



Newsletter | November 2021

Read how we have brought learning to life this month!

ArtsNOW and CEISMC Collaborate for STEAM Saturdays

ArtsNOW and Georgia Tech's Center for Education Integrating Science, Math, and Computing (CEISMC) collaborated for a STEAM Saturday, November 13, 2021. Over 35 students in 3rd through 8th grades were able to design and create a piano using the Circuit Playground at the Georgia Tech Savannah campus. The students rotated through sessions of coding, music, and visual arts incorporating STEAM integration. In visual arts, they designed an instrument using the elements of art and, in music, students used recycled materials to create an instrument and then used steady beat and melody to create a unique composition. In the coding session, students built a piano and coded circuitry playgrounds to play music when they touched they keys. The next STEAM Saturday, "Coded Creations Through Light, Color, and Sound", is February 5th.



Gadsden and Garden City Elementary Schools in Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools

ArtsNOW's partnership with Gadsden Elementary and Garden City Elementary is going well! Both schools were able to send a team to our Foundational Seminar this summer and then, in September, Pamela Walker met with each grade level for the initial partnership kick-off. At Garden City, one of our dance consultants demonstrated how to integrate dance and literacy. One of our theater consultants presented theater demonstration lessons for all grade levels at Gadsden Elementary, followed by a debrief and planning sessions. Students and teachers were engaged, active participants during the demonstration lessons and ArtsNOW is so excited to continue our journey with both schools after being awarded a USDOE Arts in Education grant to support "STEM + the Art of Integrated Learning" (SAIL) Project.



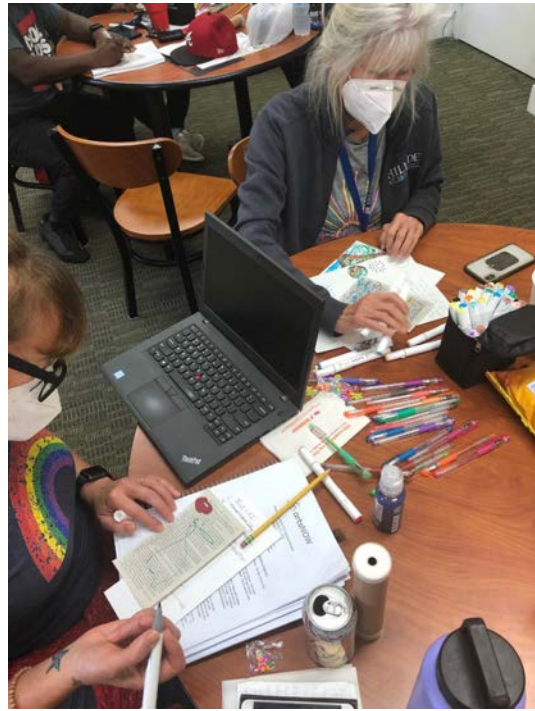
ArtsNOW and Our SmART Literacy Grant in Charleston and Savannah

Angel Oak Elementary School, in Charleston, SC, invited virtual visitors for a Demonstration of Learning Day. Over 50 educators joined to see how arts integration can transform teaching and learning. Thank you to the teacher leaders who opened a window into their classroom and invited dialogue and collaboration regarding best practices. Additionally, Theater Consultant, Susie Purcell, provided demonstration lessons at Marshpoint Elementary and Heard Elementary (both in Savannah, GA) as a way to support new teachers who are starting their journey with arts integration. As our project schools begin to disseminate in the fourth year of the SmART Literacy grant, we will continue to offer support and professional learning to all four grant schools.



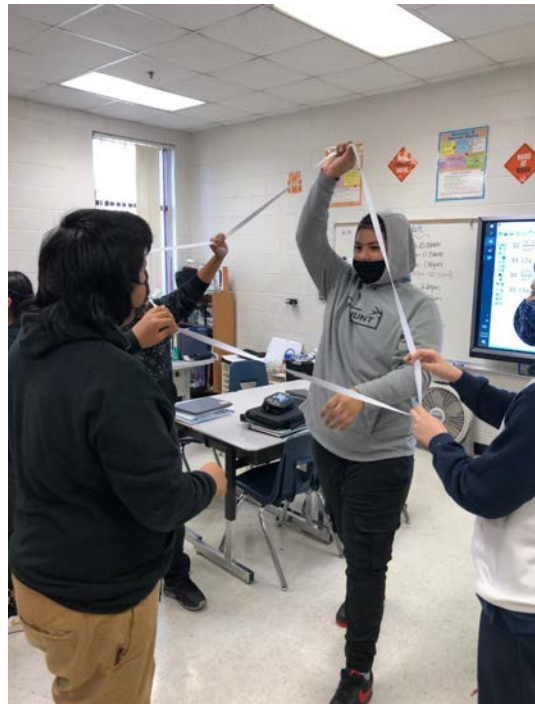
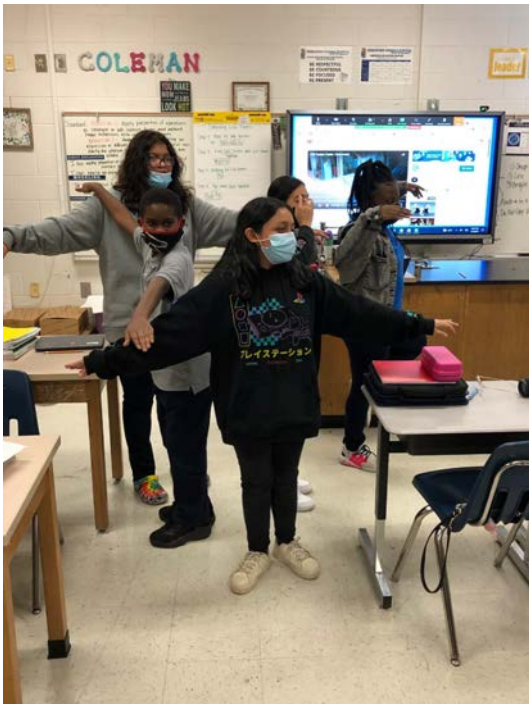
ArtsNOW and Hillside Come Together to Support Teaching and Learning

Teachers at Hillside Conant School in Atlanta, GA worked with Visual Arts Consultant, Shannon Green, for a full day of hands-on professional learning! In addition to an overview of visual literacy activities, they explored math concepts and sensory awareness with kaleidoscopes, as well as created black-out poetry, an opportunity to integrate English/Language Arts, visual arts, and mindfulness skills. Shannon also introduced the teachers to many new artists and discussed ways to incorporate their works into the classroom.



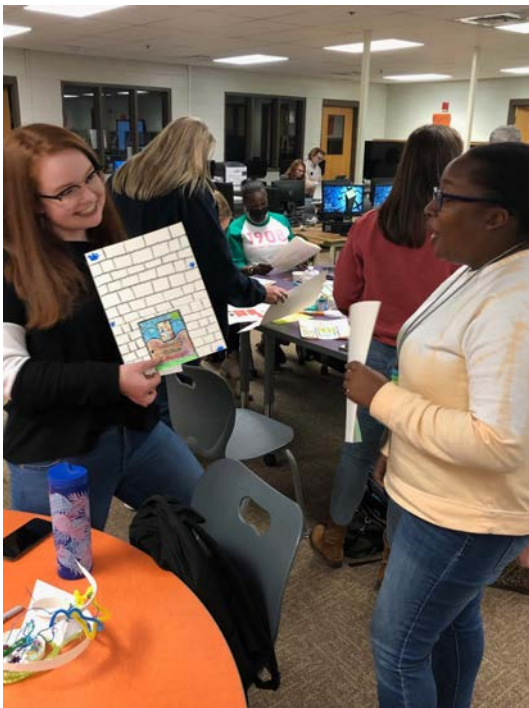
Sequoyah Middle School in Clayton County

Dance Consultant, Melissa Joy, spent a day at Sequoyah Middle School, leading student demonstration lessons as part of the PDAE grant in Clayton County. These math + dance integrated lessons saw students creating number line dances, incorporating geometrical shapes and angles into choreography, and using dance photography as inspiration for dance tableaus.



Cobb County's Arts4All Partners with ArtsNOW for Professional Learning

Visual Arts Consultant, Shannon Green, spent three half-days with grade banded groups of teachers involved in the Cobb Arts4All grant. These teachers spent the morning with Shannon reviewing the elements of art and participating in arts-integrated activities designed to bring back into their classrooms. Activities were catered to specific grade level content, and utilized a variety of different materials - making the experience relevant and accessible to all.



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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