

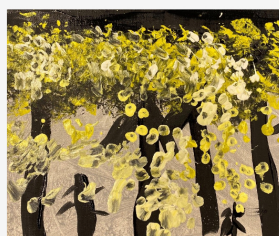


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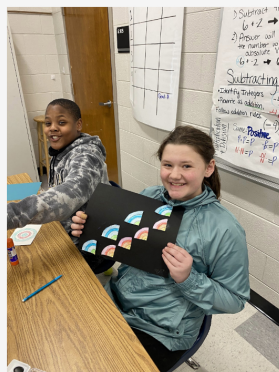
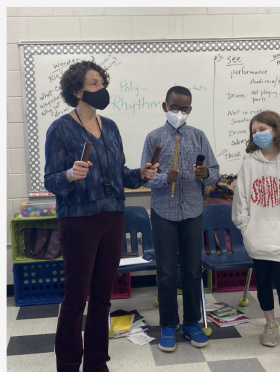
Read how we have brought learning to life this month!

ArtsNOW STEAM Nights and Residencies in Barrow County

The ArtsNOW STEAM Nights are continuing to be a huge success in Barrow County, Georgia. ArtsNOW Barrow Teacher Leaders, Ashley Bailey and Laura Payne, are facilitating monthly STEAM camps at the Center for Innovative Teaching. The camps are made possible through our partnership with the Barrow County School System. Students explored circuitry as they created greeting cards that were "electric". They also used a variety of found materials to create visual representations of trees in nature as we all look forward to spring!



ArtsNOW and the Arts and Innovation Magnet (AIM) Program invited music consultant, Peggy Benkeser, to visit the Center for Innovative Teaching. Ms. Benkeser observed the ArtsNOW Professional Learning Residency and facilitated arts integrated demonstration lessons to students in the AIM Program. Sixth grade students participated in a music integrated lesson related to their studies of Brazil, and studied the influence of West Africa on Brazilian music. Seventh grade students created Frank Stella inspired paintings during their exploration of circles. We are so glad that Peggy is a part of our team!

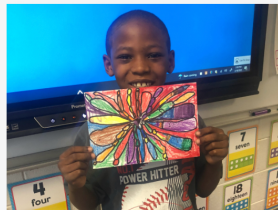


Multiple Arts Integrated Residencies in Hephzibah, Georgia

March was a very busy month in Hephzibah, Georgia. Every week, there was at least one residency occurring! Kindergarten and first grade students at Goshen Elementary School were able to participate in a four day visual arts and music residency with Debi West, thanks to the generosity of the Chestnut Family Foundation. The kindergarten residency was based on the song "We All Live Together". Students learned about the importance of a community and how all of us are unique and have special gifts. This was demonstrated by each student making their own unique hand print. Students then became

each student making their own unique hand print. Students then became architects and used math shapes to construct a house that was part of a community within a city. The residency concluded with students learning about the counties in the state of Georgia that make up the United States of America.

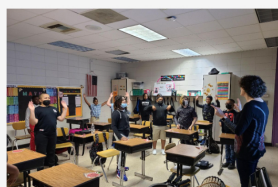
The first grade residency was based on Harry Chapin's song, "*Flowers Are Red*". Parts of a plant were introduced and students drew flowers from the perspective of a bird to create a flower garden collage. Students then examined the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and used mathematic scale and proportion to enlarge their original work of art. Students used warm and cool colors in their pieces to emphasize there are so many colors in the world. The pieces of authentic art are displayed at Goshen for the community to enjoy.



Students at Willis Foreman Elementary and Hephzibah Elementary learned about drumming techniques from around the world with Dave Holland, music consultant, as they participated in drumming circles. Students also got to explore literacy through rhythm, pitch, tone, timbre, and qualities of sound through soundscaping [The Great Kapok Tree](#).



Music consultant, Peggy Benkeser, facilitated student demonstration lessons at Willis Foreman Elementary School. Students in kindergarten through fifth grades had ELA, math, science, and/or social studies standards integrated with music as teachers process observed as part of their professional learning.



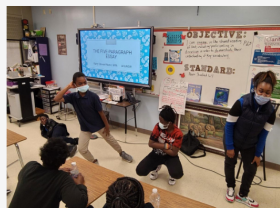


Students at Hephzibah Elementary School had ArtsNOW visual arts consultant, Shannon Green, facilitate a kindergarten and first grade residency as students studied quilts created by artist Marla Varner. They explored shapes, lines, color, and texture. Students then used shapes and lines to create quilt squares using paper and oil pastels. A "quilt" will be installed in the hallway using the students' pieces of authentic art.



Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Partnership Thrives in Beaufort, SC

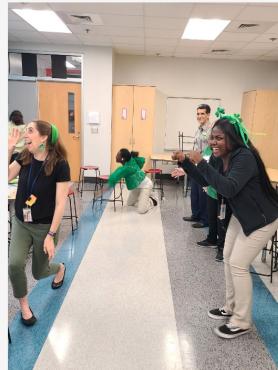
March offered ArtsNOW the opportunity to continue our partnership with ABC, as we supported professional learning in Beaufort County, SC. There are seven (7) schools involved in the partnership, and we facilitated both drama and music integration this month. Barry Stewart Mann, drama consultant, and Dr. Maribeth Yoder White, music consultant, worked with students and teachers integrating their art forms across the curriculum. Barry presented lessons that integrated literacy using the "imaginary journey" for kindergartners all the way to fifth graders who learned how to use drama strategies while writing the five paragraph essay. Maribeth worked with teachers to introduce music strategies in a district wide professional learning session and will work with students the week of April 4th-7th at each of the seven (7) schools.





North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School in Charleston, SC

ArtsNOW is so excited to be back in partnership with North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School! Anne Marie Murphy, the principal of NCCAE, contacted ArtsNOW to continue our partnership that was in place several years ago with the previous administrative team. Our visions align with moving the school forward with professional learning in each of the art forms. Barry Stewart Mann kicked off our newly established three-year partnership with renewed energy and drama integration strategies at a school-wide professional learning session, followed by student demonstration lessons and collaborative planning with all grade levels. Teachers provided current content standards at each grade so that Barry's drama integrated lessons were timely and succinct with teaching and learning.

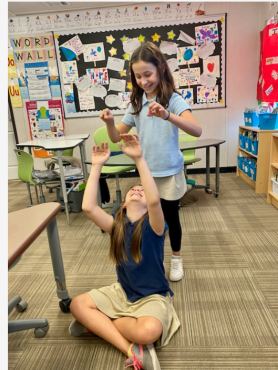
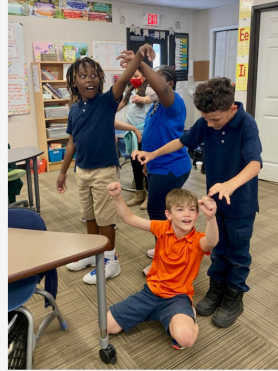
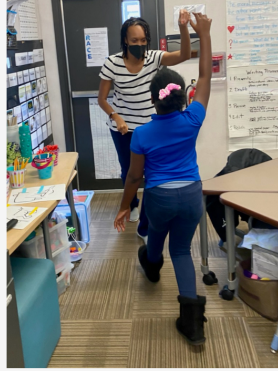


ArtsNOW's SmART Literacy Grant

ArtsNOW would like to thank Heard Elementary (GA), Marshpoint Elementary (GA), Garrison School for the Arts (GA), and Angel Oak Elementary (SC), for their continued partnership as we enter our final year of

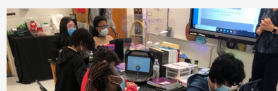
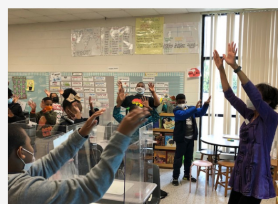
our AAEDD federal grant. We would also like to congratulate Heard Elementary for receiving their STEAM certification from the state of Georgia! ArtsNOW has been a partner with Heard for years, and receiving this recognition has been a longstanding goal. Whitney Snuggs represented ArtsNOW on the panel review, and we are so proud of all the hard work the teachers, administrators, and students did to achieve this goal!

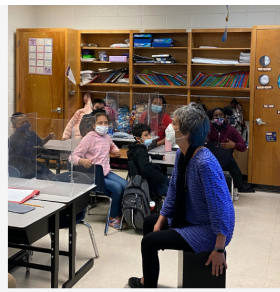
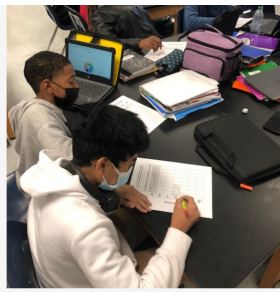
Andrea Washington, Project Coordinator and theater consultant, provided students at Angel Oak lessons in puppetry as they integrated literacy and theater strategies as part of SmART Literacy. Teachers were able to process observe these lessons in order to implement the newly acquired strategies in their classrooms. It was a great few days in Charleston!



Engaging Minds in Clayton County with Music Lessons

The PDAE Engaging Minds grant is finishing strong with its final art form rotation-music! ArtsNOW music consultants, Maribeth Yoder-White and Peggy Benkeser, provided several days of demonstration lessons across Clayton County grant schools, integrating math content with music. Students served spanned from fourth grade to eighth, and included math topics such as statistical analysis, graphing data, geometrical transformations, and more! Students used pitched boom whackers, body percussion, and apps in the Chrome Music Lab to explore elements of musical composition relating to the math concepts. The engagement was off the charts!





Conder Arts Integrated Magnet Elementary School in Columbia, SC

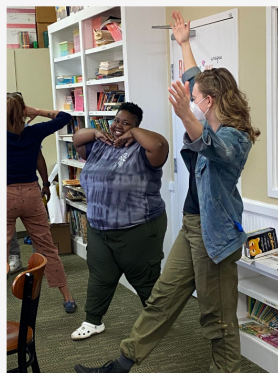
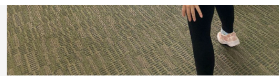
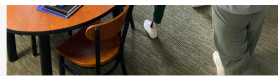
Dance consultant, Melissa Ditmar Joy, worked with teachers and students in Richland School District 2 at Conder Elementary. Melissa integrated the elements of dance across the curriculum as she facilitated lessons in kindergarten through fifth grade classes. She taught the states of matter, the parts of a plant, a fraction dance, and the list goes on! It was an amazing time at Conder, and we culminated with planning sessions with the teachers who dug deeper into the elements of dance



Social-Emotional Learning at Hillside and Youth Villages in Georgia

Project Manager and dance consultant, Whitney Snuggs, and theater consultant, Susie Purcell, worked at Hillside and Youth Villages this month. Whitney supported teachers and students as she integrated dance strategies, social-emotional learning, social studies, science, math, and literacy. At Youth Villages, Susie Purcell facilitated teaching and learning through theater strategies. We so appreciate our partnership with both of these schools that do so much for students!





Young Audience Arts for Learning 2022 National Conference in New Orleans

Young Audiences welcomed attendees back to our in-person annual convening in Louisiana! Pam Walker, Crystal Collins, Jim Heater, and Shawn Williams represented ArtsNOW as an affiliate of YA. It was an excellent conference and we learned many best practices for authentic arts integration. School tours were also part of the agenda in which we were able to observe classrooms, meet students, and hear from thought leaders who welcomed us with open hands and warm hearts. The culinary students sent us all away with baked treats, and there was a music ensemble that included a marching band parade from school to school. Evening events included a tour of the Jazz Museum in which we got to hear jazz played by students from the local school. It was so great to be back together and to catch up with our peers from across the country.



ArtsNOW Foundational Seminar Dates

- June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for Atlanta, Georgia participants
- June 7th, 8th, and 9th for Charleston, South Carolina participants
- Registration links and agendas are available, if needed
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