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SMARTS partners with the City of Youngstown Parks & Recreation Department & the Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center to provide summer programming

SMARTS is partnering with the City of Youngstown Parks & Recreation Department & the Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center to provide summer programming for **City of Youngstown residents who are from grades 3-6 up to 12 years old**. Programming is FREE and will take place on these Saturdays—July 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at SMARTS, Students Motivated by the Arts, Ohio One Building, 25 East Boardman Street, First Floor, Youngstown, OH 44503, 330-574-2787. Students must complete an application which is available to download from www.SmartsArtSchool.org or for local pick-up at City Hall, Parks & Recreation Office, 26 South Phelps Street, Youngstown, OH or at The Juvenile Justice Center, 300 East Scott Street, Youngstown, OH.

The City of Youngstown Park & Recreation Department and the Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center are longtime partners and have added SMARTS quality arts education programming to their offerings. This will be the first programming to take place at SMARTS new facility in the Ohio One Building.

SMARTS will offer classes in visual arts, music, dance, theater, and/or creative writing. There will be 3 different classes each Saturday and all students will have an opportunity to participate in each class, each day with a short break for lunch (snack supplied by JJC). Students will need to have their own transportation and be dropped off at 10 am and picked up at 1 pm or parents/guardians can stay at SMARTS during these classes.

SMARTS is a community art school which seeks to motivate students to succeed in all areas of life by teaching them the discipline and focus that creating art takes. SMARTS offers classes to K-12 students in our community in visual arts, music, dance, theater, and creative writing at the new SMARTS facility in the historic Ohio One Building in downtown Youngstown and throughout the Mahoning Valley at schools and organizations that serve youth.

SMARTS Mission; “SMARTS community art school provides access and early training in the arts for our region's K-12 youth with a focus on underserved populations. SMARTS engages public and private organizations, schools, and artists in cooperative projects designed to enrich our community, promote student achievement, inspire self-discovery, and impact cultural and academic literacy through fine and performing arts.”

SMARTS Vision; “SMARTS community art school will continue to be the leader in quality arts education in our region, state, and nation by serving our community's youth. SMARTS will provide quality arts education, and promote our region's arts and culture by establishing partnerships, working with public and private organizations, and representing the diversity of our community.”

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