Updates

- Join us October 10th at Powder Springs Elementary School, in Marietta, Georgia, for their Showcase Day. We will visit classrooms, discuss best practices, highlight our partnership, and learn from one another. This is a great day of learning and educators from across Georgia will be in attendance. Following the school visits, principals, please plan on attending our first Principals' Network Meeting. Lunch will be provided. Please contact crystal@artsnowlearning.org for more information.
- November 14th will be an exciting day at Scintilla Charter Academy in Valdosta, Georgia. We will tour the school, observe arts integration in action, and highlight this successful partnership. Members of the Valdosta community will be guests of Scintilla, and lunch will be provided. Principals, this will be our second Principal's Network Meeting following the luncheon. Please contact crystal@artsnowlearning.org for further information.
- 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!

- Hasty Elementary School, in Cherokee County, will host their Showcase Day October 25th. Hasty has had a long-standing partnership with ArtsNow Learning, and we are excited to share best practices with visitors. Please contact crystal@artsnowlearning.org for more information.

And The Reason We Do What We Do....

"Today, and every day before, CFIT has really been something I look forward to. I love all the teachers here, and how they teach us. I like the drawing, the acting, and the dancing. I really don't want to have such a long break until we come back again. I

also wish we got to stay here longer, and got to come more days of the week.

Being in CFIT is a gift I love to have, and I am excited to come back and discover what else we can learn. Being able to work in groups has also helped me. From making dances to acting in small skits, my partners have helped me with everything. I hope I do this until I get out of school. I mean it. I also hope that from the knowledge

I take away from this, I can be an actor or dancer.

In all, I love the idea of CFIT and what we get to do here!" -6th Grade Barrow County Student Referencing ArtsNow's Work at CFIT (Center for Innovative Teaching) in Winder, Georgia

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