In a rapidly changing world where new discoveries that rival science fiction are made daily, one key characteristic for success stands out: creativity. To be successful, children must become 21st century thinkers who innovate, question, and draw connections among all fields of knowledge. There is no better way to support these attributes than arts education.
COCKTAILS FOR KID smART
George Dunbar, Featured Artist

Born in New Orleans and a long-time resident of the North Shore, George Dunbar takes inspiration for his work from the bayous and waterways that surround his home. A major figure in New Orleans contemporary art for six decades, his work exemplifies visual elegance, craftsmanship and design. Dunbar believes that art is a necessity for any community. He embodies the creative nature we desire for our children.

Cocktails for KID smART
Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Home of Caroline and André Robert
20 Audubon Place
Champagne Reception for Sponsors & Patrons
6:30 pm
Cocktail Party
7:30 pm

Jill McKay Pipes and Suzanne Dumez, Chairmen
KID smART is proud to feature Mr. Dunbar and his piece Torregano at this year’s event.

Tickets available at www.kidsmart.org

Sponsors and patrons will receive a limited edition, signed and numbered giclée of featured artist George Dunbar’s Torregano. We are excited to note that for the first time the original work will be auctioned live, as a generous gift of the artist and Callan Contemporary Gallery.

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UPCOMING CURRICULUM LAUNCHES

KID smART has launched the second edition of *With Feeling: Emotional Intelligence through the Arts*, an arts integrated emotional literacy curriculum for grades 5-8. The curriculum consists of four units of five lessons each, exploring issues relevant to middle school students such as self-worth, understanding emotions in different situations, strategies for dealing with uncomfortable emotions and conflict management. The curriculum is free for use at: www.kidsmart.org/with_feeling.html

Increasing the Emotional Literacy of youth in general is a critical need. A recent screening of 232 New Orleans middle school students found that 44% had someone close to them murdered, 29% had witnessed an assault with a weapon and 14% had witnessed a murder. Children of trauma are at extremely high risk for emotional and behavioral problems if they have no resources to address what has happened to them. *With Feeling* gives all teachers strategies and lessons to build emotional literacy and create pathways for students to understand their feelings and create positive ways of interacting with others.

On November 12, 2015, KID smART will host a workshop at the Arts Estuary, 1024 Elysian Fields Ave. Explore the lessons hands-on, learn about the research and building of the lessons and get hard copies of all of the units. Visit kidsmart.org to view the full K-8th grade curriculum developed by KID smART Teaching Artist Sophie Johnson and funded with support from the Institute of Mental Hygiene and the Keller Foundation.

For more information contact Elise Gallinot Goldman at elise@kidsmart.org.

*kNOw What It Means* celebrates those things that make New Orleans a unique place to live. Targeted to grades 3-6, the *kNOw What It Means* kits include lessons and materials help students understand and celebrate their city. This fall, we launched the Architecture Curriculum Kits, which were distributed to 35 New Orleans schools. Now we turn our sights to our second kit - Carnival! Look for more information on our Carnival + Art Workshop & Kit Giveaway this winter!

*kNOw What It Means* is sponsored by KID smART, the Selley Foundation, the GPOA Foundation, and GiveNOLA Day donors. For additional information, please contact Cheryl Manley at cheryl@kidsmart.org.
ANY GIVEN CHILD

In 2014-15 New Orleans’ education, government, arts business and philanthropic communities joined hands to create a city-wide plan for how to increase arts education in schools. Facilitated by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a community leadership team coordinated input from 29 meetings and almost 1,200 people. The outcome: Any Given Child New Orleans (AGCNO) will work to ensure every K-8 child receives pervasive, abundant and resource-rich arts learning experiences connected to New Orleans cultures and models and supports excellence and best practices.

AGCNO (working title) is a collective impact program with its own governing body, with KID smART serving as the housing agency for the initiative. In our highly decentralized system of schools, AGCNO will initially serve 32 public K-8 schools with expansion anticipated. Our thanks to the great Community Arts Team leading this work. Check out our website to read the goals and to stay connected as the project begins its work to ensure access and equity for all children to an education that includes the arts.

www.kidsmart.org/any_given_child.html

THINK smART

As consensus grows that education requires a shift from teaching content to teaching students how to think, KID smART announces the THINK smART initiative. Through support from Baptist Community Ministries, THINK smART addresses the need for local public schools to ensure that students have informed, nimble responses to the challenges they meet. In a three year partnership with ReNEW Charter Management Organization at ReNEW Cultural Arts Academy and ReNEW McDonogh City Park Academy, THINK smART will support schools as they work to develop cultures of thinking in classrooms to foster student and teacher engagement, to uncover understanding and to promote independence within the classroom culture.

THINK smART uses Making Thinking Visible (MVT), a framework researched by Project Zero at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, to externalize thought through speaking, writing, drawing, acting or other methods. THINK smART supports self-efficacy and self-motivation in student learning, builds understanding across all subjects, and helps students think more critically and creatively by illuminating student learning and thinking in the classroom.

THINK smART will place artists in the classroom, will support teachers through professional development in arts integration and MTV strategies, and will provide specialized training in MTV through the Harvard Graduate School of Education for ReNEW's Academic Coaches and KID smART staff. The result:

• Students gain understanding through critical and creative thinking.
• Schools increase student achievement.
• Teachers and administrators support deep-thinking classroom cultures and foster engagement with ideas.

INTERSECTING MISSIONS

Every child deserves an education that fosters innovation, imagination, inquiry, hard work and community.

Through a $100,000 grant to support access to the arts in public schools, Lambert and KID smART have formed a partnership to empower ALL children to unlock their full academic, creative and personal potential.

The Lambert Foundation Fund of Tides Foundation leverages the critical role of arts and culture at the intersection of social justice.
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KID smART TEACHING ARTISTS
Catalysts for Creativity in Thirteen New Orleans Schools

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CELEBRATE KID smART MILESTONES

During the 2014-2015 school year...

- **4,608** students were in KID smART classrooms.
- **544** teachers participated in KID smART professional development programs.
- **11** New Orleans schools hosted KID smART's Artist in the Classroom program.

KID smART's sophisticated assessment model shows the positive impact of our work in the classroom. Our students' growth and achievements come to life in this new milestones infographic. Take a look! www.kidsmart.org/milestones.png