



Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!

MARCH EDITION

Arts Advocacy Day in Clayton County

Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins had the wonderful opportunity to support Clayton County Public Schools Arts Advocacy Day on March 20, 2019. Arts Advocacy Day was designed to bring together the community, as well as to highlight the continued need for arts integration in public education. Dr. Monika Wiley arranged an incredible day of performing arts presentations and school visits; and Superintendent Dr. Morcease J. Beasley offered encouraging and supportive remarks regarding the importance of the arts in students' lives. ArtsNow is grateful for the continued partnership with Clayton County Public Schools!





Amazing Things Happening at CFIT in Barrow County

The students at the Center for Innovative Teaching (CFIT) had the opportunity to participate in two after school residencies with ArtsNow consultants. Shannon Green, visual arts consultant, and Whitney Snuggs, dance consultant, worked with middle and elementary school students to create experiences in the respective art forms. There was a culmination for families and friends during an evening event and the community turn-out was admirable! Parents and those who came out to support the students were incredibly proud. The students were able to demonstrate their learning through performances and public speaking presentations.





ArtsNow's newest Board Members, Neeraj Tolmare and Steve Mensch, spent time at CFIT to observe students in action as they learned from our consultants. Dr. Chris McMichael, Superintendent of Barrow County Schools, spoke to the importance of the arts and the ongoing partnership with ArtsNow.



Barrow Special Project

Shannon Green, visual arts consultant, has been working with 8th grade students as they create a project exploring color, light, transparent, translucent and opaque properties. Inspired by the work of Tom Fruin, students are transforming the hallway with a "stained glass" installation based on geometric shapes and design.





Advisory Council

We would like to thank our Advisory Council for their insight and wealth of knowledge as they provided feedback for our current and future work during our March meeting. A special thank you is extended to Georgia Tech for hosting us! The Advisory Council is a critical component for the organization and we greatly appreciate the time and forward thinking offered by all members. One important factor that was a direct result from this meeting, is that the ArtsNow newsletters will now be available on our website at www.artsnowlearning.org. We are aware that other interested parties may want access to the newsletters who are not

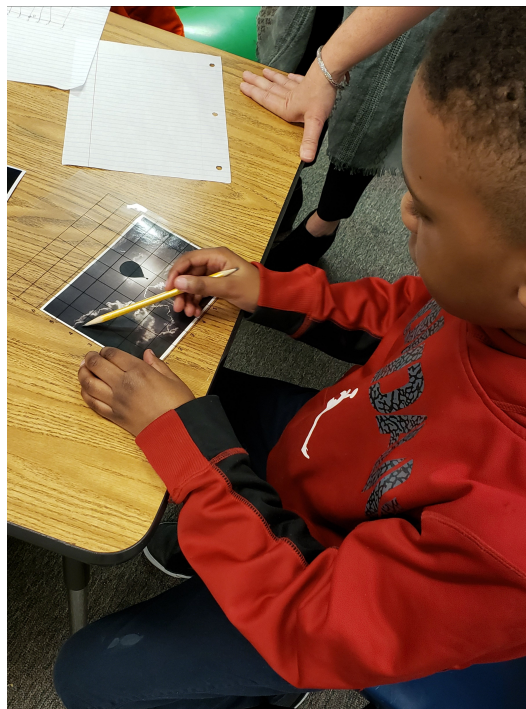
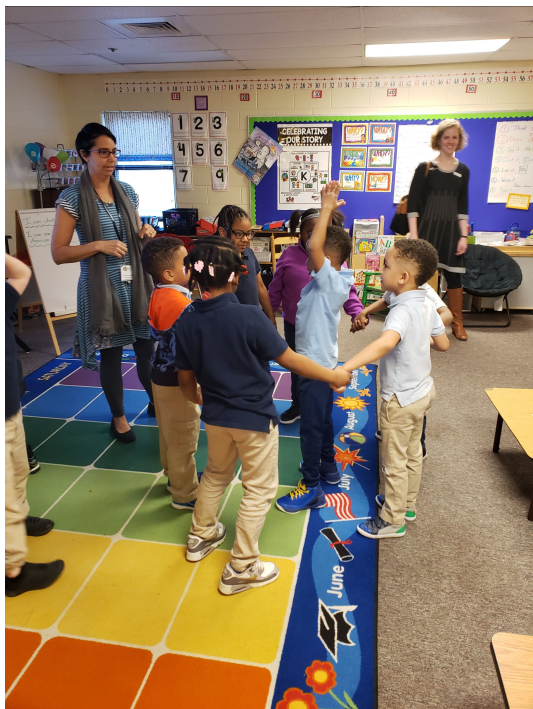
currently receiving them. We have now archived past newsletters and will update the website monthly as they become available.



Powder Spring Demonstration Day

The doors were open for a school site visit at Powder Springs Elementary School, located in Cobb County. ArtsNow President and CEO, Pamela Walker, and Powder Springs Principal, Debbie Broadnax, welcomed visitors who wanted to learn more about the amazing things happening at the school and about the continued partnership between Powder Springs and ArtsNow. We had a visitors ranging from teachers, to district level leaders, to new districts wanting to pursue a partnership, to parents who have been involved with the school for years. It was an amazing day for process observing and for dialogue amongst those who support authentic arts-integration.





ArtsNow's Foundational Seminar will be held at the Atlanta Botanical Garden June 10-12, 2019. Registration is currently open. Please contact Crystal Collins at crystal@artsnowlearning.org if you have any questions.

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