

Newsletter | March 2023

Read how we have brought learning to life this month!

ArtsNOW Brings Dance Integration to Goshen Elementary: Hephzibah, GA

ArtsNOW continues to support the community of Hephzibah, Georgia, through professional learning and model lessons. Students and teachers explored movement integration strategies with ArtsNOW Dance Consultant, Julie Galle Baggenstoss. Teachers learned more about the elements of dance during professional learning sessions. Julie, then, facilitated integrated lessons with fractions, character emotions, the five senses, and wavelengths.



ArtsNOW and Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC): District Series in Lancaster, SC

In partnership with the Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Institute, ArtsNOW facilitated a year-long district series in Lancaster County, SC. A team of arts and content teachers from eight (8) elementary schools participated in four (4) arts integration sessions throughout the year. ArtsNOW consultants provided professional learning in their respective artforms and visited each of the eight (8) schools to demonstrate integrated lessons, showcasing key strategies. This month, we completed our final session with a focus on visual arts with ArtsNOW Visual Arts Consultant, Shannon Green. ABC Institute provided teacher participants with visual arts materials: neon oil pastels and black light flashlights. Shannon incorporated those materials in her demonstration lessons to add a “glowing effect” to students’ artwork as they learned about topics such as planets, angles, and types of triangles. Students worked collaboratively to create 3D paper sculptures, inspired by artist Jen Stark. The students collected data about the colors used in their sculptures to create charts and graphs. It was been a wonderful partnership and we look forward to future collaborations!





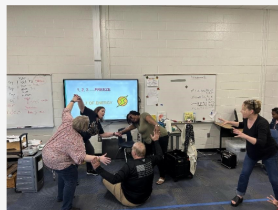
Arts Grow SC and ArtsNOW Partnership: **Final Sessions for Year One**

We are beginning our final sessions for the first year of our partnership with Arts Grow SC. This month, Oakwood-Windsor Elementary in Aiken County hosted ArtsNOW Music Consultant, Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White. During professional learning sessions, teachers were introduced to vocabulary and elements of music (such as dynamics, rhythm, harmony, and timbre) that they can integrate within their curriculum. Maribeth facilitated engaging lessons integrating strategies like soundscapes, rhythmic speech, and word chains into reading, math, and science lessons. Teachers and students were engaged and excited about these opportunities to connect music and content standards!



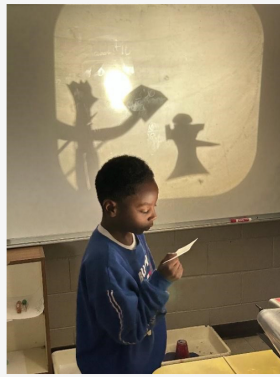
Walnut Grove Elementary School: Walton County School System

ArtsNOW Theatre Consultant, Susie Sper Purcell, visited Walnut Grove Elementary in Walton County to deliver professional learning for teachers and student demonstration lessons. Students used their faces, voices, bodies, minds, and hearts to create characters and movements to better understand the phases of the moon, the Great Depression, and various math standards. Literacy was also integrated with theatre through a dramatic reading of Jack and the Beanstalk.



Center for Innovative Teaching: Barrow County

ArtsNOW's professional learning at the Center for Innovative Teaching is a huge success. We are excited to offer music integration as part of our spring residency for participants this year. Our consultants continue to engage the teachers and students involved in the residency with deep, authentic, and relevant arts integration experiences. To date, we have had 27 teachers complete the three year residency. Teacher leaders who have completed the residency will be recognized by ArtsNOW President and CEO, Pamela Walker, and Regional Director, Shawn Williams, at the Barrow County School System's Board of Education Meeting in April.



Georgia Council for the Arts Vibrant Communities Grant

ArtsNOW Teacher Leaders, Laura Payne and Samantha Stroup, led a STEAM after-school camp at the Center for Innovative Teaching in March. The camp was made possible by the Georgia Council for the Arts Vibrant Communities Grant. Students in Barrow County created art inspired by Alma Thomas. They also designed and created pastry designs March 14 (3/14), Pi Day. ArtsNOW values the partnership with GCA and the Barrow County School System.



ArtsNOW and Youth Villages: Douglas County

Youth Villages and ArtsNOW continue to impact student health and well being. ArtsNOW believes in the power of the arts to support students and teacher well being. ArtsNOW Music Consultant, Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White, shared music integration strategies with teachers and staff at Youth Villages where they were able to explore poetry and self expression through music.



Reimagining and Accelerating Literacy through Arts Integration (REALAI): East Clayton Elementary School

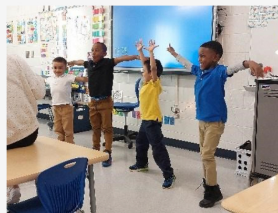
The start of Spring sprouts a new quarter of professional learning and classroom demonstrations for the teachers and students across the six

(6) REALAI grant schools. ArtsNOW Dance Consultant, Melissa Dittmar Joy, facilitated professional learning that used dance vocabulary and movement strategies guaranteed to get any classroom moving.

As 5th graders at East Clayton Elementary began a unit of study for the Harlem Renaissance, the poetry of Langston Hughes blossomed into an opportunity for creative expression. First, students read a text; unpacking the poem structure and mapping out the rhyme scheme. Next, in groups, students collaborated to develop movements that highlighted the essence of the poem. What resulted was spoken word choreography; a chance for students to share their interpretation of a poem after a close reading of the literary work.

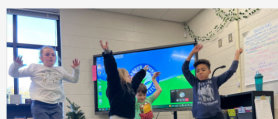
First graders stylistically clapped, jumped, skipped, and galloped their way into exploring sentence structure. After identifying the noun and verb in a sentence, students used locomotor and non-locomotor movements to create dances that support their knowledge obtained from an informational text. Teachers learned about integrating dance into their literacy instruction.

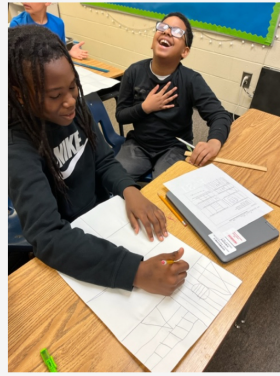
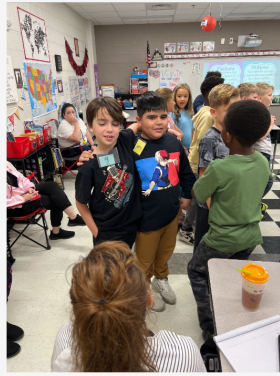
Wonderful things are in full bloom through ArtsNOW's partnership and the federal IAL (Innovative Approaching to Literacy) grant. We look forward to sharing how the joy of dance continues to expand young minds across each of our REALAI partners schools this Spring.



ArtsNOW and STEM + the Art of Integrated Learning: SAIL Grant

ArtsNOW and our SAIL schools have been diving into arts integrated teaching and learning through Focus Institutes and student demonstration days. Highly effective strategies in theatre, music, and dance have been shared as a way to engage students in the curriculum and ignite educators' creativity. STEAM and Maker Space Rooms at all project schools have begun to take shape as grant supply funds are spent to support classroom teachers in their exploration of science, math, and the arts. Additionally, ArtsNOW consultants have been working to build teacher leaders' confidence in creating and implementing high quality arts integrated lessons through digital coaching. The enthusiasm of both teachers and students continues to grow as the arts inspire innovation and collaboration in our SAIL schools and classrooms.





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