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Angel Oak Elementary School

Angel Oak Elementary named ArtsNOW Leadership School

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Principal

Johns Island, S.C. - Angel Oak Elementary School was recognized as a 2022-23 ArtsNOW Leadership School. ArtsNOW Leadership Schools are schools that consistently provide arts integration school-wide with a high level of fidelity.

The arts are pervasive throughout Angel Oak, and teaching and learning are positively reinforced and supported through the lens of arts integration.

"We are proud of our continued recognition as an arts integrated elementary school," said Principal Judith Condon. "We have seen the power of the arts to transform learning for our students and we are committed to continuing our work using this model."

In addition, ArtsNOW Leadership Schools have principals who make arts integration a school-wide priority and who are passionate about positively impacting students, and their school communities, through the arts.

"Angel Oak Elementary has been partnering with ArtsNow since 2018," said Pamela Walker, President and Chief Executive Officer of ArtsNow. "As a part of the SmART Literacy federal grant, Angel Oak Elementary continues to show growth in student achievement each year in the areas of reading and writing as reflected by increased proficiency in SC READY data, Lexile scores and pre/post writing assessments as noted in the grant's Year 4 evaluation snapshot."

For more information, contact Principal Condon at (843) 559-6412.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs. CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), music and other creative and performing arts, career and technical preparation programs, and military.

