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We bring learning to life.



Hello friends!

It's hard to believe it's March! The school year is going by fast, but we still have plenty to celebrate and accomplish!

One celebration is Youth Art Month, in which we bring visual arts to the forefront of the conversation. The goal of this month is to gain recognition of art as a necessary element of students' total education, to teach the value of art education for critical thinking skills, to increase government funding, and more!

At ArtsNOW, we celebrate youth art every day with our visual arts-integrated strategies. We know all too well that arts integration is necessary in schools for student engagement and learning. Here are just a few of the ways we incorporate visual arts:

- We love pairing visual arts with math to enhance math fluency and geometric concepts;
- Our students enjoy learning science by integrating visual arts standards into science experiments;
- We inspire student understanding of ELA components by incorporating visual story telling techniques; and
- Visual arts enriches social studies when we bring historical events and figures to life through creative and artistic expression!

In celebration of Youth Art Month, we invite you to keep reading to discover how we're bringing visual arts-integrated strategy (and more!) to our partner schools.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Walker".

President & CEO

## Celebrate Youth Art Month With Us!

**Young Artists Take Center Stage  
with Our Arts-Integrated Strategies!**



## A PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES

### TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR RECENT SCHOOL VISIT!

One of our amazing consultants, Katy, recently stopped by Asa Hilliard Elementary School to provide customized visual arts-integrated strategies, guidance, and demonstrations.

This visit was made possible because in 2021, Learn4Life named ArtsNOW as an Early Literacy Bright Spot. **This is an honor that recognizes our "uncommon success in raising a key outcome along the cradle to career continuum."**

Thanks to the generous donation from a private donor, ArtsNOW has been able to provide two-year grants to four metro Atlanta schools that showed a need for literacy intervention. Asa Hilliard Elementary is one of those four schools.

It has been an honor to champion the cause for literacy with a visual arts component! Each visit just like this one has met with excitement and eagerness to learn from all students.

**"I really enjoyed this PLC! I loved that you kept our attention and smiles upon our faces."**

- 5th Grade Teacher, Asa Hilliard Elementary School

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## MEET SHANNON GREEN

### OUR VISUAL ARTS SUPERSTAR CONSULTANT

Shannon is a former museum educator at the High Museum of Art. In 2005, she co-founded the Indie Craft Experience, a well-known company in the Atlanta art community that featured hundreds of local, regional and national artists.

As a veteran consultant, **Shannon loves including STEAM challenges, project-based learning, and art installation work to get students excited about large-scale projects that include integrated content.**

Shannon holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and studio art, and is certified by the National Center for Montessori Education. When she's not working with students and teachers, she loves immersing herself in different cultures and pushing her creative boundaries! She also enjoys hiking, being outdoors, and traveling frequently within the U.S. and around the world!

Want to see Shannon in action? Stop by our [Instagram page](#) where you can see the smiles, laughter, and fun she brought to a professional learning day at Lula Elementary School!

**"The presentation was great! The students were very engaged. . . . [T]he presenters were very knowledgeable."**

- Bryant Park Elementary Teacher, after a visit with Shannon Green

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## DIVE INTO SYMBOLISM & IMAGERY

WITH OUR VISUAL ARTS-INTEGRATED LEARNING RESOURCE

Hey teachers! Do you need a fun ELA lesson this month? Take a closer look at [our resource section](#) where you can find, "Communicating through Self Portraits," for grades 2 and 3.

In this lesson, students will explore the idea of symbolism and imagery to create self-portraits. With a strong ELA component, students will analyze and communicate the main and supporting ideas of a text, and write their own narrative focusing on effective technique, descriptive details, and sequential events.

This is a fantastic resource that leads to wonderful group discussion and engagement!

"I like that I was able to see how arts integration and the vocabulary that comes with it aligns with what I'm doing and how it is fun to integrate."

-1st Grade Teacher, A.C. Moore Elementary

GET THE RESOURCE

## YOUR CONTRIBUTION MATTERS!



ArtsNOW creates customized plans for our partner schools. Whether the focus is on ELA, science, math, social studies, or a combination of these, we incorporate fun and hands-on lessons into the existing curriculum using dance, visual arts, theatre, music and digital arts. **The result? Students are engaged, teachers are excited, and administrators are happy!**

**If you're a principal or district leader, contact us today to learn how to become an ArtsNOW partner school!**

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