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Read how we have brought learning to life this month!

ArtsNOW Concludes Year One with Arts Grow SC: South Carolina

This month marks the final sessions in our first year of partnership with Arts Grow SC, a division of the South Carolina Arts Commission.

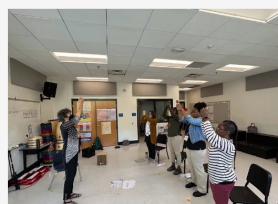
Through this partnership, ArtsNOW has been able to provide arts integrated professional learning to twelve (12) schools in seven (7) counties across the state of South Carolina. Each school had sessions in each of the four art forms: dance, music, theatre, and visual arts. The teachers have built a strong foundation in arts integration, and will build on this learning next year.

Planning for year two has already begun! We look forward to continuing our work with these twelve (12) schools and are working to add several more schools, as well. We welcome Cannons Elementary (Spartanburg 3) and Centerville Elementary and Homeland Park Primary (Anderson 5)! All schools will send teams of teachers and administrators to our summer Foundational Seminar. Stay tuned for our next partner schools in this amazing learning community!



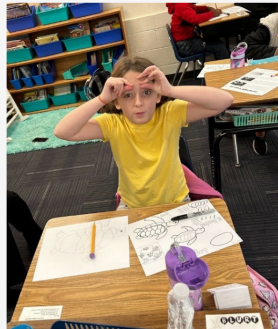
ArtsNOW and Learn4Life: Kay Pace School of the Arts

ArtsNOW Music Consultant, Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White, visited Kay Pace School of the Arts in Clayton County, GA. Kay Pace is one of the ArtsNOW and Learn4Life partner schools receiving funding from the Chestnut Family Foundation. Our focus has been collaborating with new teachers to the school as we implement arts integration in reading and mathematics. This month, students in first grade learned about telling time, students in fifth grade created rhythmic speech patterns to express their understanding of the moral of a fable, and third grade students created rhythms and rhythmic speech to reinforce the main idea and sequence of a story. We look forward to continuing this partnership next year!



L.W. Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet and ArtsNOW Partnership: **Columbia, SC**

ArtsNOW would like to welcome our newest Visual Arts Consultant, Taylor Spreeuwes, who shared visual arts integration strategies with teachers at L.W. Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet in Columbia, SC. Teachers participated in professional learning and created an original piece of artwork featuring the state tree, the Palmetto. The second day of the project, students learned about the relationship between the sun and moon, the life cycle of a turtle, measurement, geometry, characters, setting, and much more through visual arts integration during student demonstration lessons. A team from Conder has already registered for Foundational Seminar in Columbia, SC, and we are so excited to move to the next tier of our partnership next year!



Allendale Elementary School: Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Partnership

ArtsNOW Regional Director, Shawn Williams, and Music Consultant, Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White, supported Allendale Elementary School as part of our partnership with ABC. Maribeth shared music integration strategies with teachers and students. Some participants used rhythmic speech to retell a story and sequence events, while others created word chains and soundscapes to understand the main idea of a story and new vocabulary. In first grade, students used patterns and steady beat to tell time. It was a great two (2) days in Allendale, SC, and we are eager to know how the strategies will support teaching and learning in other content areas in the future.





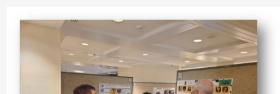
Barrow County Board of Education Meeting: Highlighting Teacher Leaders

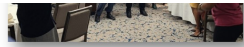
ArtsNOW President and CEO, Pamela Walker, and Regional Director, Shawn Williams, attended April's Barrow County School System Board of Education Meeting to recognize the teachers who have successfully completed the three (3) year ArtsNOW Professional Learning Residency at the Center for Innovative Teaching. The residency program began in 2017, and since then, twenty seven (27) educators have completed the residency and have received over 100 hours of professional learning. Graduates are considered to be ArtsNOW Teacher Leaders due to their leadership with arts integration within their schools, the district, as well as in other districts. Barrow County's Superintendent, Dr. Chris McMichael, was also presented the ArtsNOW District Leadership Award in recognition and appreciation for our district partnership. We continue to look forward to growing more opportunities for the students and teachers of Barrow County!



Assistance for Arts Education (AAE) Conference: Washington, DC

Pamela Walker, Crystal Collins, Shawn Williams, and Dr. Melinda Mollette attended the AAE 2023 Directors Convening "Creative Collaborations: Partnering through an Artful Education" in Washington, DC. This was the first in-person conference we have been able to attend with AAE in three (3) years, and it was incredible being back together again! We had several days to learn from other grant recipients and to share the successes we have had as a grantee. There were over 120 participants from 19 states and territories who attended. We were able to hear student performances from the Duke Ellington Jazz Ensemble and the City Neighbors High School Percussion Ensemble. Having time to meet with our program officer was invaluable, and the collaborations with other arts organizations was amazing. ArtsNOW left the conference incredibly proud, as our work was highlighted several times. We look forward to next year's conference and being able to share results from our grant schools.





ArtsNOW's Foundational Seminars in Georgia and South Carolina are filling up quickly. Please let Crystal Collins know if you plan on registering and have not done so by emailing her at crystal@artsnowlearning.org. The Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia has reached capacity, so please use the links emailed to participants to register at the Hampton Inn. Atlanta's hotel still has a few rooms remaining. We look forward to seeing everyone in June!

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