




# KMFA NEWS

## KYRENE MUSIC AND FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION



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### Special points of interest:

- *New Arts Standards were adopted in June 2006. They can be seen at the ADE website: [ade.az.gov/standards/arts/revise/](http://ade.az.gov/standards/arts/revise/)*
- *Kudos to the Cielo Marimba Masters who played for 500 people at the Camelback Inn on November 9 for the 2007 Teacher of the Year luncheon! The National Anthem was sung by Alaria Angelo and Gabrielle Geenen.*

## To Our Members

Dear KMFA members:

This school year, KMFA has a full slate. There are two major areas we are actively and enthusiastically pursuing. One is to investigate possible grants which may help support Music and Fine Arts programs in our District. At this stage it would be premature to attempt any details on what this means. We are holding brainstorming sessions as part of our monthly meetings (our next meeting is January 18), and we are working with a great team of individuals, both from the District and the Kyrene community, who have professional expertise in this area.

The other issue is building our relationship with the Tempe Union High School District to address high school articulation. Articulation refers to the process of preparing our students, particularly those in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for entrance into high school. That means looking at elementary and high school curriculums in terms of beneficial blends and overlaps. It means preparing our Kyrene students for the expectations they will face in high school. It also means increasing opportunities for Tempe

Union High School instructors to visit classrooms and events within our District – and for our students to have increased opportunity to enjoy events taking place in the High Schools.

On another note (pun intended – of course!) we are happy to welcome Superintendent, David Schauer Ed.D, to his new position in Kyrene, and as an active member of KMFA.

Dr. Schauer had been a member of KMFA in previous years and his new position gives us all the opportunity to have him back, participating at our meetings.

Speaking of meetings, please check our website [www.kyrenefinearts.org](http://www.kyrenefinearts.org) for meeting dates and times. If you have something you want to discuss with the group during the meeting, please contact me at [Stephanie@hressential.com](mailto:Stephanie@hressential.com) to be included on the agenda.

Have a wonderful 2006 -2007 school year.

Stephanie Angelo  
KMFA Chair

## We Welcome Your Participation

We have a phone line set up to receive questions from community members. Feel free to call (480) 783-4095. We'd love to hear from you.

The Kyrene Music and Fine Arts Association can only be as strong as its participating members. If you are a parent, community member or teacher we encourage you to join our regular monthly meetings, to contribute, and take an active role. If you have wanted your voice heard and your support felt, this is an active - and proactive means to do so.

To receive KMFA meeting notices and this newsletter by email, please send a message with your preferred email address to Stephanie Angelo at [Stephanie@hressential.com](mailto:Stephanie@hressential.com)



**“With applications climbing and ever more arts grads occupying key corporate positions, the rules have changed: the MFA is the new MBA.”**

**Daniel H. Pink,**  
A Whole New Mind  
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## Arizona State Department Fine Arts Conference

On October 9, Kay Umber-son, Cielo music teacher, and Joy Fogarty, Kyrene District Fine Arts Liaison, attended a Fine Arts Conference sponsored by the Arizona Department of Education. They heard a talk given by Dr. Barbara Payne McLain from ASU concerning teacher burnout. The title of the talk was, “Dear Donald, don’t quit!” She offered signs of burnout and some ways to cope with burnout as arts educators.

During one of the conference sessions, the partici-

pants looked at the state’s new Arts Standards. In another session Tom Horne, State Superintendent, and Frank Phillip, Council of Chief State School Officers, spoke about fine arts in education. Tom Horne played a piece on the grand piano, which was a special treat for the educators.

After a box lunch was enjoyed on the grounds of Scottsdale Performing Arts Center, they attended a session on Next Steps where they participated in a general discussion to set an action

plan for arts education in Arizona. Fine Arts assessment was a major part of the discussion with many of the teachers expressing the viewpoint that fine arts should be assessed here in Arizona. A few states have a fine arts assessment in place. Another part of the discussion centered around required minutes for fine arts education. All in all, the day was well spent.

Joy Fogarty

Kyrene District Fine Arts

Liaison



## Superintendent’s Message

*“Participation in fine arts programs and activities enables students to learn many important skills...”*

*Dr. David Schauer*



**“Good design is a renaissance attitude...to produce something that the world didn’t know it was missing” Paola Antonelli, Museum of Modern Art**

Dear Kyrene Music and Fine Arts Supporters,

As you know, Kyrene values quality fine arts and music education for children. We continue to be committed to maintaining the high quality arts programming in the Kyrene schools.

An important aspect of ensuring that Kyrene arts programming is first-rate is communication; communication between the Kyrene community and the Tempe Union High School District. Recently, I attended the KMFA meeting where I participated in meaningful dialog about the arts programs in Kyrene. This included a discussion about the ongoing commitment to improved communication between the Kyrene Elementary School District and Tempe Union High School District. Dr. Cecilia Johnson, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, shared recent conversations that she was holding with the fine arts teachers in Tempe Union. Dr. Johnson is committed

to meeting with us again in the near future to continue those conversations and to hear ideas from our teachers and staff about improved arts education for students K-12. The goal is to support each other in creating strong music and fine arts programs and opportunities for all students throughout the grades.

The recently revised Vision statement for the Kyrene Elementary School District states that “all children be educated to meet future educational and life challenges in order to make positive contributions to society.” Participation in fine arts programs and activities enables students to learn many important skills and to be positive contributors to their schools and communities.

Additionally, Kyrene Elementary School District has reason to celebrate. On October 25, 22 of our schools received “Excelling” school labels from the Arizona Department of Education and three received the label of “Highly Performing”.

These labels are a celebration of student achievement and a shared community commitment to the best education possible for all Kyrene children. A solid arts education is part of that learning. In Kyrene, students benefit from a high quality curriculum, talented, caring and involved staff, and an extremely supportive parent and business community. Thank you for your continued support of arts education and Kyrene Elementary School District.

Sincerely,

David K. Schauer, Ed.D.

Superintendent

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## January Events

- Tuesday, January 16, 2007  
Cielo Grade 5 “Two Tales” at Corona del Sol High School
- Thursday, January 18, 4:30–5:30 pm  
KMFA meeting at District Office
- Thursday, January 25, 2007  
Colina Art Show
- Thursday, January 25, 2007  
Esperanza Grade 3  
“Experience Kyrene”
- Tuesday, January 30, 2007, 7 pm  
District Middle School Honors Concert & Cielo Marimba Masters at Middle School Honors Festival at Mountain Pointe High School
- Tuesday, January 30, 2007  
Estrella Grade 3  
“Welcome to the Jungle”

Calendar events were submitted by Kyrene teachers, or found on the Kyrene website, and are subject to change. Please check with the school if the time of event is not provided. To include future Kyrene Music, Art and Theater events, please send details to [info@kyrenefinearts.org](mailto:info@kyrenefinearts.org)



Viki Reed, Art specialist at Cerritos Elementary, and business associate Dr. Judith Wolf, had a grand opening event for their newly acquired art gallery in downtown Phoenix Friday evening, October 20.

Viki and Dr. Wolf are co-founders of *Young Arts, Arizona, Ltd.*, a non-profit organization advocating children’s art in Metropolitan Phoenix.

*Young Arts* works with schools, after-school art programs, and organizations around the valley to solicit art work from children with a focus on at-risk children. The art is framed and exhibited at various venues (Herberger Theatre, Arizona State Capitol and Senate, Phoenix Art Museum to name a few) and receptions are held for the artists. It is *Young Arts’* mission to exhibit this art to share with the community in hopes of boosting the self-esteem of children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to share their art in a gallery-like setting.

*Young Arts’* own gallery is located at 2009 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, just a few blocks north of McDowell. The website is [youngartsaz.org](http://youngartsaz.org)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOV 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Orchestra Festival for all six Middle Schools– also 11/21  7 pm KMS 7th & 8th grade Band Concert	Orchestra Festival for all six Mid- dle Schools– also 11/20  Brisas Grade 3 “A Pirate’s Life for Me”				
26	27	28	29	30	Milenio DEC 1	2
		7 pm Paloma – Sings for the Governing Board at the District Office		30 Milenio Grade 2 field trip to Phoenix Symphony  7 pm Aprende 6th–8th grade Chorus Concert  Niños Grade 3 Music		9:30 am KMS 7th grade Scor- pion Hand- bells and KMS/ Centennial MS All-star Orchestra Tempe Schools Credit Union Pancake Breakfast
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Mirada Grade 5 Music Program “An Eclectic Program”	Altadena 6th–8th grade Chorus Multi- purpose room  Manitas Grade 4 Music Program “We are All Americans”	6:30 pm Akimel Orches- tra Concert  7 pm KMS 6th & 7th grade Handbells & Carols  KMS/CMS Orchestra & Jazz Band at Centennial  Waggoner Grade 3 Music Program  7 pm Centen- nial Special Ed Chorus–Dinner	7 Colina 3rd Grade Program  Altadena Orchestra  7 pm KMS 8th grade Orchestra with Corona del Sol High School Orchestra  7 pm Centennial Chorus–Dinner  Paloma Grades 2 & 3 Music Program “In the Tall Grass– Aesop’s Fables”, also 12/06	Mirada Choir “A Choral Experience” City Tour  Sureno Grades K-5 Music Program “A Winter Celebration”	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Mirada Choir “A Choral Experience”	6:30 pm Monte Vista 1st Grade Program  7 pm Pueblo/ Aprende Orches- tra at Pueblo  7 pm Altadena 8th grade Band & Jazz Band	Paloma Grades 4 & 5 Choir	6:30 pm Monte Vista Mountain Lion’s Roar Chorus (3rd–5th grade)		



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The Kyrene Music and Fine Arts Association (KMFA) is a non-profit organization comprised of parents, community members and fine arts educators in support of a complete music and fine arts education program for all schools in the Kyrene School District No. 28.

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