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Be a part of the Fundred Dollar Bill Project! Originated by artist Mel Chin, this project seeks to eliminate lead-contaminated soil in U.S. cities through a giant performance artwork. Individuals are asked to draw a unique version of the U.S. $100 bill; these “Fundred Dollar Bills” will be collected by a special armored truck and delivered to the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C., where an even exchange of the value of their art currency for actual funds will be requested to make lead-polluted soils in New Orleans safe, creating an innovative environmental model for other lead-polluted cities. This problem hits particularly close to home for St. Louis, which has struggled with lead-contaminated soil.

Everyone — students, teachers, artists, parents, and celebrities — is invited to create Fundred Dollar Bills, with the goal of collecting more than 3 million of these unique artworks.

Your students can be a part of the solution — participation is fun, simple, and free! Here’s how it works:

1. Each student will receive one Fundred template.
2. The group will learn about the importance of addressing lead-contaminated soil. Resources for teachers at all grade levels are available at: http://www.fundred.org/get-involved/resources.php
3. Students will draw their own original interpretations of the U.S. $100 bill.
4. After students finish drawing, they will decide whether to donate their finished art to be part of the nationwide art collection. If so, they will sign on the line provided on the Fundred Template. A teacher or Museum educator will sign, as “witness,” in the other space provided.
5. Students will then bundle the Fundreds for collection by representatives from Washington University.

Students and teachers are invited to join us at Washington University in St. Louis on Friday, April 9, when the armored truck arrives to pick up the Fundreds. At this time, the truck is scheduled to arrive around 2p — we will contact you as we get closer to the pick-up date, to confirm the time.

Interested in participating? Please contact Sydney Norton at sydneynorton@wustl.edu or 314-935-7918.
Learn more about Fundred: http://www.fundred.org/