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## **Media Advisory and Photo Opportunity**

*Early learning students host African Art Show as culminating Black History Month Activity*

### **Empowering Young Minds: Educare New Orleans Showcases Innovative African-Centered Learning Curriculum**

**Who:** Educare New Orleans

**What:** More than one hundred of Educare's early learners, ranging in age from one to 5, will showcase their African art projects as well as other Black History Month activities. Educare's unique African-centered learning curriculum focuses on knowing true African history, lineage and culture. Over the past several years, toward improving outcomes for African-American children and their families, and with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Frank Porter Graham Institute of the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), Educare New Orleans has joined with six fellow Black-majority Educare schools in utilizing innovative, culturally responsive, Africentric teaching practices that emphasize the innumerable contributions of Africans to the development of Western civilization.

**When:** Thursday, Feb. 29 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Educare New Orleans, 3801 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122

**Photo Op:** Educare's early learners will display their beautiful work and stamp guest passports as they share their projects about various African countries.

#### **About Educare New Orleans**

Established in 2013 as the first Educare school in the Gulf South, Educare New Orleans stands as a beacon of educational excellence for children from birth to five years old, with a focus on increasing equity and opportunity for all children. Operated by Clover (formerly Kingsley House), a renowned leader in early childhood education, Educare New Orleans is located in Gentilly at Columbia Parc at the Bayou District. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, led by the Bayou District Foundation, the school emerged as a vital component in the mixed income public housing redevelopment's comprehensive and sustainable rebuilding and revitalization efforts.

Educare New Orleans is one of 25 schools in the Educare Early Learning Network. Founded in 2003 by Start Early and the Buffett Early Childhood Fund, the Network serves more than 4,000 students nationwide, advancing quality early education through partnership and innovation around practice, policy and research so every child can thrive. Visit [educareneworleans.org](http://educareneworleans.org) to learn more about us and our **10 for 10 Campaign** in recognition of 10 years of service to the community.