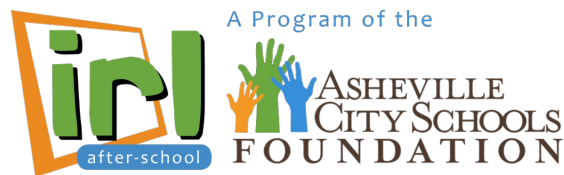




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Collaborating together for a more grateful & kind 2021



This month IRL hosted a mini session of "Eight Days of Giving" from December 7th-December 17th.

Middle school students participated in a variety of in-person and virtual clubs that focused on gratitude, gift making, and other holiday activities. Students went on a field trip to see the Winter Lights at the NC Arboretum and welcomed Dewayne Barton of [Hood Huggers International](#) as a new IRL provider, who led students on a walking history tour downtown and through the Burton Street Community Peace Gardens.



Copland and Greg delivering supply kits to students



Salt dough ornament making



Sculpture at Burton Street Community Peace Gardens



Heading to programming on the ACSF bus

Learn more about IRL After-School

Leading for a more equitable 2021

We are so inspired by the ACS [Racial Equity Ambassadors](#) who have now delivered presentations for AHS/SILSA teachers and for the United Way School and Community Partners Network. Their passion and leadership is energizing and we're so excited to see how this team creates transformational change within our community.

Many thanks to seniors, Miranda Williams and Seth Bellamy for leading the team this year!



Learn more about the ACSF Equity Action Plan



TEACHING ARTISTS PRESENTING IN ASHEVILLE SCHOOLS

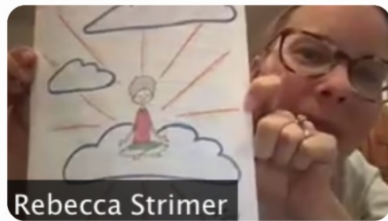
During our recent Board of Directors meeting, TAPAS artist and author, Omileye Achikeobi-Lewis, led our team in a beautiful project exploring symbols and color along with "I am" statements to create a mantra and express the energy they would like to bring into the new year.



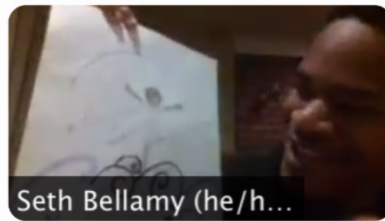
Lauren Dorsey (Mo...)



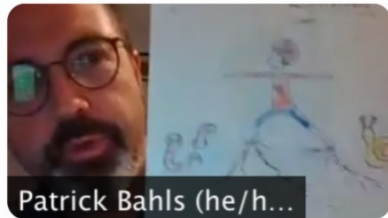
Four Elemental Mothers



Rebecca Strimer



Seth Bellamy (he/h...)



Patrick Bahls (he/h...)



Shawn Winebrenne...

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**FEATURING OMILEYE ACHIKEOBI-LEWIS
AND OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

In November, Ms. Venhuizen's 6th and 7th grade art classes from Montford North Star Academy virtually visited the [Asheville Art Museum](#) and Ms. Mericle's 11th grade English classes virtually visited [Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center](#).

In December, Ms. Geary's 1st grade class at Claxton Elementary worked with artist Ginger Huebner to create collaborative self-portraits and Mr. Randall and Ms. Wagar's 6th grade classes at Asheville Middle School created Peace I Am paintings with artist Omileye Achikeobi-Lewis. For these art projects, students were given creativity kits of materials to have at home while they met online to create together.



Ginger Huebner discussing the work of artist, Romare Bearden, with students.



One of the 1st grade collaborative self-portrait pieces.



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