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Lead Poisoning Prevention & Awareness Healthy Homes Project

Lead Poisoning Prevention Art Exhibit by Students from Arise Academy

> Fair Grinds Coffeehouse 2221 St. Claude Avenue New Orleans, LA 70117



October 7<sup>th</sup> - October 31<sup>st</sup>

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## About this Project

In educating the public on the dangers of lead poisoning and things they can do to make their homes healthy, SUN hopes to open a larger dialogue with our city and state officials on how to work together to protect our children's health. According to the PEW Charitable Trusts' 10 Policies to Prevent and Respond to Childhood Lead Exposure, removing the lead service lines to drinking water and rehabilitation of lead paint hazards from housing stock could go a long way to reducing blood lead levels of children born in 2018 to zero, which combined with more investment in behavioral interventions could generate \$84 Billion in benefits nationally (http://healthyamericans.org/health-issues/lead-prevention-

briefs-ten-policies-to-prevent-and-respond-to-childhood-leadexposure).

Additional Resources including the Healthy Homes Checklist, What to Eat to Get the Lead Out, New Orleans Lead Maps available at www.southernunitedneighborhoods.org

Lead in the Soil & Children's Play Areas: Dr. Howard Mielke, Tulane University (504) 988-3889 www.youtube.com/user/leadsafeplay

Lead in the Water: Dr. Adrienne Katner, LSUHSC-NO School of Public Health leadstudy@lsuhsc.edu

Facts about Lead at Lead Safe Louisiana. leadsafelouisiana@gmail.com

Check your water filters at www.nsf.org



Janai Foy Grade 5

The lead in the world.







Caleb Gonzalez-Kiper



Brane' Gilbert Grade 8 Charcoal



A creepy doll in the dark to dim light to symbolize how people don't shire the light on how dangerous these toys can be.

People shine light on parts of the dolls they want seen but what they put on the inside is always hidden. Cheap toys carry lead, let's not forget what's already been forgotten, kids are not safe.

Ermari Tate Grade 7

Inside of a bathroom where there is a lot of lead around that you may not be aware of. Also, the smallest things that can be huge and affect your health.

I believe we need to be aware of the things we are around everyday. By making sure to check, pipes, paint and everything else to make sure we don't get lead poisoning.

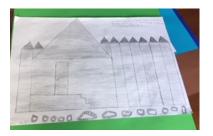




DeChante Pollard Grade 8

That lead is around train tracks and old gates have lead on them too. It floats in the air even though we might not be able to see it but it's there.

I want to let parents know that while they are letting their kids play by train tracks, and they are inhaling all the lead that's in the oxygen and it is very dangerous and can kill innocent kids.



Joyia Phillips Grade 8

What lead can do to this world and that you never know what lead is in, and lead is not only in pencils.

It gives people the thought of protecting themselves even toys have lead in it and babies' put their mouths on it. Katrina Robair Grade 8

How lead is in Mardi Gras beads and how that can be very dangerous seeing how people love Mardi Gras beads.

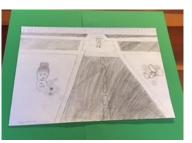
I wanted to show that lead can be anywhere and it can be very harmful to yourself and others.



Adasia Smith Grade 5

A house and a fence with Mardi Gras beads on it.

The beads are made with lead. They have more than 300 ppm of lead in them.



Dajuanna Hogan Grade 8

My artwork shows two opposite sides of the same girl that shows two different emotions with lead and non-lead. On the non-lead side the girl is full of joy and the trees and flowers are blooming. Her heart is healthy and beating very fast. Here statement is "Life is an endless paradise!" Whereas, the lead side, the girl is running away because she has cancer. Her heart is lead poisoned and beating very slowly. Her statement is: "I'm running away . . . forever!"

I drew this because we are doing a project about how people can get lead and other things can get lead like Mardi Gras beads, soil/dirt, pipes and some toys in China.

Elijah Hogan Grade 6

Lead can be anywhere you look, go, and feel. Be careful of what you see what you young children have. It can be in paint, soil/dirt, pipes, old buildings, near train tracks, toys from china, and Mardi Gras beads.

Your young children might have one of these items above. If your young children have them, throw them away because they might get sick, poisoned and die. So don't let your young child have them.





Arche' Simpson Grade 8

How have things we use and see have lead in it. Materials that we put in our mouth that don't belong in our mouth have lead in them.

Most people are affected by lead. Lead is dangerous to adults and kids. We have to notice people dying because of lead. Tyrence Perry

A broken down church.

Lead destroying a broken down church.





Terrell Jones Grade 8

An old door inside of a shop.

Mikia Russell Grade 5

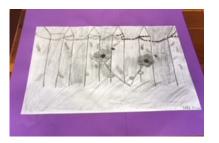
My art work shows the paint coming off the fence and getting in the soil where the flowers are, as well as the Mardi Gras beads.

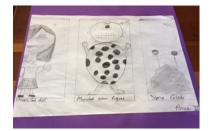
When people put Mardi Gras beads on fences after a while the fences get lead poisoned and get in soil and the plants get the lead poison too.

Amari Thompson Grade 5

Cheap toys contain lead in them and you must be careful of what kinds of toys you buy.

I thought this would be a good way to show an example of something that has lead in it, so I drew cheap toys.







Ahawan Collins Grade 8

*The house with peeling paint and lots of dirt.* 

It shows the lead poisoning.

Jada Miller Grade 5

A baby doll from the dollar store.

It shows it is cheap and cheap stuff has paint that will come off and the baby will eat the lead. And, then they will get lead poisoning.



Jeremiah Jenkins Grade 7

A parade that helps people be safe from lead.

Since a parade has a lot of people, it would be a great time to tell people to get rid of lead and how to stay healthy.





Armani Thompson Grade 5

The "Princess Doll" that I had a few years ago has lead.

I want people to see that dolls have lead on them.