



Newsletter | September 2023
Read how we have brought learning to life this month!

Hephzibah, Georgia: Deer Chase Elementary and Hephzibah Elementary

ArtsNOW would like to welcome our newest partner, Deer Chase Elementary School in Hephzibah, Georgia. Deer Chase is beginning a new partnership with us as students, who formerly attended Willis Foreman Elementary School, have been rezoned to the school. They had a team attend Foundational Seminar this summer, and we began professional learning and student demonstration lessons this month. One of our visual arts consultants, Katy Betts, provided arts integrated strategies for both educators and students. We are extremely proud to continue the work in the Hephzibah community!

ArtsNOW was also at Hephzibah Elementary integrating music strategies. During professional learning sessions, teachers were introduced to music vocabulary (such as tempo, rhythm, and dynamics) while learning to use boomwhackers in their curriculum. Dr. Yoder-White guided pre-K through 5th grade students to use body percussion and found sounds while learning about states of matter, colors, and shapes through music. The teachers and students at Hephzibah were excited to integrate music with what they were learning in class.





Demonstration of Learning Day: **Angel Oak Elementary**

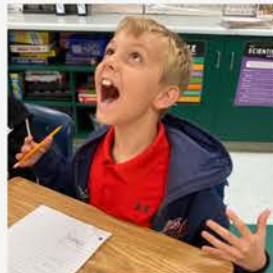
Each month, an ArtsNOW Leadership School invites educators and leaders to see arts-integration strategies in the classroom. Angel Oak Elementary School hosted our September Demonstration of Learning Day, where Principal Judith Condon shared incredible insights for leading an arts-integrated school. Guests visited classrooms and were inspired by the seamless integration of academic and arts standards in every lesson.

>> [Register now for our upcoming Demonstration of Learning Days](#) to experience a day of inspiration for yourself and your team!



MedTech7 Grant: **Beaufort, SC**

ArtsNOW partnered with seven (7) schools in Beaufort County as the professional learning provider for their federally funded MedTech7 grant. We had multiple consultants on site at several of the schools this month. Teachers and students will rotate through all four (4) art forms at various times in the year. We are very grateful for this partnership and are excited to support arts-integration in Beaufort County!



STEM + the Art of Integrated Learning (SAIL): Focus Institute

September, in Savannah, has been inspiring! Our first Focus Institute, led by Visual Arts Consultant Shannon Green, had participants creating fashionable headpieces while examining relevant content connections in their work. With ArtsNOW's support, teachers continue to build upon strategies learned in the classroom. Students were empowered and engaged in math and science as they strengthened their understanding through the arts. From arrays to moon phases, there was never a dull moment.



Principal Dissemination Retreat: Savannah, Georgia

As part of our federally funded grant, SmART Literacy, dissemination is a requirement for sustainability. ArtsNOW invited the Savannah partner school principals to meet with their respective dissemination school principals in order to discuss the plan for sustainability, now that the grant is concluded. We engaged in a collaborative paint pour, which was used to represent the many layers of the ArtsNOW journey, the grant, data results, and the role of the leadership position to ensure a successfully implemented grant with sustainability.



Reimagining and Accelerating Literacy through Arts Integration (REALAI): Focus Institutes & Demonstration Days

All six schools of our Reimagining and Accelerating Literacy through Arts Integrations (REALAI) federal grant jumped into the school year with learning through the arts. East Clayton Elementary School created spiral mobiles to display literacy themes; others created mosaics to react to themes in stories read aloud. Faculty at Forest Hills Elementary and Lake City Early Childhood Center for the Arts created a mural through collaborative poem-making. Colleton County students made comic strips inspired by the stories they were reading from their anthology, while others wrote stories by creating a beginning and end to Pablo Picasso's art which was the middle of their stories.



Colleton County Schools also hosted Art Under the Stars, where students and parents rotated through art-inspired stations to explore the universe. ArtsNOW was highlighted as a partner to help facilitate learning through the arts.



ArtsNOW Partnership with Anderson School District 5 Expands: Anderson, SC

ArtsNOW led teachers to engage their students through the lens of drama. Teachers learned about theatre strategies like statues and tableau. At Calhoun Academy of the Arts, teachers explored the Tiny Doors art project in Atlanta to begin the story-telling process. Teachers collaborated about integrating this strategy into different content areas, like habitats, historical moments, and fictional literature. Through "See, Think, Wonder," the class explored artist Jae Yong Kim, who sculpts realistic clay doughnuts. Students created a doughnut drawing and arrays supporting the math standards.



ArtsNOW Partnership: Greenville County

Ellen Woodside Elementary School enjoyed ArtsNOW Music Consultant, Rue Lee-Holmes, who inspired teachers and administrators to tap into their musical talents to integrate music standards into their classrooms. Teachers learned to integrate music using the learning target: "I can make sound effects with my voice." Fourth and fifth graders studying memoirs listened to music, wrote down sounds they remembered from the first day of school, and created soundscapes from these memories.





Holly Springs-Motlow Enters Second Year of Partnership with ArtsNOW: Spartanburg, SC

Using "See, Think, Wonder" with Charleston's contemporary artist, Tate Nation, teachers created journals to capture their learning and review the elements of art. Second graders created a collage of U.S. symbols inspired by South Carolina artist Jasper Johns, using red, white, and blue paper and textiles. Fifth grade students used research of the Industrial Revolution to create a cityscape collage using a darker color palette, allowing the textured and shiny paper to make the artwork come to life.



New Partnership Begins with Sanders-Clyde Elementary: Charleston, SC

ArtsNOW Music Consultant, Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White, commenced our new partnership with Sanders-Clyde Elementary School in Charleston. Dr. White worked with grade level teams to share elements of music that apply to primary and elementary classrooms, such as dynamics, tempo, steady beat, rhythm, and timbre. She facilitated lessons integrating a variety of content areas and music strategies. For example, third graders created body percussion fractions in math, while fifth grade students explored social change and famous athletes; creating rhythmic speech compositions to remember significant concepts.



Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC): School District of Newberry County

Thanks to our ongoing partnership with ABC, ArtsNOW is providing professional learning for eight (8) schools in Newberry County. Drama Consultant, Barry Stewart Mann, worked with 36 arts and content teachers to learn about integrating drama and theatre standards in their curriculum. Barry also conducted student demonstration lessons at each of the schools over the course of four days. We are very excited about this new partnership and look forward to being back soon.





ArtsNOW loves connecting with partners to advance the arts in education. Our executive team traveled to Portland, Oregon, for the Arts Education Partnership annual convening. [Check it out!](#)

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