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Read how we have brought learning to life this month!

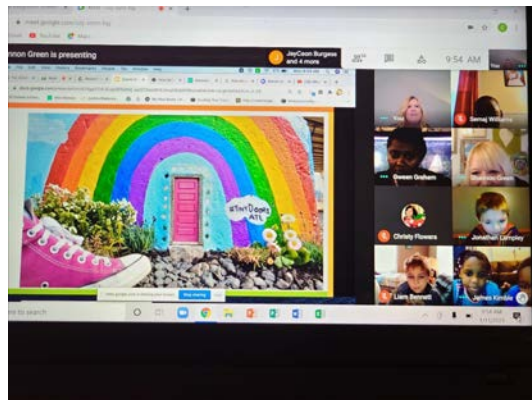
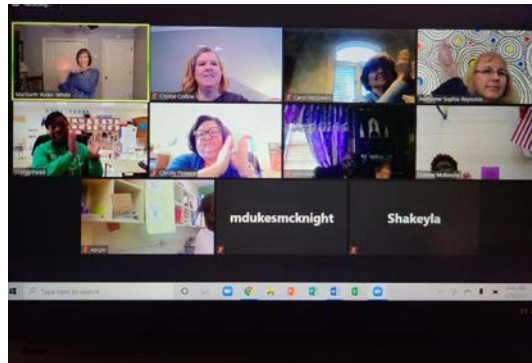
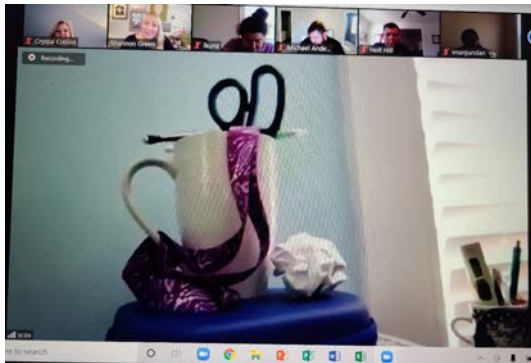
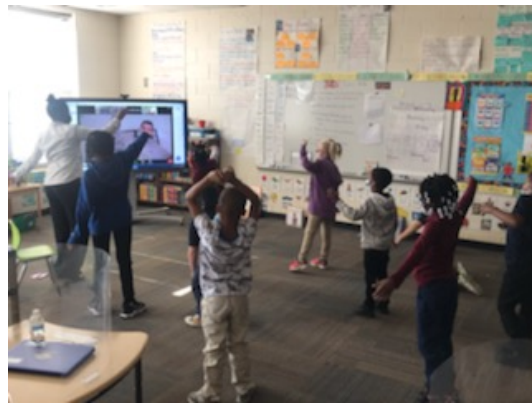
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## **Florence School District 3: Olanta Creative Arts & Science Magnet School and J. Paul Truluck Creative Arts and Science Magnet School**

**We were incredibly busy with teachers and students in Lake City, SC!**

ArtsNOW consultants collaborated with teachers from both schools to provide strategies in music, dance, drama, and visual arts. We were able to work virtually to provide adult professional learning, as well as student demonstration lessons that immediately followed. Each of the consultants designed and modeled lessons based on multi-disciplinary content standards, and each day was exciting! The level of engagement, even in a virtual setting, was extremely high for both adults and children!



## Clayton County **PDAE Engaging Minds Grant**

ArtsNOW had the opportunity to support Clayton County teachers who are participating in the Professional Development of Arts Educators (PDAE) grant. This grant encourages the collaboration between the math teachers and arts educators as they design and implement lessons together. Barry Stewart Mann led our professional learning by providing drama and math integrated strategies that could immediately be brought back to the classroom. As we are in the final year of this grant, arts and math educators collaborate and co-teach a lesson utilizing the strategies they have learned over the past four (4) years. It is a great opportunity to learn from one another and to provide

immediate feedback. We also had the opportunity to offer a half day professional learning with this same group of teachers who may be newer to the grant, or for those who may have wanted a refresher. Teachers rotated through all four (4) art forms for a hands-on learning experience. We had great participation, as this was an optional addition! Next month, we will focus on the fifth art form, media/digital arts.

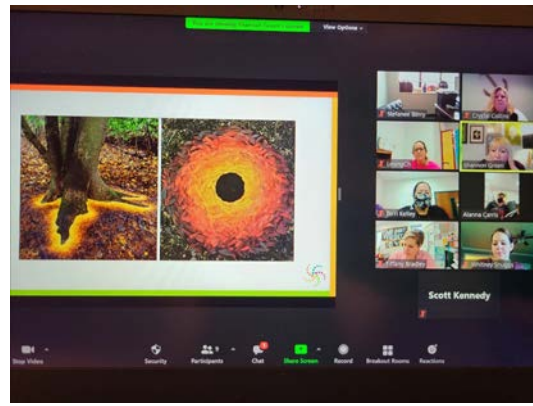


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## Hephzibah, Georgia: Supporting Goshen Elementary, Hephzibah Elementary, and Willis Foreman Elementary Schools

**ArtsNOW continues to support several schools in the Hephziabah region, thanks to generous funding from a family foundation.** This month, we were able to provide full day planning sessions and full day student demonstration lessons at all three elementary schools. Hephzibah Elementary's focus was on the professional learning aspect, so we had three arts consultants assist with unit planning and lesson design. At Goshen and Willis Foreman, students rotated through two (2) art forms in which they participated in standards-based, integrated learning. All activities were virtual, and the level of rigor and amount of participation remained strong!

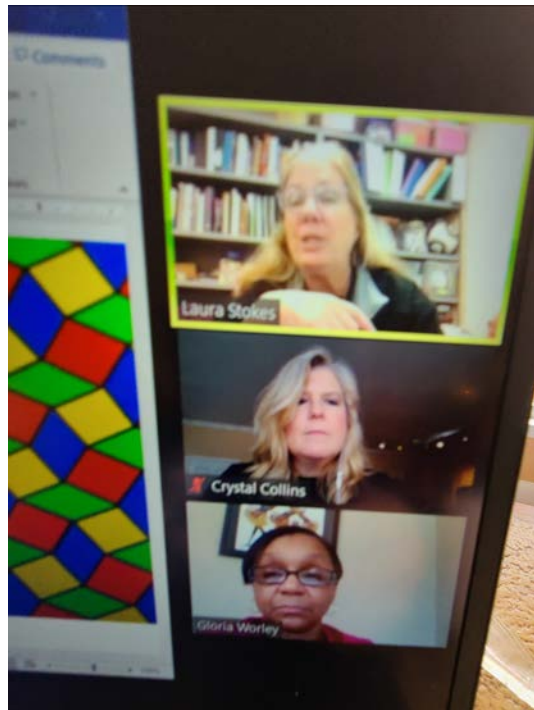




## VOICE GOSA Grant in Clayton County

The Governor's Office of Student Achievement awarded Clayton County Public Schools a grant in which they partner with ArtsNOW and SREB (Southern Regional Educational Board) to collaborate with third through fifth grade teachers as they integrate the arts into their math instruction. Teachers video their lessons, and staff from both organizations view the videos and debrief one-on-one with each teacher participant. We have seen a definite increase in arts-integration and mathematical practice through this grant opportunity.





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## ArtsNow Continues to Impact Students in Barrow County

**Because of the generosity of our donors,** ArtsNOW was able to provide the Arts and Innovation Magnet Program in the Barrow County School System with STEAM Kits. Recently, a 6th grade social studies class at AIM honed their drumming skills while learning about Latin America with the bucket drums that were included in the kits. While studying Latin America, students used natural materials to create works of art highlighting the animals found in those countries. ArtsNOW Teacher Leaders in Barrow are integrating the arts continually into the curriculum due to the rich professional learning provided by our ArtsNOW consultants.



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## Youth Villages in Douglas County

**Located on a beautiful campus surrounded by nature,** Youth Villages is a residential treatment facility that serves students from multiple states.

ArtsNOW has had a long standing partnership with the school, and we had the chance to work with staff and students using a virtual platform. Knowing that students have limited access to materials, as part of our support we shipped watercolor paints, watercolor paper, and oil pastels to the school. Students learned visual arts strategies while exploring social justice topics and creating their own power statements. It was such a great day at Youth Villages!



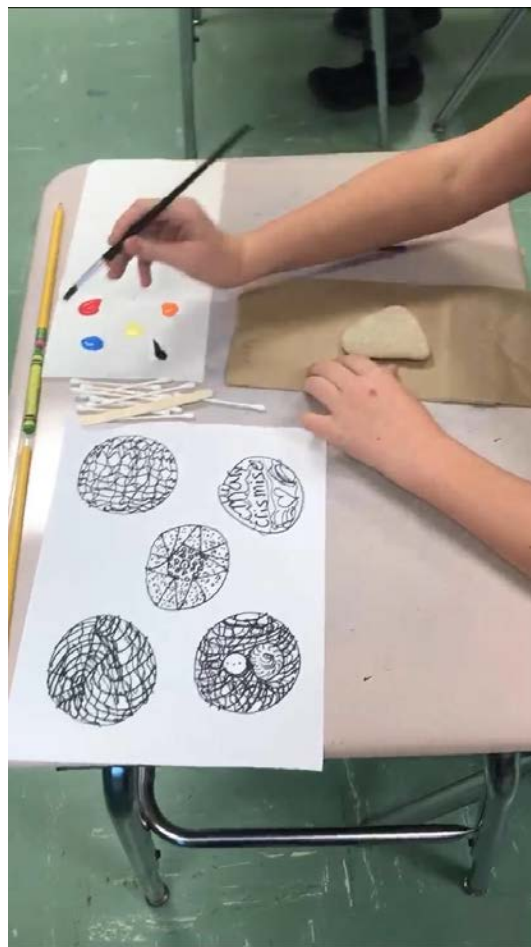





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## Digital Coaching in Henry County

**As a continuation and deepening of this partnership,** ArtsNow consultants met with teacher leaders in four partner schools: Hampton Elementary, New Hope Elementary, Fairview Elementary, and McDonough Middle. Together, they planned an arts-integrated lesson and the teacher implemented the lesson while videoing within their classrooms. The teachers then submitted their videos for effective feedback from the ArtsNOW team. This has been a pilot for the digital coaching process between Henry County and ArtsNOW, and it has yielded extremely positive outcomes!



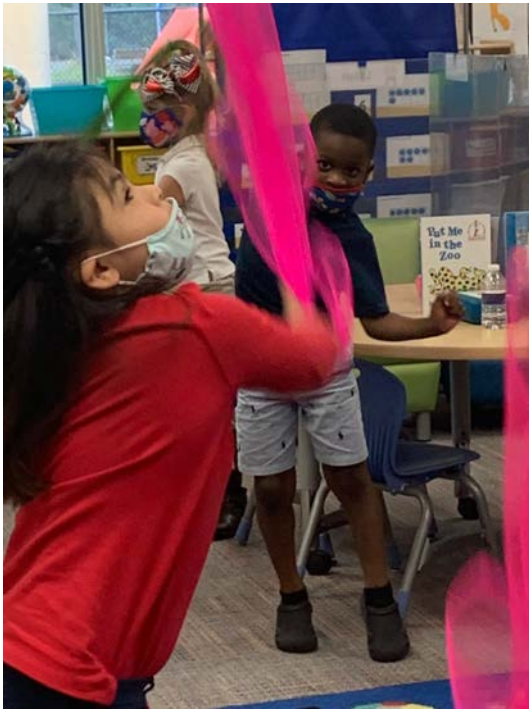

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## SmART Literacy Grant in Savannah and Charleston

**Another exciting update to share** is the delivery of virtual demonstration lessons to students across our SmART Literacy schools using the creative supplies in individual student STEAM Kits. The dance, music, visual arts, and theater lessons addressed English/Language Arts standards in grades K-5 and provided a unique arts experience for students, as well as job-embedded professional learning for teacher leaders.

This month, we are thrilled to begin digital coaching with SmART Literacy teacher leaders. This is an opportunity for teachers to work one on one with an ArtsNOW consultant to plan and implement an arts integrated lesson. Teachers receive prompt, personalized feedback on a video-recorded lesson. We work with amazing teachers and cannot wait to see the lessons they create!





## Why ArtsNOW?

- Integrated learning is powerful learning.
- For over 20 years, ArtsNOW has been leading the way in reshaping pre-K–12 education by integrating the arts with all core subjects.
- We're setting the stage to encourage teacher confidence and improve student engagement for greater academic and personal achievement.
- Teachers are champions and students are heroes.
- We're not just teaching. ***We bring learning to life.***

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