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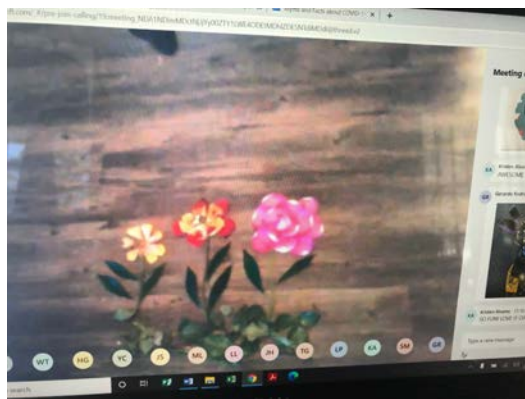
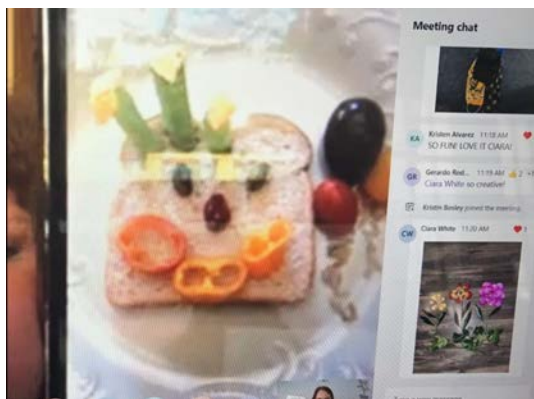
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### **Cobb County School District: Arts Integration Innovation Academy**

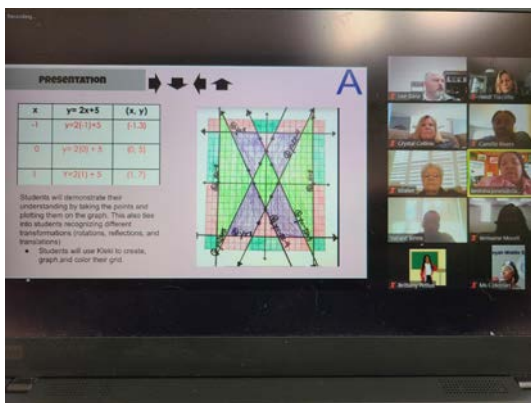
**ArtsNOW** joined our partner, **Cobb County School District**, to deliver the second session of the Arts Integration Innovation Academy, which focused on content integration through visual arts. Visual arts consultant, Shannon Green, led K-12 teachers through interactive art-making sessions, packed with strategies to help students make connections through the creation and discussion of visual images. Teachers reviewed the elements of art, carefully discussed pieces of artwork and how to use them in their classroom instruction, then had the opportunity to create their own work. The engagement and creativity was in full force!

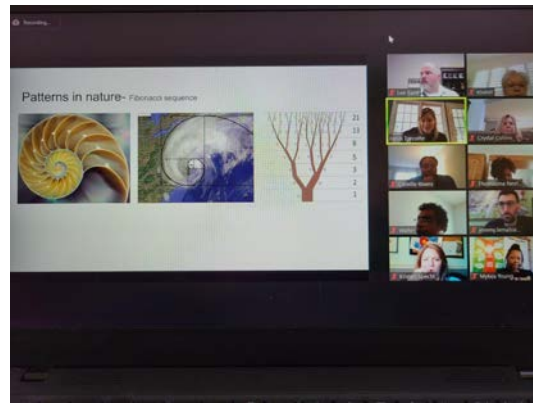
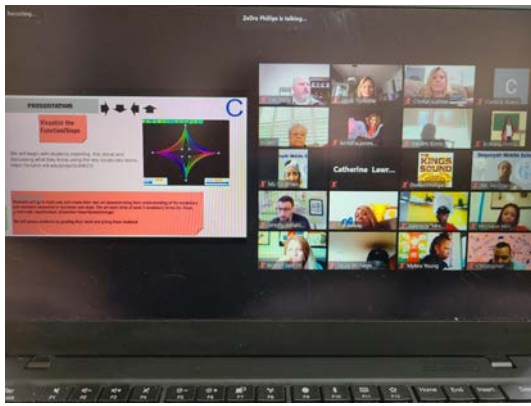




## Clayton County PDAE Engaging Minds Grant

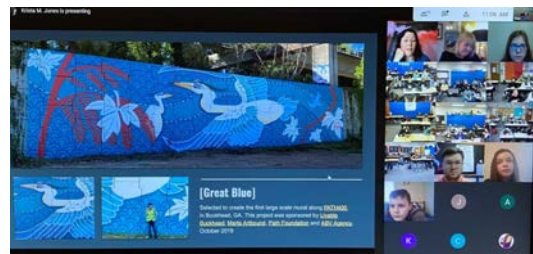
**ArtsNOW and the Professional Development of Arts Educators (PDAE) grant with Clayton County Public Schools** focused on digital and media arts this month. Digital and media arts consultant, Lee Bane, lead us through two great days of professional learning regarding how to integrate math and the digital/media arts. As part of the final year of this particular grant, teacher leaders co-created lessons to share with their peers as a part of dissemination. Heidi Turcotte and Camille Rivers, from Georgia Tech's CEISMC K-12 school programming, created activities for the teachers to demonstrate their knowledge of the integrated strategies presented by Lee. We all left the professional learning with new ideas to immediately use in the classrooms!





## ArtsNOW and Barrow County School System's Vibrant Communities Grant

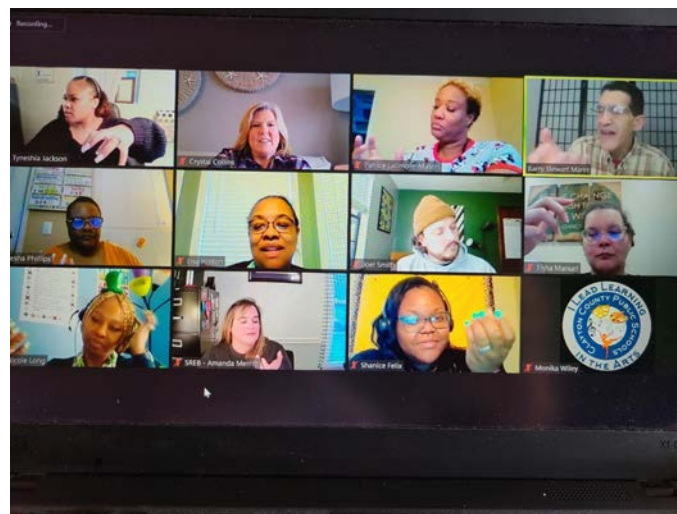
**ArtsNOW and the Barrow County School System are partnering to provide** experiences in both music and visual arts to the students in various schools in the district. Both projects are being made possible through Vibrant Communities Grants from the Georgia Council for the Arts. The project, Noteworthy, is a music mini-residency with Maribeth Yoder-White. Students are engaged in lessons that make connections between music, math, language arts, and social studies. Students in Mrs. Payne's class were learning about Aboriginal music while learning about drumming techniques. The visual arts grant is with Shannon Green, and is a full project based learning endeavor. Teachers met with Shannon to determine key content standards in Science and Math, while also addressing social emotional learning and social issues facing communities. The project will result in a public mural on the campus of the Center for Innovative Teaching that focuses on building community. The students were able to learn about the mural paintings and public art from Atlanta Muralist, Christa Jones.



## 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. This month, drama consultant, Barry Stewart Mann, provided professional learning across three (3) days for the grant participants. Algebraic thinking, problem solving, geometry, order of operations, and fractions were just a few of the math standards Barry integrated with drama strategies. These were highly engaging days, and the participants did a great job of applying the concepts to lessons to be implemented with students, videoed, and then debriefed with the SREB and ArtsNOW team.



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## Hephzibah, Georgia and Our Ongoing Partnership

**ArtsNOW** was able to continue supporting three (3) elementary schools in Richmond County this month. We work with several schools specific to the Hephzibah region, due to generous donors who attended school there. Our partnership goals are to provide meaningful, engaging arts-integrated lessons to the students through our demonstration lessons, while



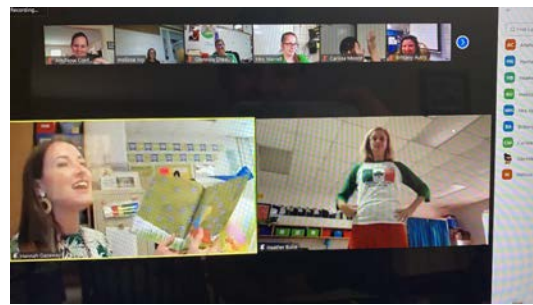
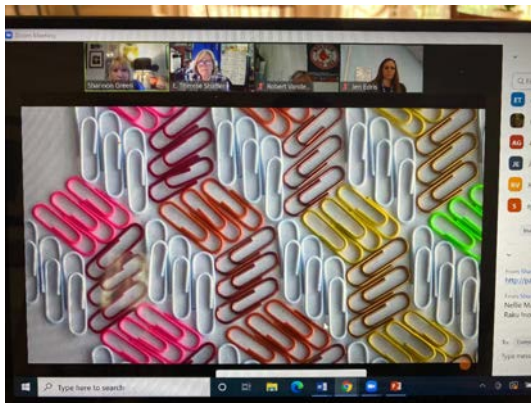
simultaneously providing professional learning sessions for the teachers. We had consultants in all four art forms (dance, music, drama, and visual arts) supporting the schools over the course of several days. We provided these services virtually, and hope to get back to the region in person, very soon.



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## SmART Literacy Grant in Savannah and Charleston

**March was a month of professional learning sessions** at all four of our SmART Literacy schools. ArtNOW consultants planned days full of meaningful strategies to promote arts integrated literacy instruction in the classroom. The seamless virtual delivery model has allowed our important work with grant project schools to not only continue, but thrive! Additionally, teachers are working on digital portfolios to highlight and share their arts integrated journeys. We look forward to sharing some of these portfolios in the future that capture the essence of what arts integration and a partnership with ArtsNOW does to transform teaching and learning.



## 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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