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AN UPDATE FROM OUR DIRECTORS: KATE, KADI, AND TYLER

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KIDMOB, THE MOBILE, KID-INTEGRATED DESIGN EDUCATION FIRM

DESIGN ED NEWS

CURRENT WORKSHOPS

KIDmob conducts 21st Century Learning Workshops with teachers and middle schoolers.

Girls' Middle School, Palo Alto, CA

10/21 - 10/25, Recruiting Facilitators until 10/11
"Elevated Structures" (read: INDOOR TREEHOUSE!) will be the topic for this quickly approaching workshop. It'll be a small group of twelve girls, and has the potential to be the schematic design phase of a full-blown design-build summer workshop.

Indian Valley Academy, Greenville, CA

11/12 - 11/14, Recruiting Facilitators until 11/1
After much interest, we're testing out how to teach our process to educators, in a way that they can integrate design thinking into their classrooms day-to-day. We'll be running a concurrent yet separate workshop with students, which will provide an opportunity for teachers to observe and experiment.

Haiti Communiterre + IVA, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Approx. 4/14 - 4/18, Recruiting Facilitators until 2/1
This cross-cultural workshop will be a collaboration between kids from IVA and Port-au-Prince. All of the students will have completed at least one KIDmob workshop and have a common framework established. There will be two projects: one based locally in Port-au-Prince, and the other based remotely in Greenville.

WORK WITH US! Join the KIDmob Facilitator team. If any of the above workshops interest you, please email your resume and portfolio to Kadi@kidmob.org. Please note which project you are interested in. Also feel free to connect if you'd like more details about the position. We look forward to hearing from you.

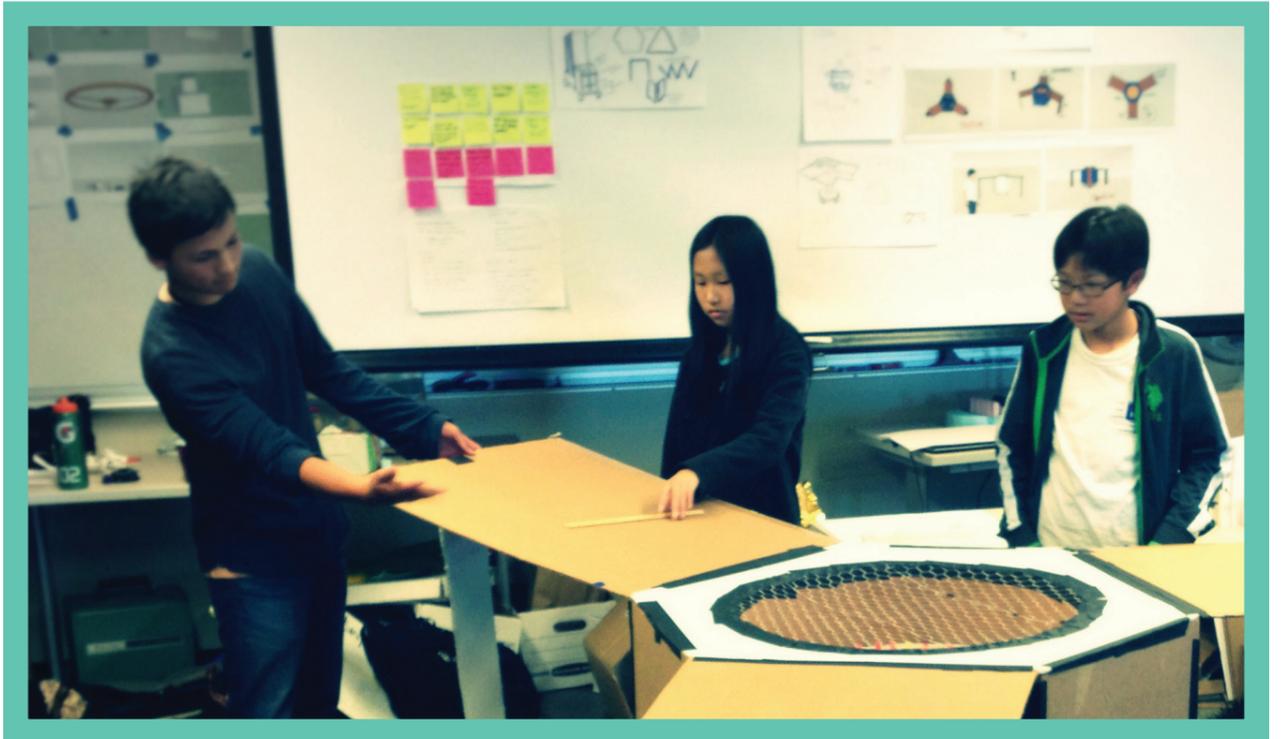
RECENT WORKSHOPS

Indian Valley Academy, Greenville, CA

9/19-9/20, 9 Students + 2 Facilitators
We brought another 3D printer to IVA and familiarized the students with the technology. The workshop brief was to develop ideas for arcade prizes for Spooky Nook, the largest athletic complex in the country. This design challenge has been opened up to IVA in the form of a competition: May the best ideas win!

Exploratorium XTech, San Francisco, CA

8/4 - 8/6, 26 Students + 10 Facilitators
UPDATE: XTech teachers anticipate built projects by the end of the Winter session! This August, students spent three intensive days designing prototyped proposals for their "Deployable Structures" brief. The work aimed to provide portable exhibits for the Exploratorium's outreach staff. Awesome job, guys!



Students at the Exploratorium presenting their design proposal for a mobile exhibition displaying wind phenomena.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE PLAYGROUND?



MUSIC + SOUND + COMMUNITY

PARTNER: Container of Music
LOCATION: San Francisco, CA
DATE: Stay Tuned

Our firm's experimental arm, The Playground, is excited to be working towards a future partnership with Container of Music (www.containerofmusic.com). Spearheaded by local architect Chris Vandenbrink, The Container of Music was born at the intersection of design, music and infrastructure. It's an all things music toolkit, a combination classroom, concert hall and recording studio. It rolls from place to place, and rocks along the way. The new partnership is still in early development, but lots of exciting ideas are on the table. Stay tuned for later announcements and job postings. Thus far: a middle school workshop collaboration with a design intensive focusing on sound, music, and community, or a possible placemaking project in San Francisco to help transform an underused and crime-attracting vacant lot.

STEAM FAIR

PARTNER: Feather River College
LOCATION: Quincy, CA
DATE: 5/30/14

This high-energy, one-day STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Fair will be our opportunity to show the ~200 eighth graders of Plumas County what careers are out there and how their high school courses relate to those careers. It'll be a day-long, hands-on blitz to get them excited about learning and doing, and an opportunity to showcase what we do to the county's educators. Mark your calendars, and please join us! Contact Kate@KIDmob.

HAITI FALL FUNDRAISER

PARTNERS: iLab // Haiti, Blue Marble Movement and Haiti Communiterre
LOCATION: 3330 20th St. SF
DATE: 10/17 from 6-10pm

We're providing access to digital fabrication tools for the resource center at HC and teaching design thinking to Haitians. We're excited to see how the community will choose to leverage these resources and skills. Learn more at iLabHaiti.org. Performance by The Cathedrals and cocktails by Proper Alchemy.