



Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!

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Foundational Seminar, June 2019

ArtsNow was able to work with over 150 educators from Georgia and South Carolina at the Atlanta Botanical Garden for three days this summer! This was an action-packed learning opportunity where educators were able to experience hands-on learning with lessons integrating visual arts, theater, dance, music, and digital arts with all content areas. Teachers of grades kindergarten through twelfth grade attended and left the seminar with ideas to implement in their lessons this school year! We'd like to thank all teachers, administrators, and district level leaders for making this one of the best Foundational Seminars we have ever had.





ArtsNow, in partnership with Georgia Council for the Arts, presented our first Teaching Artist Training Day designed for both veteran and new teaching artists. The training was free for all teaching artists and included both general and breakout sessions along with a network luncheon provided onsite. General sessions provided context for the important work of teaching artists in the state of Georgia and beyond. To support the advancement of each artists' craft, breakout session addressed key topics such as STEAM, arts integration, and 21st Century Skills in teaching and learning.

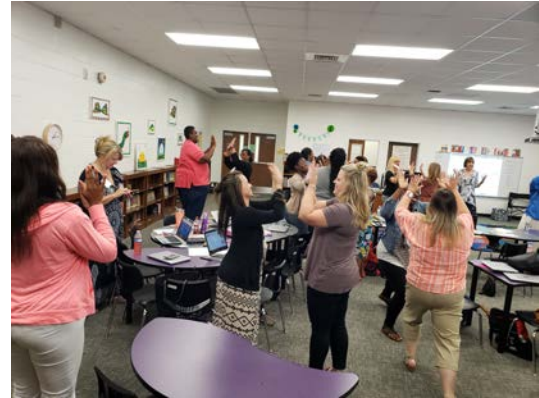




New Partnerships

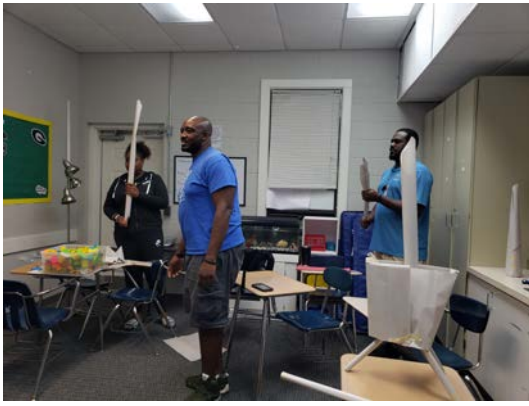
ArtsNow continues to grow our school-wide and district partnerships. We are excited to announce the addition of several Henry County schools (Fairview Elementary, Hampton Elementary, New Hope Elementary, and McDonough Middle), East Clayton Elementary in Clayton County, and Hephzibah Middle and Hephzibah High of Richmond County. The staff of each of these schools have already had arts-integrated experiences with our consultants and are introducing lessons to their students!





Professional Learning for New Teachers

Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins worked with new teacher teams from Hillside Conant in Atlanta Public Schools, and Powder Springs Elementary in Cobb County. These two schools have been ArtsNow Partner Schools for many years, and leadership is always cognizant with providing support for staff who are new to the school. We welcome the new staff and wish them a successful school year!



SmART Literacy Kick-off

The ArtsNow team traveled to Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina as we began providing arts integration professional development in the area of K-5 literacy. Last year, we were awarded a \$2.3 million federal AAEDD (Assistance for Arts Education Development and Dissemination) grant to support improvements in literacy through authentic arts integration. Angel Oak Elementary, Garrison School for the Arts, Heard Elementary, and Marshpoint Elementary all received full day professional learning focusing on visual arts, theater, dance, and/or digital arts. It was a great few days of learning, and we are continuing online planning sessions through Zoom. This is a four (4) year grant that will support over 150 teachers and thousands of students from Savannah Chatham and Charleston counties. Angel Oak Elementary has even begun the process of curriculum mapping with the support of ArtsNow and school level leadership. The journey has just begun with the grant, and it is already a huge success!



Other Updates and Information

- Powder Springs will host a school visit, October 3rd, beginning at 8:30. At the conclusion, all principals and district level leaders are invited to attend the Principals' Network Luncheon at 11:30. Please RSVP to Pamela Walker at pam@artsnowlearning.org.
- We met the second year of our three year \$100,000 challenge grant provided by a generous donor and supporter of the arts in education. The opportunity is in its last year, so please help us meet this challenge by visiting the Donate tab on www.artsnowlearning.org.
- Pamela Walker has been selected as a keynote speaker at the Ireland International Conference on Education (IICE) to present about student engagement and the role arts integration has with increasing 21st Century Skills. Congratulations, Pam!

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