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A Message from Our President and CEO

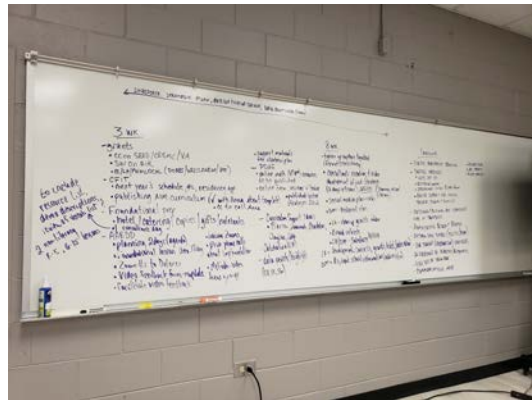
During these uncertain times, please know that ArtsNow Learning is thinking of you and your families as we are all experiencing a new normal. This is a time in which parents, students, teachers, and administrators need to feel supported and to know there is an end in sight. CornoVirus has altered all of our lives, but we are going to come out stronger and more cohesive as a nation when all is said and done. We want to thank all of our partners and supporters as we are working diligently to positively respond to the needs being expressed in the communities we serve. ArtsNow Learning is doing all we can by listening to our education community and offering digital and online support based on feedback and requests. We strive to be the partner you can count on during this challenging time and look forward to getting to the other side together! In an effort to maintain as much normalcy as possible, we are sending a March newsletter-albeit an abbreviated version. We pride ourselves with the customization we continue to offer districts while also keeping all consultants, staff, and stakeholders safe and healthy. Our hearts are with you, and

we stand in solidarity as we navigate these uncertain waters together. Sincerely,

Pamela Walker

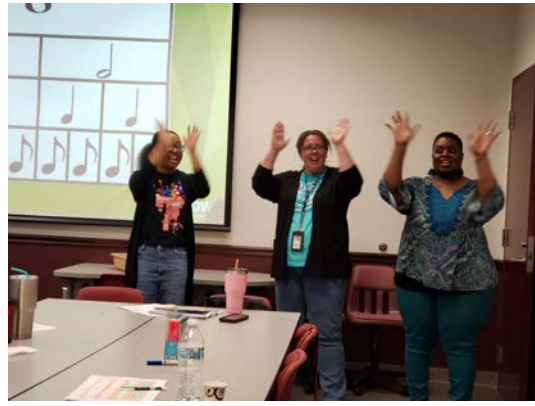
CoronaVirus Strategic Meeting

As soon as the CDC began making recommendations for keeping schools and communities safe, we convened our full time staff to begin brainstorming a strategic plan for how best to support schools knowing a "Shelter in Place" policy was inevitable. It became very clear that distance learning and virtual classrooms were going to be the new delivery models for arts integration to continue in these dire times. ArtsNow staff created a 4 week plan, an 8 week plan, and a plan that would carry us through the end of the school year (if needed) so that we could continue supporting districts, schools, families, students, teachers, and communities. As we are on the crux of exhausting our 4 week plan, and moving to our 8 week plan, our hope is that we are back to our "norm" sooner than later.



Engaging Minds Grant in Clayton County

March provided the opportunity for the fine arts teachers, who are participating in the Engaging Minds math grant in Clayton County, to present best math practices through an authentic arts integrated lesson to their peers. Dee Morris, ArtsNow Curriculum Coach, helped to support the lesson planning and creative process with math and arts integration. There were four great days of collaboration and learning from peers!



SDCA 2020

ArtsNow Learning and Barrow County School System were awarded the 2020 Sustainable Design Collaborative Atlanta (SDCA) community outreach project thanks to Barrow Community Foundation's interest in revisiting the original project awarded to ArtsNow in 2017. SDCA held a charrette at the Center for Innovative Teaching to track progress and to create a new vision for the next phase of growth and development. We spent a Saturday at the center and outlined a strategy for campus improvements that will benefit the students, educators, and community of Barrow County.



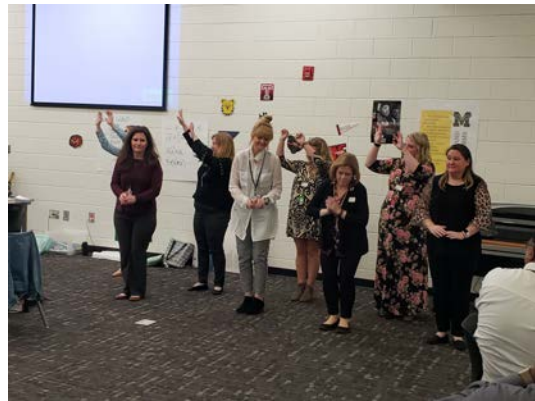
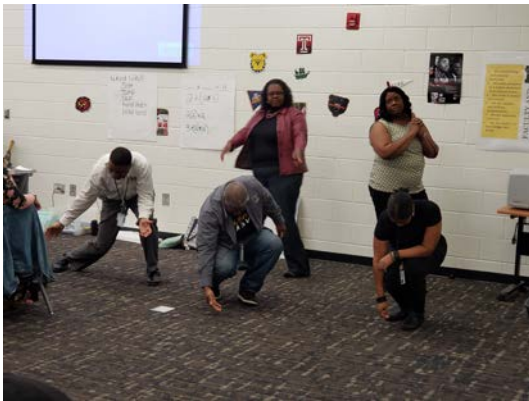
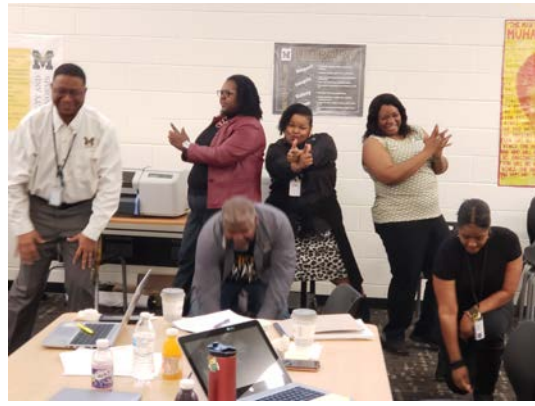
East Clayton Elementary School

Susie Purcell, one of our theater consultants, and Crystal Collins worked with teachers and the principal of East Clayton Elementary School as they learned how to integrate theater strategies into their core content standards. We met at Clayton County's Performing Arts Center for a full day of professional learning, and participants left with multiple strategies to immediately implement in their classrooms.



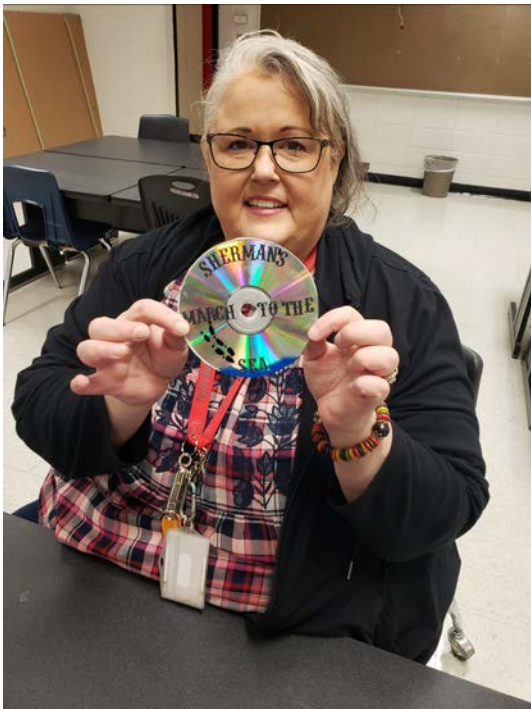
Henry County Schools

Melissa Joy, dance consultant, and Crystal Collins spent the day with teachers from Fairview Elementary School, New Hope Elementary School, Hampton Elementary School, and McDonough Middle School as we integrated dance throughout state standards in literacy, math, science, and social studies. Thank you, McDonough Middle School, for your hospitality and for hosting the professional learning day!



Chestnut Family Foundation

ArtsNow Learning continues to support the teachers and students of Hephzibah, Georgia. We had many projects occurring simultaneously in March, and we were able to deliver all services as outlined in the grant prior to Covid-19's influence. The Chestnut Family Foundation wants to ensure ongoing support for the families of Hephzibah while students and teachers are not in school, so ArtsNow designed a Digital Learning Plan in partnership with the foundation. We will be able to provide virtual professional learning opportunities for teachers, online student demonstration lessons for students, and online modules for families who are looking for activities to complete at home with their children. We are forever grateful for the relationship and partnership ArtsNow Learning has with the Chestnut Family Foundation!



Congratulations to Powder Springs Elementary in Cobb County!

We are honored to announce that Powder Springs Elementary, an ArtsNow Learning partner school, was announced as the first Cobb County Arts Integration Certified School. We are proud of students, teachers, and administrators for the hard work they have done to earn this certification!



Congratulations to Tritt Elementary School in Cobb County!

We would like to congratulate our partner, Tritt Elementary School, for receiving Cobb County's first STEAM Certification. The teachers and students worked hard for this acknowledgement, and we are honored to be on the journey with them!



2020 Annual Foundational Seminar

- ArtsNow Learning's Foundational Seminar will be held June 1-3, 2020 at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Please email Lane Hall at lane@artsnowlearning.org for details.

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