



Virtual SMARTS Class Catalog Fall 2020

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SMARTS Mission

SMARTS community art school provides access and early training in the arts for our region's PK-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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About SMARTS

SMARTS, Students Motivated by the Arts, is a community art school that provides classes in visual arts, music, dance, theater, and creative writing for our region's PK-12 youth with a focus on underserved populations. SMARTS hires and prepares community teaching artists with professional training and oversight so that they can provide quality arts-focused teaching and learning with lesson plans that follow state standards. Since 1997, SMARTS classes have been *free and open to the public* and all students are accepted through a simple application process.

SMARTS classes take place during the fall, spring and summer in-person, when possible, at the historic Ohio One Building in downtown Youngstown after-school and on Saturdays and are also offered online through Virtual SMARTS. SMARTS partners with schools, school districts, and youth programs throughout the region both during and after school by providing them with arts classes, workshops, and hands-on activities for their students. SMARTS partnerships allow us to reach deep into the community, engage students who may not have any or enough access to the arts, and to generate revenue in support of our future.

In addition to providing opportunities to PK-12 students, SMARTS provides professional development for teachers with an emphasis on arts integration. Our goal with arts integration is to bring learning to life, connect core content to the arts, and provide a new approach with strategies to reach students who are disengaged.

SMARTS arts integration focus can help teachers to re-imagine the future of teaching and learning. Arts Integration is an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form. Students engage in a creative process which connects an art form and another subject area and meets evolving objectives in both simultaneously.

SMARTS mission to provide access and equity in arts education reaches across all socio-economic levels while providing access and early training in the arts. Even our most affluent schools in Ohio don't teach the whole child by offering each of the arts disciplines at every grade level. With their compliance for standardized testing, budget constraints, scheduling conflicts, academic and STEM focus, and for numerous other reasons, their students don't have arts learning opportunities during the school day.

SMARTS is the backbone and lead arts organization for Any Given Child, Warren, an initiative through the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts that provides students access and equity to quality arts education in the Warren City School District. SMARTS provides leadership, administration, and professional development in arts integration for their teachers, and arts integration opportunities in the classrooms.

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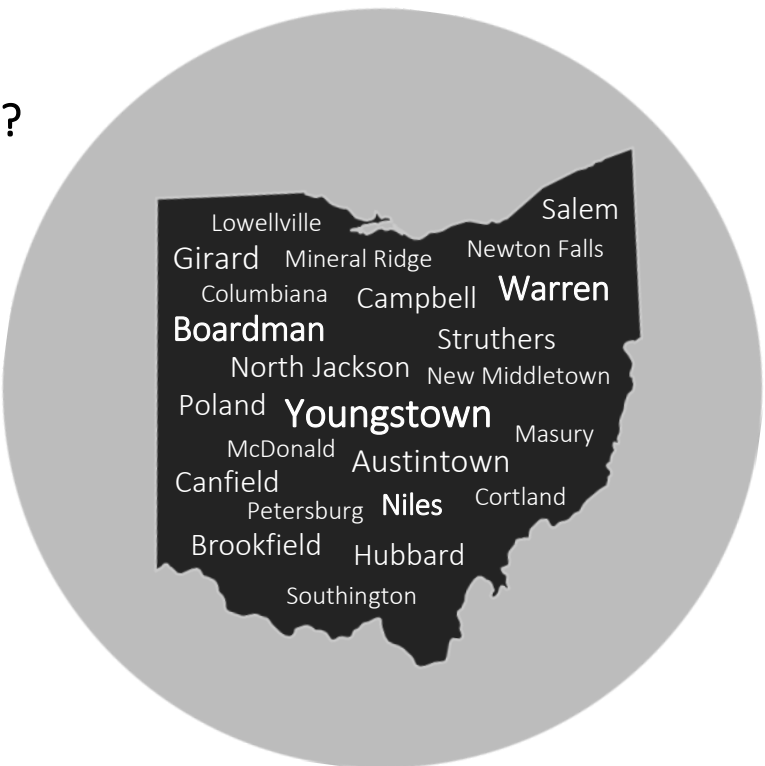
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Who are SMARTS Students?

SMARTS currently serves over 3,500 students weekly through our after school classes in our downtown Youngstown location and in school districts and youth programs throughout the community during the school day and after school.

To date, we have over 1,300 student applications from families in 44 different locations who want to take arts classes. SMARTS families across the region travel to our facility from eight counties in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Through Virtual SMARTS, students can take SMARTS classes from anywhere in the world!



SMARTS Community Partners

SMARTS Arts teaching and learning takes place in the following locations

During the School Day Partners

SMARTS Community Teaching Artists are employed by SMARTS and placed in partnering school systems to teach Visual Art, Music, and Dance year-round during the school day.

- Liberty School District
- South Side Academy
- Any Given Child, Warren, Ohio
- Jefferson PK-8, Lincoln PK-8, McGuffey PK-8, Willard PK-8

SMARTS Beats is a percussion-based music program for PK-12 students with special needs. SMARTS Empowers program integrates arts education into students’ daily art activities using visual art, theater and dance for PK-12 students with special needs.

- ACLD School and Learning Center
- Austintown Elementary School
- Boardman Stadium Elementary
- Boardman Center Intermediate
- Canfield Hilltop Elementary
- Canfield Village Middle School
- Canfield High School
- Potential Development Pre-K
- Potential Development Intermediate
- Potential Development High School
- The Rich Center for Autism

After-School Partners

SMARTS collaborates with the following after school programs to provide arts education classes.

- Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown
- United Way of Youngstown and Mahoning County’s “Success After 6”
 - Youngstown City Schools
 - Harding Elementary*
 - Martin Luther King Elementary*
 - McGuffey Elementary*
 - Paul C. Bunn Elementary*
 - Taft Elementary*
 - Williamson Elementary*
 - Wilson Elementary*
 - Campbell Elementary
 - Girard Elementary
 - Liberty, E.J. Blott Elementary
 - Struthers Elementary
 - Youngstown Community School

SMARTS Students Benefit from the Arts



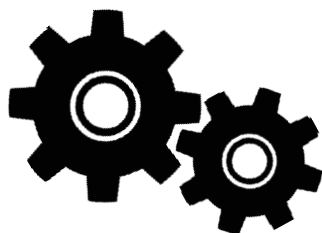
High levels of music training is linked with **SHORT AND LONGTERM MEMORY IMPROVEMENT**



Students in arts programs receive better grades in all subjects, including math and science, and **OUTPERFORM NON-ART PEERS BY 91 POINTS ON SAT TEST**



Students in arts programs are more likely involved in community service + youth groups and **ARE 44% LESS LIKELY TO USE DRUGS THAN NON-ART PEERS**



2017 Governor’s Award Recipient

SMARTS was awarded the 2017 Governor’s Award for Arts Education in Ohio by the Ohio Arts Council and the Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation for its leadership, significant contributions, and creative efforts to advance arts education in Ohio’s schools and community organizations.

Why Virtual SMARTS?



SMARTS has been growing and expanding our expertise by learning best practices and effective teaching strategies for virtual learning. We have found that online classes are often discussed in ways that underestimate their potential. However, we have been amazed, inspired, empowered, and at times...challenged...on what our notions of what virtual learning could be. While we believe in-person arts teaching and learning is always better, we have found that all arts disciplines and all types of students - even students with special needs - can learn and demonstrate remarkable creativity in an online class. In some ways, there are even advantages.

SMARTS aims to set a new standard for learning in a traditional classroom setting by focusing on creating the next generation of artists and creative innovators. We now also aim to set a new standard for the effectiveness and wonder of learning in a virtual setting.

Same Community | SMARTS teachers are passionate about the art they specialize in and have empathy for the challenges student artists face as they discover their own personal identity. While online classes do affect interactions, they do not eliminate the human element of a teacher and students working on projects together with compassion and creativity.

New Perspective | SMARTS online learning benefits arts disciplines by enabling students to view the same working surface or screen as the teacher. In some ways, students get more one-on-one attention than they would in a traditional classroom setting. Suddenly, you can see up close how your teacher paints with his brush, or you can create music in the same program simultaneously with your classmates.

High Engagement | SMARTS students are just as engaged in arts learning online as in-person because unlike their regular education, they get to *choose* their arts classes. We have created curriculum specifically for online learning. Providing virtual instruction means teachers can utilize different techniques they would not normally in a traditional setting to encourage and inspire students.

Access and Equity | SMARTS students are able to access our classes from the comfort and convenience of where they live. Students who could not otherwise get to SMARTS after school now have the opportunity to access quality arts education anywhere. This benefits families with busy or non-traditional schedules.

Virtual SMARTS Student Admissions Policy

Classes on Virtual SMARTS provide students with a quality arts education. The following information ensures that classes are a positive and productive learning experience for all students.

1. **Timeliness.** Students are expected to sign in for their Zoom class 5 minutes before the start of class to ensure no late arrivals or technical difficulties. If students are more than 5 minutes late, they will not be admitted into class.
2. **Absence.** Students are permitted only 1 absence for Virtual SMARTS classes. Please report all absences to the SMARTS Education Director by calling 330-574-2787 Ext. 2 or to receive assistance with any day-of technology issues.
3. **Supplies.** Students are required to double check the supply list for the class and have these supplies prepared or purchased for the first class. Any updated supplies will be posted to your Virtual SMARTS class page.
4. **Dress Code.** Students must be dressed in school-appropriate clothing during class.
5. **Behavior.** Students are expected to behave as they would in an in-person class. That means staying present on camera (unless excused), sitting up on screen, and avoiding other tech distractions while “in class.” Students are expected to treat other students with respect on screen, in the chat, and in any other virtual programs used for the class in order to maintain a safe and accepting learning environment for all.
6. **Supervision when indicated on class description.** For PK and K-2 classes, a parent/guardian must be in the room and/or on camera with the student if this is specified at enrollment. Parent/guardian must adhere to student admissions policy and have an adult application on file with SMARTS.

All Virtual SMARTS classes will be recorded for safety purposes. Use of this video and photos will follow preferences indicated on the media release.

To become a SMARTS student, parents/guardians must submit an application for each child on the SMARTS website and communicate with SMARTS staff about any at-home technical difficulties. This will allow SMARTS staff to be prepared and adjust to student needs. Classes are filled on a first-come, first serve basis. A waiting list is created if a class is filled. Students are contacted in order from the waiting list if a spot is available.

Types of SMARTS Classes

There will be no in-person SMARTS classes until further notice. All SMARTS Fall 2020 classes will be held live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS.

In-person | Instruction in a traditional classroom setting at our beautiful, historic downtown Youngstown facility.

Virtual | Instruction live online via Zoom using a link provided at enrollment from a private Virtual SMARTS class page.

Video | Video-only instruction that students complete at home at their own pace.

Hybrid | Any combination of in-person, live online via Zoom lessons, or video instruction.

Fall 2020 Class Schedule

Visual Art

Theater

Music

Creative Writing

Dance

PK Classes

Tuesday Classes				
Time	Virtual Art Room	Virtual Piano Lab	Virtual Smartatorium	Virtual Multi-Disc. Rm
3:25		3:25-4:15 pm SMARTS Beginner Guitar Grades 3-12		
3:30				
3:35				
4:00				
4:05				
4:10				
4:15				
4:20		4:20-5:15 pm SMARTS Improv Piano Lab Grades 5-12		
4:25				
4:30				
5:00				
5:05				
5:10				
5:15				
5:20			5:20-6:20 pm SMARTS Story-Makers (Spanish) Grades 3-6	
5:25				
5:30	5:30-6:20 pm SMARTIVERSE Animation Grades 5-12	5:25-6:25 pm SMARTS Studio Music Recording and Production Grades 5-12		
5:35				
6:00				
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- Visual Art
- Music
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Wednesday Classes								
Time	Virtual Art Room	Virtual Piano Lab	Virtual Smartatorium	Virtual Multi-Disc. Rm				
4:05								
4:10		4:10-5:00 pm SMARTS Piano Lab 1A Grades 4-12						
4:15	4:15-5:10 pm SMARTS Printmaking 101 Grades 5-12							
4:20			4:20-5:05 pm SMARTS Monster Musical Theater Grades K-2					
4:25				4:25-4:55 pm SMARTS PK Art Field Trip Ages 3-4				
4:30								
4:35								
4:40								
4:45								
4:50								
4:55								
5:00								
5:05								
5:10		5:10-6:10 pm SMARTS Piano Lab 1C Grades 5-12		5:10-6:00 pm SMARTS Repurposed 2D and 3D Sculpture Art Grades K-2				
5:15			5:15-6:15 pm SMARTS Herstory Theater Grades 6-12					
5:20								
5:25	5:25-6:25 pm SMARTS Outer Space 3D Animation Grades 3-7							
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- Dance
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- PK Classes

Thursday Classes				
Time	Virtual Art Room	Virtual Piano Lab	Virtual Smartatorium	Virtual Multi-Disc. Rm
4:20		4:20-5:10 pm SMARTS Piano Lab 1A Grades 3-6		
4:25				4:25-5:20 pm SMARTS Abstract Art 101 Grades 3-7
4:30				
4:55				
5:00				
5:05				
5:10				
5:15			5:15-5:50 pm SMARTS Creative Artist Yoga Grades K-2	
5:20				
5:25	5:25-6:20 pm SMARTS Intro to Watercolor Painting Grades 1-4	5:25-6:05 pm SMARTS Adventures in Piano 2 Grades K-2		5:30-6:25 pm SMARTS 100-Word Short Story Grades 4-8
5:30				
5:40				
5:45				
5:50				
5:55				
6:00			6:00-6:35 pm SMARTS Hip Hop Dance Grades K-2	
6:05				
6:15				
6:20				
6:25				

- Visual Art
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- Theater
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Saturday Classes						
Time	Virtual Art Room	Virtual Smartatorium	Virtual Piano Lab	Virtual Multi-Disc. Rm		
10:50				10:10 - 11:00 am SMARTS Violin 1A Grades 5-12		
10:55						
11:00						
11:05			11:00 - 11:50 am SMARTS Ukulele 1A Grades 3-12			
11:10				11:10 am -12:00 pm SMARTS Violin 1B Grades 3-8		
11:15		11:10 - 11:55 am SMARTS Adventures in Piano 1 Grades K-2				
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11:45						
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12:00			12:00 - 12:50 pm SMARTS Ukulele 1C Grades 3-12			
12:05						
12:10		12:05 - 12:50 pm SMARTS Adventures in Piano 2 Grades K-2		12:10 - 1:00 pm SMARTS Violin 1C Grades 5-12		
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Fall 2020 Class Descriptions

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Virtual SMARTS Visual Art Classes

SMARTS Abstract Art 101, Grades 3-7

Abstract art is more than just splatters on a canvas! Learn how to express yourself without the pressure to draw or paint images true to form. In this class, students will get a chance to paint like classic abstract artists and become more comfortable creating whatever comes to mind through a variety of mediums – sketching, painting, and collaging. Students will also learn basic art vocabulary with words like monochromatic or non-objective.

Supplies needed: pencil, colored pencils or crayons, sketch pad paper or cardstock paper, magazines or newspapers, construction paper, paintbrushes, and acrylic paint or watercolor paint. **Optional supplies:** two canvases

Thursdays @ 4:25-5:20 pm

Sept 10, 17, 24

Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

SMARTIVERSE Animation, Grades 5-12

Be the first student animator to ever step foot in the SMARTIVERSE! If SMARTS were a creative galaxy, what do you think it would look like? What planets would be there? Who might you meet on those planets? Learn the twelve animation principles set forth by Disney Studios as you develop your own characters and invent a story that happens while you and your classmates explore the SMARTIVERSE. You will also meet Artie, a fun-loving three-eyed alien who will be your animation tour guide to help you and others at SMARTS discover the arts. *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction and weekly lessons that will take place live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS.*

Preferred supplies: Download the free FlipaClip animation app from GooglePlay on a device for this class. If students do not have the technology for this app, they can still participate in the class by taking pictures of their drawings to upload to their teacher through their Virtual SMARTS class page.

Tuesdays @ 5:30-6:20 pm

Sept 8, 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

SMARTS Intro to Watercolor, Grades 1-4

Fun with water and art collide in this expressive class where students will learn the basic techniques of watercolor to paint landscapes. Students will focus on blending colors while learning to use the right amount of water in different ways to create special effects in their paintings! This class will open the door to further exploration of painting and 2D art through fun assignments that students will be proud to display in their rooms.

Supplies needed: watercolor set, brushes, water, paper towels, watercolor paper 11x14 or cardstock.

Thursdays @ 5:25-6:20 pm

Sept 10, 17, 24

Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

SMARTS Outer Space 3D Animation, Grades 3-7

Brace for landing! In this class, students will create projects that are out of this world. After exploring the history of animation before the invention of film, students will animate 3-dimensionally without the use of technology. Turn two drawings into a paper GIF astronaut that dances before your eyes! Build a planetary shadowbox with mesmerizing moving parts. Engineer a science-fiction-inspired wire puppet to use in your future productions and more! This class is about creating interactive art that moves and comes to life.

Supplies needed: pencil, pen, paper, ruler, string, tape, glue, scissors, stapler or binder clip, cardboard, medium plastic container lid (example: oatmeal container). **Optional supplies:** 1-2 bamboo skewers or chopsticks, markers, paint, paintbrushes, black paper, magazines, light box.

Wednesdays @ 5:25-6:25 pm

Sept 9, 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

SMARTS PK Virtual Field Trips, Ages 3-4

Students in this class must have an accompanying adult on screen in order to participate.

Get outside the home on Zoom and explore a world of visual art! This class will help students think like an artist as they tour famous paintings and places around the world without ever leaving their seats. Learn new words and become familiar with the elements of visual art. Not only will this class improve literacy and self-expression before students go to kindergarten, they will have new experiences to share with family and friends. They might even be inspired to make their own masterpiece!

Supplies: brown paper bags, rocks, sticks, newspaper, cup of water, pencil, markers, crayons, basic watercolor set with a brush, cardstock, white paper. **Preferred supplies:** access to a camera phone.

Wednesdays @ 4:25-4:55 pm

Sept 9, 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

SMARTS Printmaking 101, Grades 5-12

In this class, students will enter the exciting world of printmaking, where your finished product will always amaze you. Printmaking is a method transferring images from one surface to another, using paint, marker, ink, etc. T-shirts, newspapers, art prints, and posters are all forms of printmaking. Students will experiment with various printmaking techniques including monoprints, collagraphs, etchings, and more. As students peel away their artwork, they will see a “print,” a mirror reflection of their original creation on a piece of paper, glass, tile, wood, or another surface. The process of transferring the image makes the artwork come alive in unique ways, and it always turns out a little bit different than you thought it would! Printmaking gives artists the flexibility to be creative, experiment, try new things, and revise approaches to get the right effect. You’ll have a blast as you discover a brand new way to express yourself, filled with delightful surprises.

Supplies needed: Pen, pencil, a lot of paper (cut into half sheets, any quality), acrylic paint (inexpensive craft paint works well), scissors, tape, glue, string, Q-tips, aluminum foil, paper towels or rags, wide paintbrush (or foam brush/foam roller/brayer), plastic shopping bags, Styrofoam plates, plastic container for water, cardboard, plastic lids. **Optional supplies:** art clothes and table cover (printmaking can be messy), plastic or vinyl gloves, hot glue gun.

Wednesdays @ 4:15-5:10 pm

Sept 9, 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

SMARTS Repurpose 2D and 3D Sculpture Art, Grades K-2

Students in this class will need an adult present in the room in order to participate in this class.

Did you know artists are inventors, too? In this class, students will ignite their imaginations and bring new life to discarded common household objects by reinventing them, finding new meaning in objects that were once thought useless. By repurposing everyday objects, students will gain a new perspective on what can be called art, and what can be used to create art. Students will acquire the skills of observation and problem-solving while exploring the endless possibilities to invent, design, and construct artistic 2D and 3D sculptures and masterpieces.

Supplies needed: Begin saving cardboard, plastic, Styrofoam and other materials that you would normally throw away (make sure you clean them)! Students will discuss the types of materials to gather at the first class during a scavenger hunt. Students will also need pencil, paper, scissors, tape, glue, stapler, washable paint, hot glue gun, and any favorite art supplies. Students will need to take a picture of their finished art work each week and upload it to their teacher through the Virtual SMARTS class page.

Wednesdays @ 5:10-6:00 pm

Sept 9, 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Virtual SMARTS Music Classes

SMARTS Beginner Guitar, Grades 5-12

Guitar is the instrument everyone wants to learn, but is challenging to do on your own! With guitar, you can learn to play all the songs you love and even write your own music, but there are basics to getting started. In this class, you will learn how to tune and hold your guitar, strum basic rhythms patterns, and learn beginner chord progressions that will get you playing songs quickly. We've got everything from finger training exercises and play-along videos to help you build confidence as you learn at home at your own pace. When you meet with your SMARTS Teacher on Zoom, learning goals will be personalized to your interests and how you are progressing on the instrument. **Students must have a guitar at home in order to take this class. There will be SMARTS Guitar Practice Cards issued and each student must practice at least one hour a week between weekly lessons.** *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction and weekly lessons that will take place live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS.*

Tuesdays @ 3:25-4:15 pm

Sept 8, 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

SMARTS Studio Music Recording and Production, Grades 5-12

Is your dream to have your own songs on iTunes and Spotify one day? Want to create and record your own music, but not sure how to get started? Join this class to learn how to use recording software, mix and layer instruments, and collaborate with other young musicians to make finished song tracks in any genre you love. This class is a virtual extension of SMARTS Rock Band, where students will learn what it's like to create music not only in a band, but also in a studio performance setting using the software SoundTrap and its built-in instruments. Students need no previous music experience to take this class, and SMARTS will provide the SoundTrap subscription for students enrolled.

Tuesdays @ 5:25-6:25 pm

Sept 8, 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

SMARTS Ukulele

This fun Hawaiian instrument has captivated audiences with imaginations of island life for years, but it's not only an instrument you hear on vacation. The ukulele appears in many recent top radio hits, such as Train's "Hey Soul Sister" and Jason Mraz's "I'm Yours." The simplicity of the ukulele makes it a great first step for anyone interested in learning guitar! In this beginner's class, students will learn harmony and melody relationships, as well as rhythmic structures and coordination. The class will focus on basic chords and rhythm patterns that can be utilized solo or in conjunction with the group. No previous experience is required to attend this class. **Students must have a ukulele in order to take this class or they may purchase a ukulele from SMARTS for \$30. There will be SMARTS Ukulele Practice Cards issued and each student must practice at least one hour a week between weekly lessons.**

SMARTS Ukulele 1A, Grades 3-12

Saturdays @ 11:00-11:50 am

Sept 12, 19, 26

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

SMARTS Ukulele 1C, Grades 3-12

Saturdays @ 12:00-12:50 pm

Sept 12, 19, 26

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

SMARTS Student Piano Lessons

SMARTS Student Piano Lessons provide you with a premier piano experience like nothing you've experienced before! Our Yamaha digital piano lab is the only one of its kind in the Mahoning Valley where students will gain piano skills and are part of a musical community. Being part of a piano lab is a unique experience because when we work together everyone achieves more. Students interact with the teacher and other students through the use of state-of-the-art technology designed to personalize their learning experiences and meet every individual student at their skill level. SMARTS teachers are professionals in their field and come to us with years of experience and expertise. SMARTS piano lessons are once a week and include piano skills and music theory. SMARTS makes sure to complement our hands-on-music lessons by teaching topics such as rhythm, chords, notes, octaves, scales, music notation, and so much more. Our curriculum is designed to instill a core understanding and provide a comprehensive learning experience for every SMARTS student. Our facility, equipment and teachers make this a program you can't find anywhere else in this area!

Requirements: All SMARTS Piano Lessons are *free* but attendance, hard work, practice and dedication are required from all of our students. Because SMARTS Piano Lab is consistently waitlisted, it is imperative that students keep their commitment to their piano class and abide by the attendance policy. There will be SMARTS Piano Practice Cards issued and **each student must practice at least 1 hour a week between weekly lessons**. Our suggestion is 15 minutes a day/four days a week, but you can decide what works for you, as this is the minimum requirement. Remember, students will learn more with more practice. All SMARTS Piano classes are full-year classes. Any student who needs a piano may borrow one from SMARTS.

SMARTS Adventures in Piano 1, Grades K-2

This is the first beginner-level piano class in a series offered at SMARTS for grades K-2. Adventures in Piano will teach you the basic rhythm, music reading, and listening skills needed to take piano later in the SMARTS Piano Lab. Explore the piano using all your senses with colors, videos, soundtracks, and movement games. You'll get to make your own songs, and you might even get to try other instruments, too! Register for this adventure to discover if piano is the instrument for you! *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction and weekly lessons that will take place live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS.*

Saturdays @ 11:10-11:55 am

Sept 12, 19, 26

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

SMARTS Adventures in Piano 2, Grades K-2

This is the second beginner-level piano class in a series offered at SMARTS for grades K-2. Adventures in Piano will teach you the basic rhythm, music reading, and listening skills needed to take piano later in the SMARTS Piano Lab. Explore the piano using all your senses with colors, videos, soundtracks, and movement games. You'll get to make your own songs, and you might even get to try other instruments, too! Register for this adventure to discover if piano is the instrument for you! *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction and weekly lessons that will take place live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS.*

Thursdays @ 5:25-6:05 pm

Sept 10, 17, 24

Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Saturdays @ 12:05-12:50 pm

Sept 12, 19, 26

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

SMARTS Piano Lab 1A

This is the first beginner-level piano lab class in a series offered at SMARTS. This class is a prerequisite for all other piano lab classes. If a student has prior piano skills, they may opt to take a skills assessment with a SMARTS Instructor by appointment to place into a higher class. *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction and weekly lessons that will take place live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS.*

Grades 5-12**Wednesdays @ 4:10 – 5:00 pm**

Sept 9, 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Grades 3-6**Thursdays @ 4:20-5:10 pm**

Sept 10, 17, 24

Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

SMARTS Piano Lab 1C, Grades 5-12

This is the third beginner-level piano lab class in a series offered at SMARTS. This class is a prerequisite for all other piano lab classes. If a student has prior piano skills, they may opt to take a skills assessment with a SMARTS Instructor by appointment to place into a higher class. *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction and weekly lessons that will take place live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS.*

Wednesdays @ 5:10 – 6:10 pm

Sept 9, 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

SMARTS Improv Piano Lab, Grades 5-12

This advanced-level piano class will make the piano come alive, as you explore how to use the instrument to make solos and riffs by learning how to play and create music by ear. Experiment with emotion, style, and melodies as you develop your own sound on the piano. This class will rely heavily on applying music theory to music-making and song creation, and studying the musical composition of many well-known classical, rock, pop, and country songs. *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction and weekly lessons that will take place live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS.*

Tuesdays @ 4:20-5:15 pm

Sept 8, 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

SMARTS Student Violin Lessons

SMARTS Violin lessons give students the opportunity to investigate the world of strings in an exciting and informative private lesson setting that will surely allow each student to fully explore their artistic expression. Students work in small groups up to four students with the violin instructor. In a 45-minute session each week, students will learn to identify musical terms, music theory, musical styles, history, maintenance, and the basics of musical performance on the violin. Personalized and tailored instruction is designed to utilize each student's current abilities and then building skills upon that foundation. The emphasis of this class is on the pedagogy of the violin, a full-spectrum view of string performance is obtained. Students will be required to journal their time on a practice card.

Requirements: All SMARTS Violin Lessons are *free* to you but attendance, hard work, practice and dedication are required from all of our students. If you know that your SMARTS Music student cannot attend one of his/her scheduled lessons, you must call 330-574-2787(ARTS) to notify SMARTS of an approved absence. SMARTS violin classes are consistently waitlisted so it is important that students keep their commitment to the class and abide by the attendance expectations in the Student Admissions Policy. There will be SMARTS Violin Practice Cards issued and **each student must practice at least one hour**

a week between weekly lessons. Our suggestion is 15 minutes a day/four days a week, but you can decide what works for you, as this is the minimum requirement. Remember, students will learn more with more practice. **SMARTS violin classes will be full-year classes. Any student who needs a violin may borrow one from SMARTS.**

SMARTS Violin 1A, Grades 5-12

This is the first beginner-level violin class offered at SMARTS. Students will learn technique and form with holding and playing the violin with a bow and finger-plucking methods. Students will learn to use their ears, count music, and play with a group in unison. Learning violin takes patience, concentration, and attention to detail, but it is a lovely and rewarding instrument to play. Students will play exercises and warm ups that will prepare them to play their first song by the end of this class.

Saturdays @ 10:10-11:00 am

Sept 12, 19, 26

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

SMARTS Violin 1B, Grades 3-6

This is the second beginner-level violin class offered at SMARTS. Violin 1A is a prerequisite for this class. If a student has prior violin skills, they may opt to take a skills assessment with a SMARTS Instructor by appointment to place into a higher class. *This class will take place live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS.*

Saturdays @ 11:10-12:00 pm

Sept 12, 19, 26

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

SMARTS Violin 1C, Grades 5-12

This is the third beginner-level violin class offered at SMARTS. Violin 1A and 1B are prerequisites for this class. If a student has prior violin skills, they may opt to take a skills assessment with a SMARTS Instructor by appointment to place into a higher class. *This class will take place live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS.*

Saturdays @ 12:10-1:00 pm

Sept 12, 19, 26

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Virtual SMARTS Dance Classes

SMARTS Creative Artist Yoga, Grades K-2

Tap into your inner creativity as you learn movement and breathing techniques that will help you build strength and focus. Learn how to have rest, peace, and calm as an artist that will help you use your imagination with self-control and self-confidence. Develop physical strength in your coordination and gain confidence with moving your body in creative ways.

Supplies needed: Students should wear active wear or loose-fitting clothing. Students will need to adjust and position their Zoom camera angle so that their whole body can be seen on the floor, in addition to standing.

Thursdays @ 5:15-5:50 pm

Sept 10, 17, 24

Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

SMARTS Hip Hop Urban Dance, Grades K-2

Get energized with upbeat movement in this hip hop choreography class! Today's generation creates dance routines that illustrate their own life experiences, which may be rooted in culture or emotion. This Hip-Hop Urban dance class will lead each student to experience movement that conveys meaning, using both popular step patterns and a variety of other hip hop moves throughout history – such as pop-and-lock and other fast and sharp movements. These classes will be high energy and fun and will end with a choreography.

Supplies needed: Students should wear active wear or loose-fitting clothing. Students will need to adjust and position their Zoom camera angle so that their whole body can be seen on the floor, in addition to standing.

Thursdays @ 6:00-6:35 pm

Sept 10, 17, 24

Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Virtual SMARTS Theater Classes

SMARTS Monster Musical Theater, Grades K-2

No reason to be scared! In this class, students will engage with all kinds of monsters that have different stories. Some might even be afraid of *you*! Students will create their own quirky monster characters, sing and dance to monster songs, and even go to Monster School. Once the class has learned how to be good, effective monsters, students write a Monster story, featuring all the unique characters created in class. You won't want to miss this monster extravaganza! This class is designed to foster bravery, confidence and decision-making, all while having fun with our imaginations.

Supplies needed: markers, scissors, paper plate, tape, gluestick, pencil or tongue depressor/popsicle stick. **Optional supplies:** craft eyes, construction paper.

Wednesdays @ 4:20-5:05 pm

Sept 9, 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

SMARTS "Herstory" Theater, Grades 6-12

Find your voice in this unique class that focuses on empowering young women. In a male-dominated theater industry and society, this class is a safe space for young women to express themselves freely and find purpose in the stories of other women who have changed the world. Students in this class will explore women throughout history – whoops – *herstory*, who shook up the world in their own unique way. Historic figures like Amelia Earhart, Queen Elizabeth I, Harriet Tubman, Maya Angelou, Katherine Johnson, Rosa Parks, Emmeline Pankhurst, and Malala Yousafzai come to life as students explore the trailblazing accomplishments of women driven to lead, create, heal, problem-solve and overcome obstacles. After exploring the lives of these women, students will plan and create their own theater experience, complete with a cast of characters that spans generations.

Preferred supplies: If students are able, it would be beneficial to purchase or rent the paper or e-book version of *Herstory: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook Up the World* by Katherine Halligan. The teacher will modify the class for students who do not have access to the book.

Wednesdays @ 5:15-6:15 pm

Sept 9, 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Virtual SMARTS Creative Writing Classes

SMARTS Story-Makers (Spanish), Grades 3-6

Where do stories come from? In this class, students will learn to write a story from start to finish and decide the best way to tell it after reading many styles! Do you want to tell your story in a news article? Or maybe a bedtime story? Using fun writing prompts, students will develop a story idea and learn to create the components every great story has - character, setting, and plot. *This is a bilingual creative writing class for native Spanish-speakers, English Language Learners, and non-Spanish speakers looking for a full immersion experience.*

Tuesdays @ 5:20-6:20 pm

Sept 8, 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Same class as above, Spanish translation:

SMARTS Creadores de los Cuentos (Español), Grados 3-6

¿De dónde vienen los cuentos? En esa clase, los estudiantes aprenderán escribir un cuento de principio a fin, y después de leer y analizar varios estilos de narrativa, decidirán la manera de contar mejor para sus cuentos originales. ¿Quieres contar un artículo periodístico? ¿O quizás un cuentito para dormir? Estudiantes van a desarrollar ideas para sus cuentos y aprender crear los elementos de todos cuentos buenos—carácter, escena, trama—por utilizar temas de escritura divertidas. *Esta es una clase bilingüe de escritura creativa para hispanohablantes nativos, principiantes de inglés, y estudiantes que no aún no hablan español pero quieren una experiencia de inmersión en español.*

Los martes @ 5:20-6:20 p.m.

el 8, 15, 22, 29 de septiembre

el 6, 13, 20, 27 de octubre

SMARTS 100-Word Short Story, Grades 4-8

Write a story in the flash of an eye! The 100-word short story is a specific genre of flash fiction that dates back to the 16th century where each story is exactly 100 words – no more, no less. Students will be challenged to play with words and use sentence structure, word choice, and narrative structure in new ways to tell a story. Having this set of tools in your writer's belt will be a helpful way to inspire big creativity in a small space.

Supplies needed: paper, pencil, and printed worksheets provided on the Virtual SMARTS class page.

Thursdays @ 5:30-6:25 pm

Sept 10, 17, 24

Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

SMARTS Adults Classes

SMARTS Whole Health Veteran's Theater Workshop, Tuesdays @ 10:45-11:30 am

October 6, 13, 20, 27

SMARTS Teacher: Randi Banning

Discover a new way to look at your life's experiences as you choose special or exciting stories from your life and learn to captivate an audience with humor. SMARTS theater classes will consist of four non-consecutive lessons using fun improv theater games and exercises to learn the craft of theatrical storytelling. *Workshops are offered for Veterans in collaboration with the VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System.*

SMARTS Whole Health Veteran's Creative Writing, Tuesdays @ 4:15-5:00 pm

October 6, 13, 20, 27

SMARTS Teacher: Cherise Benton

Play with words and discover the magic of writing! SMARTS Creative Writing classes will consist of four non-consecutive lessons using a combination of writing prompts, writing games, sample passages, and discussion to explore creative storytelling. *Workshops are offered for Veterans in collaboration with the VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System.*

SMARTS Whole Health Veteran's Beats Hand-Drumming Workshop, Thursdays @ 10:45-11:30 am

October 1, 8, 15, 22

SMARTS Teacher: Ed Davis

Get your groove on in this engaging music class that combines rhythm techniques and improvisation games to get everyone jamming along! SMARTS Beats classes will consist of four non-consecutive lessons using hand-drumming and music games to build group community and teamwork. *Workshops are offered for Veterans in collaboration with the VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System.*

SMARTS Whole Health Veteran's Dance Workshop, Thursdays @ 3:00-3:45 pm

October 1, 8, 15, 22

SMARTS Teacher: McKenzie Sella

Pick up an energy boost from this fun dance class that will get you laughing, smiling, and creating dance moves you didn't know you had! SMARTS Dance classes will consist of four non-consecutive lessons using a combination of choreography, exercises, and dance games to promote physical health and wellness. *Workshops are offered for Veterans in collaboration with the VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System.*