Creativity in Action

A glimpse into a Parkrose School District classroom

SANSAN, BYRON, AND LUELLA are fourth graders at Prescott Elementary School. This year, their class participated in a Right Brain residency with a movement artist from Bodyvox. Using dance and movement to explore the book their class was reading together, the students related to the material and one another in new ways. They were engaged and creative in their thinking. “I was stretched out of my comfort zone,” Luella says, and Sansan agrees: “Dancing made me feel like I was actually in the book we read.”

Renee is their fourth grade teacher, and has been working in the Parkrose School District for 16 years. In that amount of time, recess, physical education, and art classes have been scaled down or cut entirely because of staffing and budget shortages. Without dedicated time for movement or creativity, the residency with Bodybox brought new opportunities to Renee’s classroom. “My class was studying climate change,” Renee says, “so through movement we explored the environment with our bodies... what the ocean floor would feel like, what space would feel like, what you might find in a forest. We’re giving students an opportunity to move and explore. This is an opportunity for everyone to be successful.”

In partnership with The Right Brain Initiative, Prescott Elementary is one of 70 schools across the greater Portland metro region investing in professional development and teaching artist residences that equip educators with tools to bring arts integration strategies into their classrooms. As she teaches every day, Renee is an example across her school in using Right Brain practices to engage and stimulate her students in fresh ways. “They see that this is something different happening in the classroom,” Renee says, “and they’re excited about it.” That’s the power of The Right Brain Initiative.

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Our Impact

How have Arts Integration Specialists impacted teachers' understanding of the power of arts integration?

**THIS YEAR**, there was a dramatic increase in teachers' ability to identify the multidimensional impact of arts integration strategies.

**Spring 2018 & Spring 2019:** The most frequently identified purposes for using arts integration strategies

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<th>Purpose</th>
<th>2018 (%)</th>
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<td>Engage my students</td>
<td>67%</td>
<td>95%</td>
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<td>Reach a full range of students' learning style</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>74%</td>
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<td>Deepen students' understanding of core content</td>
<td>14%</td>
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“Bringing the arts into my teaching has opened up fresh avenues of communication for my students.”

- CLASSROOM TEACHER, REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT
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2018-19 Funders

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PRIVATE FOUNDATION: $254,276
CORPORATE: $139,225
PUBLIC ($729,734)
IN-KIND: $139,225
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HILLSBORO ARTS & CULTURE COUNCIL: $5,000
PORTLAND CENTER STAGE: $22,500
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS: $46,000
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CITY OF PORTLAND: $57,520
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