

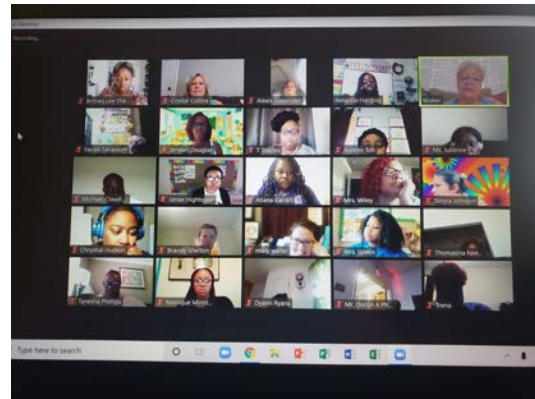
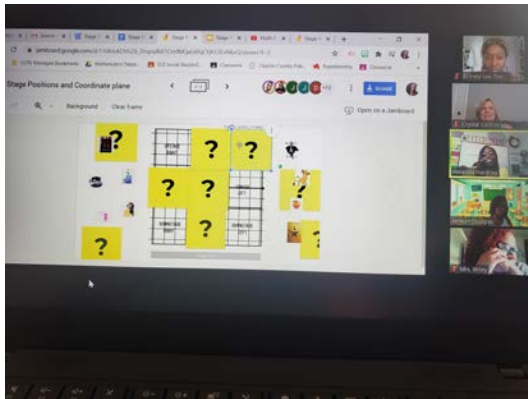
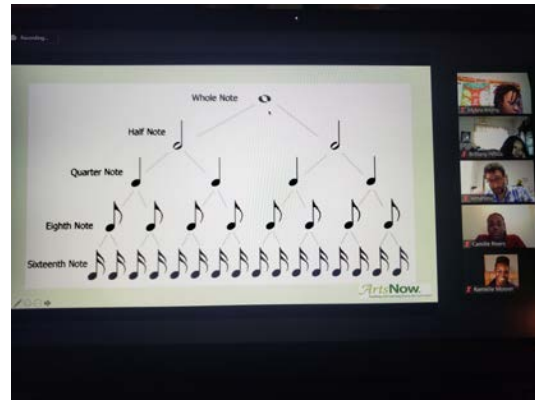


Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!

SEPTEMBER EDITION

Engaging Minds Partnership with Clayton County Public Schools

ArtsNow remains a proud lead partner with Clayton County Public Schools, and are entering the last year of our PDAE (Professional Development for Arts Educators) federal grant. As part of the sustainability goals for the grant, Clayton County lead teachers are co-presenting during our professional learning days. Fourth through ninth grade math and arts teachers are collaborating, designing, and presenting lessons that address standards in both content areas. It has been rewarding to see the growth of teachers and to participate in lessons presented by peers. Like most others, our professional learning is taking place in the virtual world via Zoom; however, the engagement levels remain at an optimum and we are very pleased with the progress we are able to achieve!



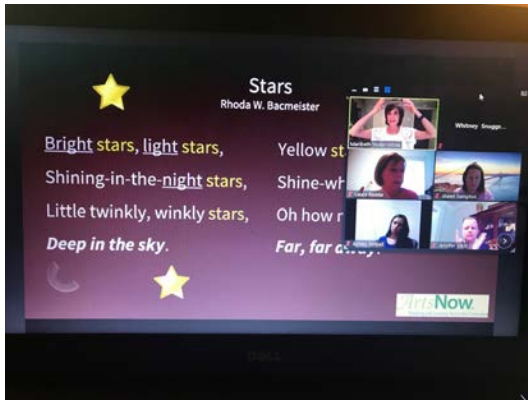
SmART Literacy

The month of September was a busy one for our SmART Literacy grant schools in Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC. Although instruction looks a little differently at the four schools supported through the AAEDD (Assistance for Arts Education Development and Dissemination) federal grant, teachers are ready to work with ArtsNow consultants to plan for innovative and creative arts integrated instruction.

Several professional learning days were held virtually via Zoom. ArtsNow consultants designed the days to be relevant and inspiring. Teachers focused on a specific art form and left with strategies and lesson ideas to implement immediately. Additionally, ArtsNow provided pop-up planning days to SmART Literacy teachers.

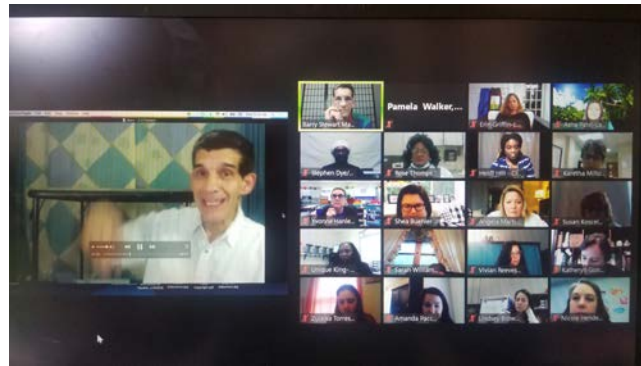
Consultants in each art form were available in a virtual room to support teachers in literacy focused arts integration. Many teachers took this opportunity to have candid conversations with our team of consultants and ask questions tailored to their needs. Another opportunity made possible through the AAEDD grant are artist residencies.

This month *Loop it Up Savannah* and *Savannah Stage Company* worked with grant teachers and students to provide meaningful arts experiences. We have many more exciting things coming up with SmART Literacy and we look forward to sharing updates with you!



Cobb County Arts4All

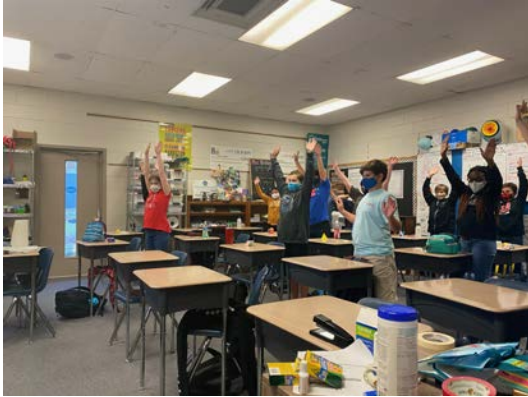
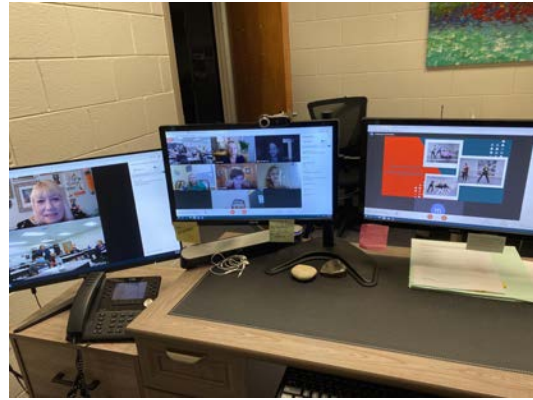
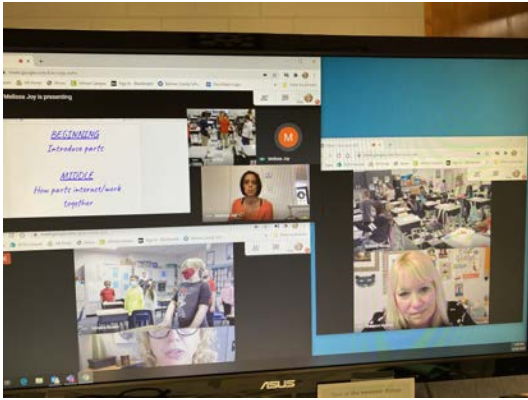
September 23rd, ArtsNow consultant, Barry Stewart Mann, facilitated a drama integration workshop with more than 70 elementary teachers across Cobb County as a part of their continued Arts4All project. These teachers have been receiving professional learning across all art forms to engage their students in arts integration within their classrooms. This was our first virtual session with this group of teachers and we were excited about their participation and enthusiasm for new strategies to actively engage their students during these challenging times. ArtsNow is excited to continue supporting Cobb County and Arts4All this year with additional professional learning sessions in the near future.



CFIT (Center for Innovative Teaching) in Barrow County

ArtsNow and the Barrow County School System kicked off year four of the ArtsNow Professional Learning Residency, September 15, 2020. While Covid-19 has prevented the teachers and students from gathering in person with the consultants, it has not taken away our passion for arts integration, and our ability to provide meaningful, engaging, and effective learning experiences virtually. During the 2020-2021 school year, 21 teachers and over 450 students will participate in the residency program.

The program is thriving and expanding as we have added 15 new teachers! Ten teachers completed the three-year residency at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, and are now considered teacher leaders in the school system. Several of those teachers have gone on to support ArtsNow with conducting after school and summer arts integration programs to expand the opportunities for students in the community!



New Board Member Welcome

ArtsNow would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Patrick Fulbright, who is the newest member of our Board of Directors. Dr. Fulbright has over 25 years of executive management experience spending the majority of this time with The Home Depot where he honed his business experience in retail management, buying, logistics, advertising, and finance. Previous to his time with The Home Depot, Patrick spent ten years with Publix Supermarkets in store management and expense accounting. Patrick was the Business, Finance and Entrepreneur Professor at Savannah College of Art and Design before moving on to a partnership in a multi-inspection firm with a continued education real estate school before joining the University of Georgia Public Service and Outreach Small Business Development Center as Area Director of Region II for the State of Georgia. He has a B.S. in Management from Florida Southern College, M.B.A. from Coles College of Business – Kennesaw State University and recently earned his PhD in Educational Leadership from Trident University International.



Chestnut Family Foundation

The Chestnut Family Foundation continues to support the Hephzibah, GA region in amazing ways! Knowing that students were struggling with technology accessibility, and knowing that ArtsNow has a huge focus on equity and access, the foundation reached out to ArtsNow to determine how best to provide technology to the students and families in the area. We immediately contacted Richmond County School System to determine the identities of students who needed a device. The Chestnuts donated the funds to ArtsNow in order for us to purchase about 150 Hewlett Packard laptops, rent a van, and deliver the computers to the schools following all Covid-19 guidelines. The families were so appreciative of the donation so that their children could participate in online instruction. ArtsNow has a plan in place with each of the schools in order to continue providing professional learning and student demonstration lessons via Zoom. These computers will allow the students of these families to continue their arts integrated learning!





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