



Newsletter | July 2021

Read how we have brought learning to life this month!

ArtsNOW's Assistance for Arts Education Development and Dissemination Grant: SmART Literacy

This month, ArtsNOW's leadership team held a retreat for project school principals from Heard Elementary, Garrison School of the Arts, Marshpoint Elementary (all schools in Savannah, GA), and Angel Oak Elementary (located in Charleston, SC). Principals shared continuous progress as a result of SmART Literacy to include changes in teacher practice, student successes, and overall cultural changes. The time together was invaluable and we all left with a detailed plan for grant year four. We are excited to see our grant schools shine as they disseminate to other schools through Demonstration of Learning Days, peer observations, and the sharing of digital portfolios.



ArtsNOW's Collaboration with Georgia Tech CEISMC for STEAM Saturdays and Participation in Savannah's Back to School Expo

ArtsNOW participated in Savannah Chatham County Public School's Forward to School Expo, Saturday, July 24th held at the Savannah Mall. ArtsNOW was well represented by President and CEO, Pamela Walker, Executive Vice President, Crystal Collins, and Regional Director, Jim Heater. This was a great opportunity to continue ArtsNOW's commitment for expanding the southeast region and highlighting the partnership with Georgia Tech's Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics and Computing (CEISMC). ArtsNOW used this event to highlight the upcoming STEAM Saturdays that will be held on the Georgia Tech Savannah Campus October 9th and November 13th. These experiences are for students in grades 3 through

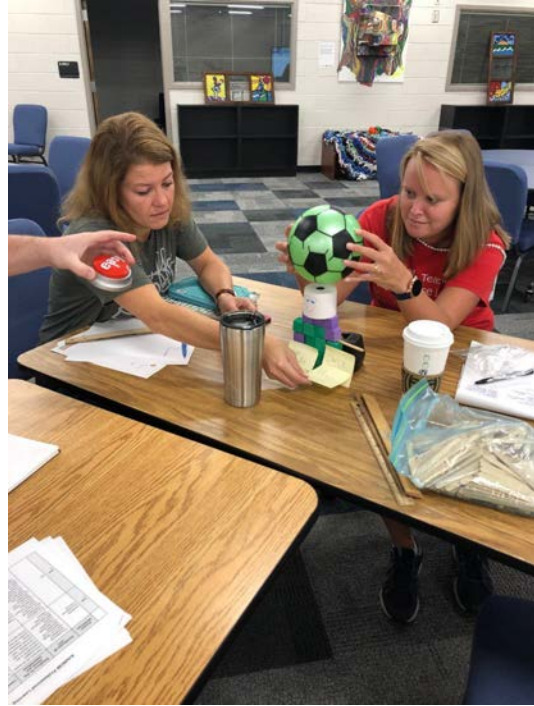
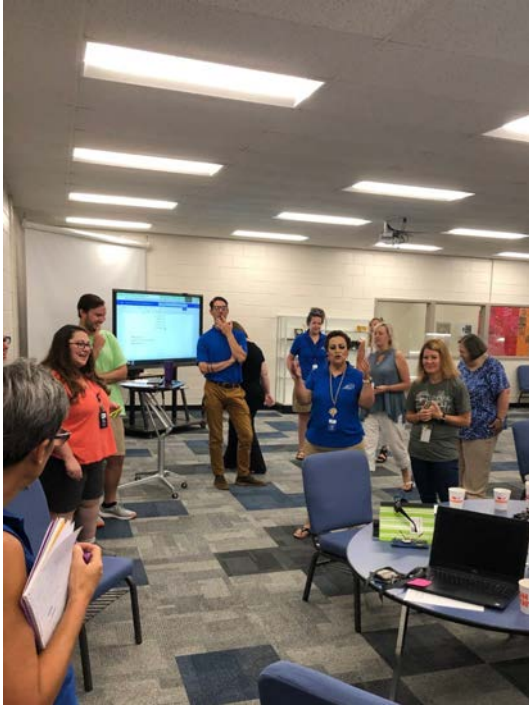
8. We are excited to combine the STEM expertise from Georgia Tech and the arts integration strategies ArtsNOW brings to the partnership. Look for more information as exciting opportunities continue from this collaborative partnership.



Barrow County's Residency Experiences with ArtsNOW

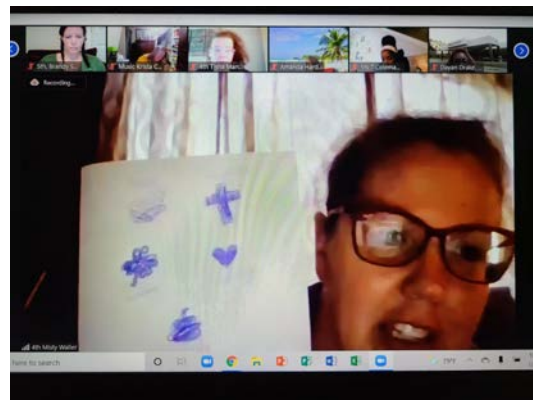
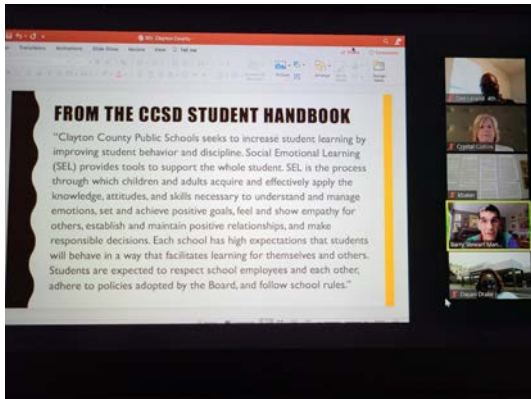
President and CEO, Pamela Walker, and Regional Director, Shawn Williams, kicked off the ArtsNOW Professional Residency at the Center for

Innovative Teaching (CFIT), July 28th and 29th. Twenty four (24) teachers from seven (7) Barrow County schools in grades 3 - 8 are participating in the three-year residency program. The teachers and ArtsNOW leaders are thrilled to be back in person at CFIT for this authentic and job embedded professional learning opportunity that immerses itself in learning through the arts. Students and teachers will visit the CFIT campus eight (8) times during the year to work with the ArtsNOW consultants in the areas of dance, theater, and visual arts.



Engaging Minds in Clayton County: PDAE Grant

ArtsNOW continues our partnership with Clayton County Public Schools as lead partner with their Professional Development for Arts Educators (PDAE) federal grant. July's focus integrated math, the arts, and social emotional learning. ArtsNOW provided integration strategies in the areas of dance, visual arts, and theater. As partners, we decided to focus the professional learning session around SEL, knowing there is a tremendous need for both students and teachers. It was a great day of collaborating, sharing, and vulnerability as we found the connections between SEL, math, and the arts.



STEAM Camp for Barrow County Students in Grades 3-8

ArtsNOW partnered with teacher leaders in the Barrow County School System to offer a STEAM camp for students in grades 3-8 at the Center for Innovative Teachers. Barrow County ArtsNOW Teacher Leaders, Ashley Bailey and Laura Payne, planned, coordinated, and held a three day camp with 22 student participants. ArtsNOW consultant, Shannon Green, led visual arts

sessions. Lane Hall, Executive Assistant, assisted during the camp as well. Students explored 3D design and printing, forces and motion through visual arts and paint pours, and designed and built circuits for a variety of innovative products. Students also explored the CFIT garden where they learned about hydroponics and built their own self sustaining grow system.



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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