



Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!

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GREAT THINGS HAVE HAPPENED THIS MONTH!

District Leadership Award

ArtsNow Learning awarded Barrow County School System (BCSS) with the District Leadership Award to celebrate our partnership of over 10 years.

President and CEO Pamela Walker said, "this partnership gives us the opportunity to take the creative and innovative ways we are positively impacting teaching and learning here in Barrow County to a national level."

Superintendent, Dr. Chris McMichael, accepted the award on behalf of Barrow County at the October Board Meeting.



Exciting Partnership in the Savannah-Chatham Region

ArtsNow Learning has a long standing partnership with the Center for Education Integrating Science, Math and Computing (CEISMC) at Georgia Tech. We are very pleased to announce an expansion of this partnership as we begin to grow in the southeast region of Georgia. Georgia Tech has a campus

in Pooler, Georgia, and ArtsNow Learning will have a satellite office housed at the location. This partnership has incredible potential as we continue to offer STEAM professional development opportunities with CEISMC leading the STEM components, and ArtsNow Learning leading the arts-integration strategies. Dr. Tamara Pearson, Pamela Walker, and Crystal Collins met with Diane Lee, Tim Cone, and Danyelle Sauers to discuss best practices and roll-out of our incredible opportunity! As well, we were able to tour a few schools that are already a part of ArtsNow Learning's AAEDD federal grant supporting three Savannah-Chatham schools.



Clayton County PDAE Grant Update

ArtsNow Learning continues as the lead partner with Clayton County Public Schools and their Professional Development for Arts Educators (PDAE) federal grant. This month, STEAM consultant Jeff Mather, offered professional development to the arts and math teachers, as well as student demonstration lessons at local schools. Dr. Tamara Pearson, from CEISMC, Dee Morris, ArtsNow Learning Curriculum Consultant, and Kathy Baker, PDAE Grant Coordinator from Clayton County, support the professional learning and offer strategies to increase math achievement through arts-integration. We are very excited to see the growth in academic achievement for the grant schools in Clayton County!



Henry County Schools

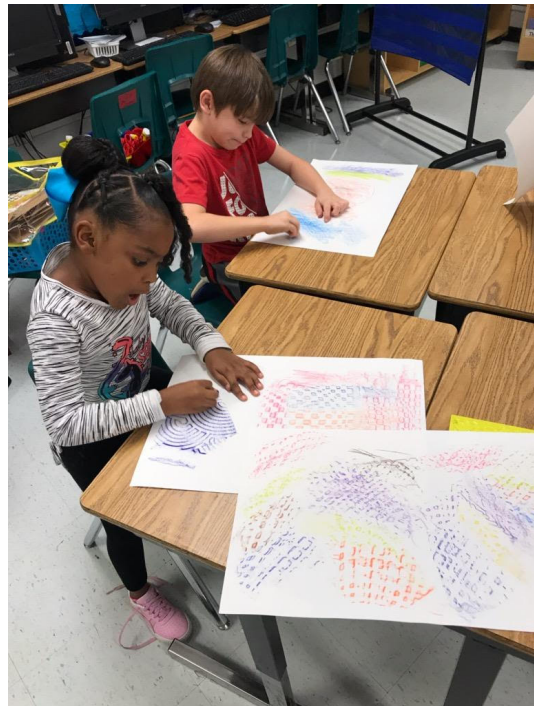
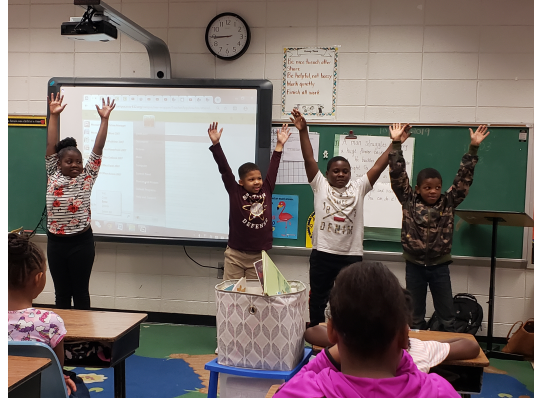
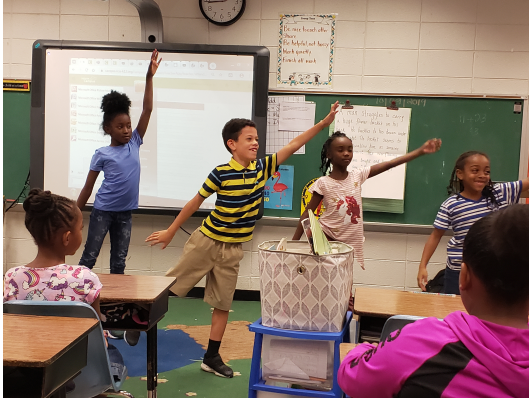
ArtsNow Learning remains very excited about our partnership with Henry County Schools. We are currently supporting four schools: Fairview Elementary School, Hampton Elementary School, New Hope Elementary School, and McDonough Middle School. The delivery model for Henry includes teacher professional learning in a particular art form, followed up with student demonstration lessons at each individual school in that same art form. During the month of October theater consultant, Susie Spear Purcell, provided theater strategies to be integrated into the content areas of math, language arts, science, and social studies. Susie did an amazing job of meeting each schools' needs and the students really enjoyed her lessons. Les Conley, ArtsNow Curriculum Consultant, is doing a great job of supporting this partnership. We are so thankful to have Les and Susie as part of our team!

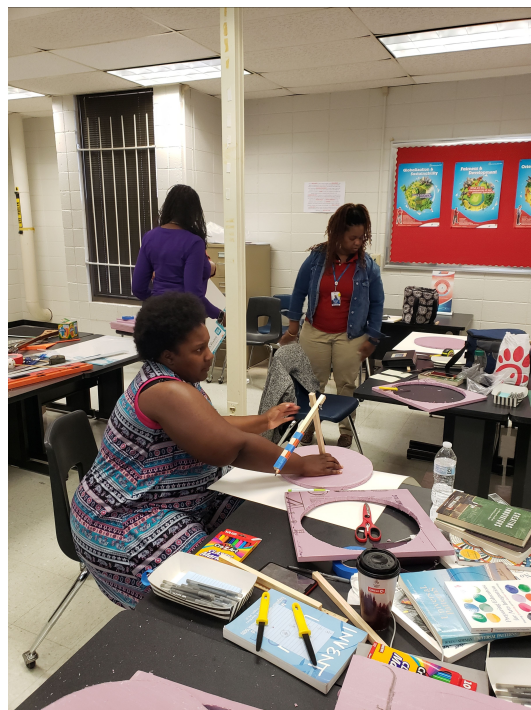
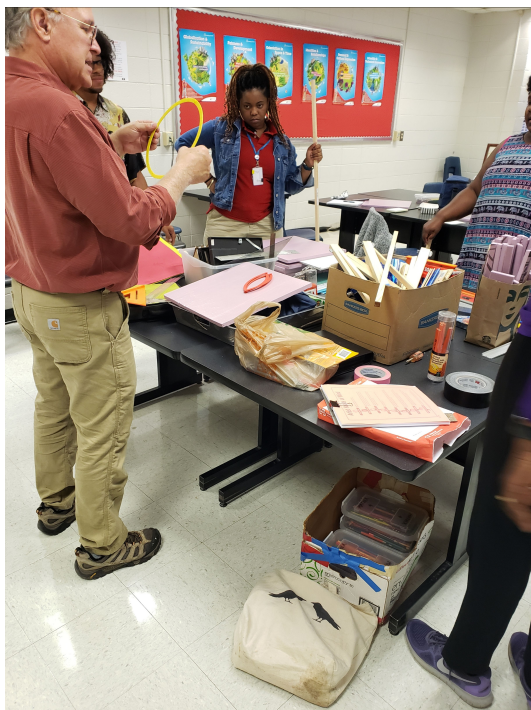


Richmond County, Georgia

October was a very busy month for teachers and students in Hephzibah, Georgia. Our consultant team was able to provide two full days of demonstration lessons and planning sessions at each of the elementary schools. As well, we provided professional learning experiences for the middle and high school teacher leader teams. At Willis Foreman Elementary School, Whitney Snuggs and Crystal Collins supported teachers and students with dance integration strategies. Shannon Green, visual arts consultant, and Shawn Williams integrated visual arts strategies with the teachers and students at Hephzibah Elementary School. Music consultant, Darlene Guida, and Pamela Walker were at Goshen Elementary providing music integration strategies to the staff and students. While in Hephzibah, Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins were able to meet with Dr. Malinda Cobb, Lynwood Holmes, and all of the project principals at a luncheon sponsored by the donors who are supporting this initiative. We remain thankful for the Chestnut Family

Foundation and the support they are providing the children of Hephzibah, Georgia!





Cobb County School District

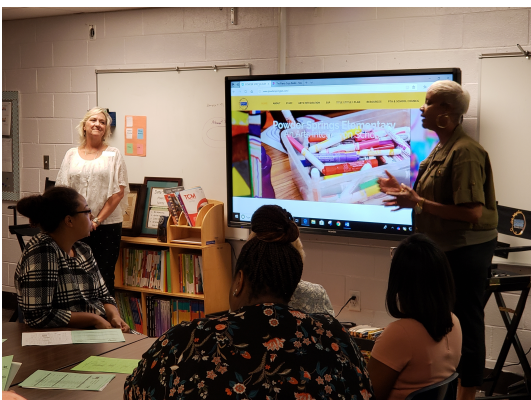
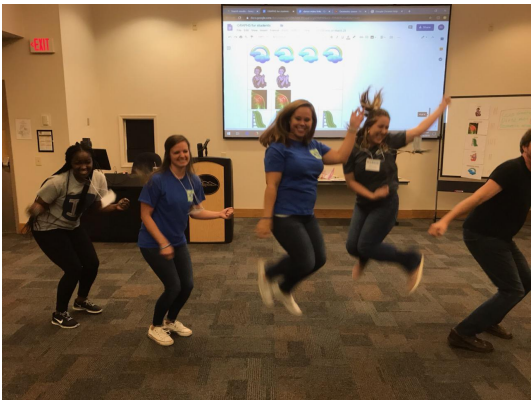
ArtsNow Learning is honored to continue expanding and deepening our partnership with Cobb County School District and we had a busy month of professional learning with schools across the district.

We kicked off the first of four days of training for the Cobb County STEAM Innovation Series with Melissa Ditmar Joy providing three different professional learning sessions addressing the integration of dance and movement with math and science. Throughout the day, over 100 educators from 30 different schools were in attendance.

ArtsNow Learning also facilitated the first of four days of training for the Cobb County Arts Integration Series with Shannon Green providing two half-day professional learning sessions focused on visual arts integration. We worked with 63 teachers, who teach kindergarten through 12th grade.

Powder Springs Elementary, an ArtsNow Learning Leadership School, had a Demonstration of Learning Day where educators and leaders from across the state were invited to tour the school and observe arts integration in action. With overwhelming interest, 82 guests participated in this learning opportunity. In addition, ArtsNow Learning hosted a Principals' Network Luncheon to continue supporting leaders who are embracing arts integration efforts in their local

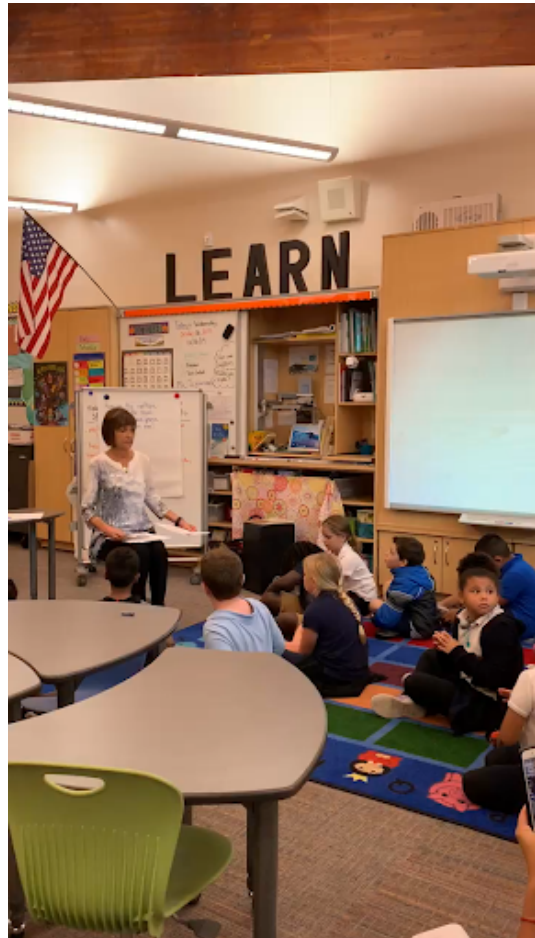
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Charleston, SC

Music consultant, Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White, presented music and literacy integrated lessons at our AAEDD federal grant school, Angel Oak Elementary School in Charleston, SC. As part of the two days she spent with teachers and students, she was able to provide demonstration lessons in K-5 classrooms and was able to plan with all K-5 teachers. The grant provides the opportunity for teachers to learn arts integration strategies to support student success in literacy.



Arts in Education Conference

ArtsNow Learning was represented by Project Coordinator Whitney Snuggs, Angel Oak Elementary principal Judith Condon with liaison Katie Erickson, and ArtsNow Regional Director Shawn Williams at the Arts in Education Conference in Washington, DC. This conference is offered to all federal grant awardees as a means to network, to learn from one another, to share best practices, and to receive updates from the federal government pertaining to the grant regulations. We were well represented by our team and they all brought back great ideas for continuing successful implementation of our AAEDD grant.



Ireland International Conference on Education

President and CEO, Pamela Walker, was an invited keynote speaker for the Ireland International Conference on Education (IICE) in Dublin, Ireland. Pamela's presentation was about using authentic arts integration to support student engagement and 21st century skills. Pam's speaking time was extended due to the audience's desire to learn more through a question and answer session at the end of her keynote. ArtsNow Learning is so proud of Pam's ongoing ambassadorship for using the arts in education. Using her national and international platforms have allowed her to share about all of our school and district projects, grants, and key partnerships with worldwide

constituencies. Representatives at IICE were from South Africa, England, Canada, Portugal, Spain, Malaysia, United States of America, Saudi Arabia, Korea, Ireland, and France just to name a few. The international interest of arts in education is at an all-time high, and Pam was able to present ideas and strategies that participants would be able to take back to their respective institutions.



National Young Audiences Arts for Learning Conference

Board Chair Carol McGrevin, her husband Gene McGrevin, Pamela Walker, and Crystal Collins attended the National Young Audiences Arts for Learning Conference in New York. This was an excellent time to learn from other national affiliates of YA and to share what ArtsNow Learning is doing as well.

Pam was part of a panel discussion for AAEDD grant awards and presented updates from our SmART Literacy grant thus far. The annual gala is part of this

conference where Joel Marsh Garland from "Orange is the New Black" was a guest speaker who shared how the arts influenced his life.



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