



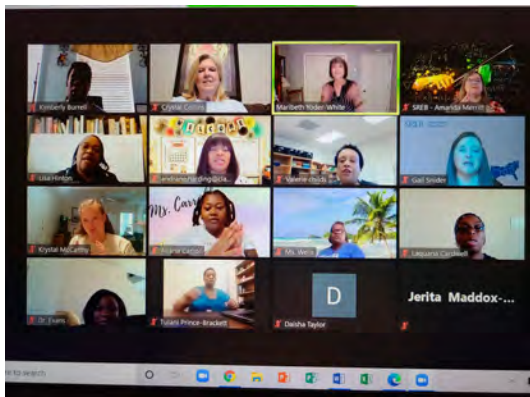
Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!

OCTOBER EDITION

Video Observations Improving [Teacher] Collaboration and Effectiveness (VOICE) in Clayton County

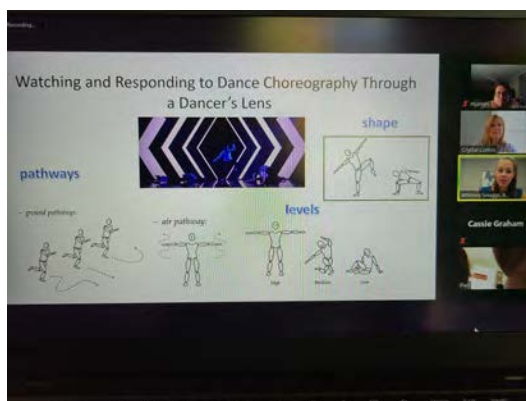
This grant from the Innovation Fund Foundation, offered through the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, provides two years of professional learning to 30 math teachers across four elementary schools in Clayton County. Through partnerships with Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), Teaching Channel, ArtsNow Learning, and Clayton County Public Schools, we are providing a hybrid model of professional learning that includes integration in math and arts standards, combined with personalized, virtual coaching that includes video observations with individualized feedback provided by content experts. We spent three days with 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teachers, via Zoom, and Dr. Maribeth Yoder White demonstrated how to integrate

music standards with the math standards of each session. The collaboration between each partner group has been amazing, as we work in conjunction with one another to provide the very best experiences and informative feedback for teachers.



J. Paul Truluck Creative Arts and Science Magnet School

We continue our partnership with Florence School District 3 in South Carolina. For the first time ever, ArtsNow provided a Saturday session for new teachers at JPT. We had sessions in dance, drama, visual arts, and music integration that provided the participants the opportunity to immediately implement arts integrated strategies within their own hybrid classrooms. The district currently has face-to-face and virtual learning occurring simultaneously. It is commendable that this group of teachers dedicated a full Saturday of their own time for the betterment of their students and instructional practice! We thank our consultants who provided the sessions for giving of their time, as well! It was a great day of collaboration, learning, and engagement.



East and West Clayton Elementary Schools

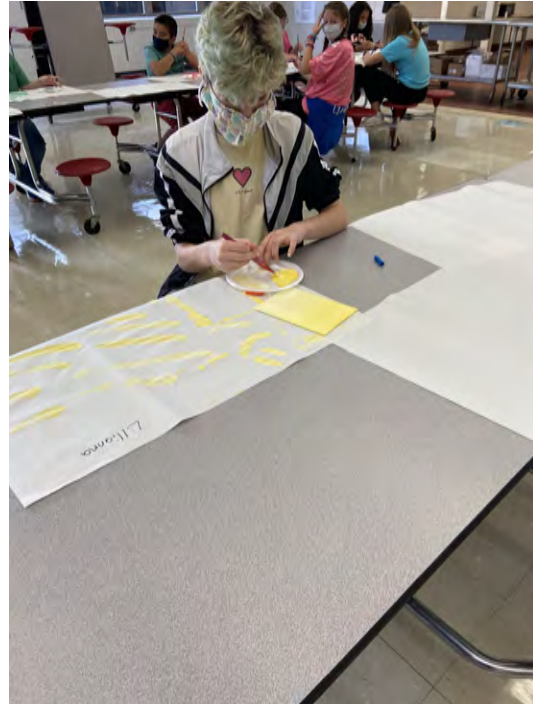
We are so fortunate to continue supporting teachers of East and West Clayton Elementary Schools, a part of Clayton County Public Schools. Our arts consultants are working with teachers to provide strategies that integrate their respective arts standards with the standards of literacy, math, social studies, and/or science. After working with teachers, we follow up with student demonstration lessons at each of the schools. These lessons are all virtual, and the engagement of the group remains extremely high.



CFIT (Center for Innovative Teaching) in Barrow County

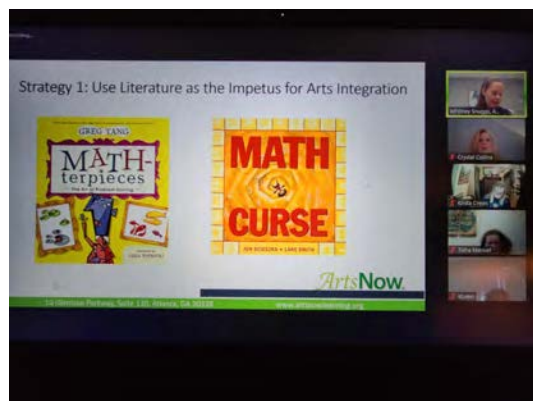
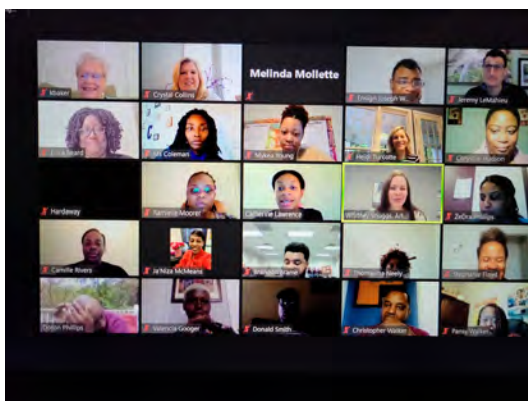
During the month of October, the first rotation of the ArtsNow Professional Learning Residency has come to a close and teachers are implementing arts integration strategies learned in their classrooms. ArtsNow is able to continue to support the teachers who have graduated the residency program as ArtsNow teacher leaders with mini-grants. Julie Wood's math class created Ombre Paintings to demonstrate their understanding of ratios. Pamela Walker and Shawn Williams were able to meet with teachers new to the residency to provide the foundational overview of arts integration. Our next

residency begins Nov. 3, 2020.



Professional Development for Arts Educators (PDAE) in Clayton County Public Schools

Whitney Snuggs lead 4th-9th grade arts and math educators through dance integration strategies this month. As we are in the final year of the grant, lead teachers from the project are presenting arts integrated lessons that they are creating. It has been amazing to witness the evolution and growth of the group as they share strategies among one another.



North Metro Academy of Performing Arts in Gwinnett County

Through grant funding provided by Nordson Corporation, we are able to

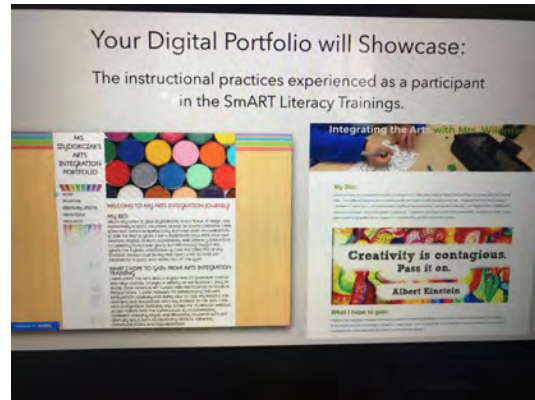
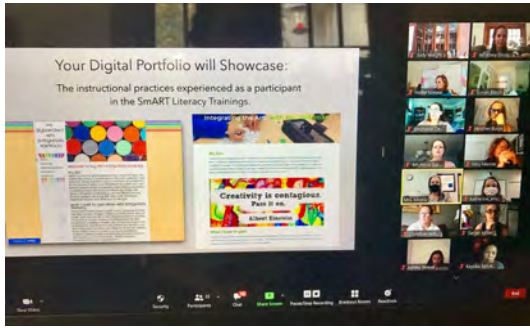
support teaching and learning in Gwinnett County. Crystal Collins delivered STEAM kits to the school as part of professional learning. Teachers process observed arts consultants who are providing engaging lessons to the students of North Metro, using Zoom. It has been wonderful knowing the students are benefiting from arts integration and are utilizing the contents of the STEAM kits as part of hands-on, active, and engaging learning experiences.



SmART Literacy Update

October was another busy month for SmART Literacy! We continued offering Pop-Up Planning Days for teachers across all four project schools in Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC. Additionally, teacher leaders learned about new technology in Digital Portfolio Training which will help to document the arts integration process in the classroom. We are excited to see the personal growth and reflection shared through these teacher portfolios. One of the most thrilling accomplishments to share is the delivery of approximately 600 STEAM kits to students at our SmART Literacy Schools. The creative supplies in each kit support tasks in STEAM, dance, music, visual arts, and theater. These tasks are based on three literary texts per grade level, and address English/Language Arts standards in grades K-5.

ArtsNow Learning will present lessons to students next month, via Zoom, and is proud to be able to offer this unique opportunity to learn through the arts for both teachers and students.



Cobb County Partnership

It's been a busy month of professional learning for the ArtsNow Cobb County partnership. ArtsNow consultants, Barry Steward Mann (drama) and Darlene Guida (music) have provided several engaging sessions for teachers

across the district interested in arts integration. We have been able to support Cobb County's Arts4All project as well as their Arts Integration Innovation Academy. These professional learning sessions have included teachers who are novice to experienced with implementing arts integration and who are elementary, middle and high school educators. We are grateful for this partnership and commitment to high quality arts integration to positively impact teaching and learning!



Henry County Digital Coaching

ArtsNow is honored to continue our partnership with Henry County Schools. Building on our previously established partnership and foundation in place, ArtsNow has begun providing digital coaching for individual teacher leaders across four Henry County Schools -- Fairview Elementary, Hampton Elementary, New Hope Elementary and McDonough Middle. This includes one on one planning sessions between lead teachers and ArtsNow consultants, followed by arts integration lesson observations and feedback with reflections and debrief sessions. This project allows us the opportunity to deepen our support of these teachers and advance arts integration within our partner schools!

Hampton Elementary School Receives STEM Certification

Hampton Elementary, an ArtsNow partner school, earned Cognia International STEM Certification on October 15, 2020. The Cognia STEM Certification Standards "embody the belief that high-quality learning can transform lives, communities, and the world." Significant evidence demonstrating ArtsNow's professional learning with the Hampton Elementary staff was recognized in Cognia's evaluation report. Program strengths in the areas of authentic

learning, connecting standards-based instruction with real-world learning experiences were highlighted. “Earning Cognia’s STEM Certification validates the hard work and dedication of so many people in the Hampton community, both past, and present,” shared Hampton Elementary Principal Brian Keefer.

“Our staff has grown tremendously in how we ensure student learning is relevant, equitable, and focused on 21st Century Skills our students will need for the careers of tomorrow. STEAM is integrated into everything we do. It’s ingrained in the culture of our school and our community. Our staff, parents, learning partners, and students have a great deal for which to be proud. We are all part of an Internationally Certified STEM program which will continue to grow and evolve as our world continues to change”.

