Imagination is limitless! With arts educators as guides, KID smART students build creativity, excavate deeper understanding, and discover endless possibilities.
KID smART staff is supporting teachers around the region as they deepen and extend their arts integration skills.

• In Tangipahoa Parish, KID smART Arts Coach Zeb Hollins, III is leading bi-monthly demonstration lessons and professional development workshops for the faculty of Tangi Academy.

• For the fourth year, KID smART is presenting professional development workshops to teachers through the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge. Educators in the Baton Rouge area will work with KID smART Arts Coaches in sessions such as Conflict Management through Drama, Working Science in Life with Theatre and Photography, and Future Point by Persuasive Playwriting.

• In our fifth year of partnership, KID smART provided professional development of the Mississippi Arts Commission for teacher institutes and at “Whole Schools” throughout the state.

• Closer to home, 76 New Orleans public school teachers are honing their arts integration practice in a monthly KID smART AXIS session. This year, teachers will learn from national presenters and attend sessions on topics such as using theater with English Language Learners, developing early math skills through visual art, and teaching American history through poetry. Arts-integrated professional development is also taking place in schools across New Orleans.

Let the arts be a catalyst for creativity in your school as part of KID smART’s website redesign: the menu of arts integrated professional development workshops has been upgraded to a fully searchable format. New workshops have been added and more are on the way for spring. To view available workshops and schedule PD at your school, go to www.KIDsmART.org/PD.

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"I used to think... Now I think..."
As KID smART considers how to engage a broader community in arts education best practices, we are working on three different initiatives to connect, support, and engage the community beyond our Creative Schools.

Cultural relevance in the classroom is critical for students to understand how place and identity informs them as thinkers. Homegrown works with our cultural partners to offer training and follow-up support for artist of color and teaching artists who are native New Orleanians.

Any Given Child New Orleans is about to kick into high gear! KID smART serves as the backbone agency for this city-wide initiative to support arts education.

KID smART has been interested in connecting parents to the power of arts education since our inception. This year KID smART pilots Artful Parenting: working within schools to provide highly engaging workshops for parents that will explore how the arts help children’s brains develop.

Check out our website KIDsmART.org for updates and to join our email list.
MILESTONES

KID smART milestones reflect the many achievements of students and teachers in our Creative Schools. Using a variety of evaluation tools, these milestones share the results of powerful arts integrated learning. To learn more about our programs visit KIDsmART.org.

MAKE A RECURRING DONATION

$10 a month provides art supplies for one KID smART Creative School for the entire school year.

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NATIVE NEW ORLEANSIAN
Artistic Residency at Dolores T. Aaron Academy
Taught 20+ years in the major public school systems
Danced professionally with dance companies in California and New York City
First graders at Dolores T. Aaron Academy recently learned shapes, letters, and numbers through movement. When Ms. Nilata called out, “Triangle!” the students used their collaborative skills and their prior knowledge to form their bodies into a triangle. Their classroom teacher, Ms. Opata, was impressed by the students’ creativity and problem-solving skills when forming particularly tricky shapes. It took a lot of teamwork to make the number 5!

NEW STAFF

Meet KID smART Teaching Artist, Kamili Nilata

Zeb Hollins, III: Theatre @ Martin Behrman Charter School
Baderinwa Rolland: Theatre & Dance @ McDonogh 42 Elementary
Aminisha Ferdinand: Theatre & Dance @ McDonogh City Park Academy
Jenn Potts: Visual Art @ Edward Hynes Charter School
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Beverly Johnson: Theatre & Dance @ Lycée Français
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