



Newsletter | August 2023

Read how we have brought learning to life this month!

ArtsNOW Consultant Meeting: Winder, Georgia

ArtsNOW has assembled a talented group of consultants who work to equip educators with the necessary tools to integrate the arts and engage students. With a focus on the creative process, our consultants help to foster strong skills in communication and collaboration among students and teachers. ArtsNOW gathered consultants for an all day event to energize the team as the school year begins. It was not just a day of processes and procedures; rather, it was a day of team building, reflecting, and sharing. Consultants worked in teams to generate ideas and consider best practices in the unique role they serve. ArtsNOW's consultant team is motivated and passionate about the power of arts in education. We look forward to sharing the amazing work consultants do with students and teachers each and every day throughout the school year!



ArtsNOW and Arts Grow SC: Kick-offs for Three New Schools

ArtsNOW welcomed three (3) new schools to our Arts Grow SC partnership: Berea Elementary (Greenville County), Cannons Elementary (Spartanburg 3) and H.E. Bonner Elementary (Berkeley County). In these kick-off sessions, Regional Director, Regi Strickland, gave an overview of arts integration and facilitated a few arts integration activities with school staff. Teams of teachers collaborated to brainstorm creative writing pieces, inspired by visual arts. They worked in teams to create 3D sculptures depicting different types of relationships. Regi gave an outline of the year-long partnership, explaining the format of professional learning and demonstration lessons integrating the arts. We look forward to beginning our professional learning with these schools!





ArtsNOW and South Carolina Elementary School Partnerships: **Cannons, Midway, and North Central**

ArtsNOW Drama Consultant, Barry Stewart Mann, helped get the school year started at Cannons Elementary (Spartanburg, SC) with drama integration. The first day, Barry worked with grade level teams and leadership, guiding them through drama vocabulary and strategies for integration. Teachers participated in a variety of theatre games that could be adapted and integrated into other content areas. The second day, Barry facilitated a variety of arts-integrated lessons for each grade level. Lessons included characterization and improvisation with place value, interactive read-alouds with characterization, and tableaux highlighting vocabulary words.

North Central Elementary and Midway Elementary, in Kershaw County, SC, began year two of their partnership with ArtsNOW. Both schools sent teams of teachers and administrators to ArtsNOW's Foundational Seminar this summer. We will work to build upon the foundations of arts integration that were laid last year. Teachers will continue to learn new strategies in each art form throughout the year. Barry Stewart Mann, ArtsNOW Drama Consultant, led these sessions at both schools. Teachers and leadership learned about, and participated in, a variety of theatre games during their professional learning sessions. During demonstration lessons, Barry modeled integrated lessons in math, social studies, and ELA. The teachers, leadership, and support staff were able to process-observe the lessons and saw drama integration strategies in action with their students.



ArtsNOW Residency: **Barrow County**

ArtsNOW began the sixth year of our Professional Learning Residency in the Barrow County School System. This year's residency will again welcome twenty-four (24) teachers from seven (7) schools in the district. The residency will impact more than 300 students in grades 3 through 8. Barrow County teachers started the residency with planning sessions with the consultants before the first student lesson visit. Students and teachers in the residency will be engaged in music, dance, theatre, and visual arts integrated strategies over the course of the year.





Grant Kickoffs: Reimagining and Accelerating Literacy through Arts Integration

ArtsNOW continued kick-offs for our Reimagining and Accelerating Literacy through Arts Integration (REALAI) grant for the 2023 -2024 school year with four schools: East Clayton Elementary School in Clayton County, Georgia as well as Cottageville Elementary, Northside Elementary, and Forest Hills Elementary, all in Colleton County, South Carolina. Educators from each school engaged in lessons to inspire arts integration in areas of literacy. Teachers participated in movement and dancing using props to integrate literacy concepts led by Melissa Joy. Shannon Green set the stage as many walked the runway wearing Asya Kozina-inspired hats they created to highlight character traits. Barry Stewart Mann had everyone up and moving as we pantomimed and voiced activities that had teachers thinking as characters in books. Educators worked together to create dances in Julie Baggenstoss' sessions to showcase events in teachers' favorite stories. The visual thinking strategy, "See, Think, Wonder", led by Katy Betts, allowed everyone to revisit the elements of art while exploring an ancient mosaic. Teachers created mosaics that were inspired by the imagery reflected in a folktale. The kick-offs provided inspiration to continue integrating the arts into their daily lessons. We look forward to visiting each REALAI grant school in the coming months to give more opportunities for teacher engagement and student learning.



Mini-Foundational: Beaufort County, SC

ArtsNOW is proud to announce that we are partnering with seven (7) schools in Beaufort County as the professional learning provider for their federally funded MedTech7 grant. As part of this partnership, we offered the middle and high schools the opportunity to participate in a local, abbreviated Foundational Seminar for those who could not attend June's seminar in Columbia (due to graduations). Pamela Walker provided the overview and led the general sessions, while the arts consultants introduced arts-integrated strategies in their respective artforms. Each of the schools also scheduled their three-day sessions of professional learning for each quarter. We are so excited about this partnership and are very thankful for Beaufort County School District!





Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School: Florence School District 3

We continue our partnership with Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School in Florence School District 3, thanks to generous funding from the Chestnut Family Foundation. Barry Stewart Mann worked with teachers and students integrating drama strategies as part of professional learning and student demonstration lessons. Barry's lessons included drama-focused lessons with place value, African folktales, characterization, and counting just to name a few! ArtsNOW appreciates the long standing partnership we have with Olanta Elementary!



Brown's Ferry Elementary School: Georgetown, SC

As part of a federal magnet grant received by Georgetown County School District, we are partnering with Brown's Ferry Elementary to provide arts-integrated professional learning and student lessons. Theatre Consultant, Susie Spear Purcell, introduced pantomime, tableau, and other theatre strategies that teachers could immediately implement in their classrooms. Students enjoyed mirroring and learning about mimes as part of their literacy instruction. Other students created tableaux as part of their science standards. The level of collaboration and creativity demonstrated at Brown's Ferry was amazing! ArtsNOW looks forward to our partnership and all that we will accomplish together!



ArtsNOW Demonstration of Learning Days...
are scheduled for the year. The first dates are fast approaching, so please be sure to
sign up right away! You can join us by registering using the following link:
<https://artsnowlearning.org/demonstration-of-learning-day-registration/>

ArtsNOW is excited to be a partner with Palmetto State Arts Education (PSAE) for
the Annual Arts Integration Conference this fall!

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PSAE Arts Integration Conference

October 9-10, 2023

link for registration: <https://www.palmettoartsed.org/registration.html>



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