



KMFA NEWS

KYRENE MUSIC AND FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION



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Special points of interest:

- *New articles have been posted on the www.supportmusic.com website. For example: "Music Advocacy: Dancing with the School Board" by National School Board Association President Joan Schmidt. Joan's concise six-step "dance" program shows how to work effectively with school boards.*

To Our Members

We are in the last weeks of the 2005-2006 school year. This year has seen dramatic changes in programming in our Middle Schools. To what result? You could say the "jury is still out" on that. For those of you who took time to be involved, to attend meetings, send emails and letters, or to make phone calls - thank you for your involvement.

Highlights of the year included January's All-District Middle School Music Festival. The students never fail to impress with their talents and hard work. An added treat was Mariposa D.R.U.M from Mariposa Elementary school. If you have a Middle School student in Band, Chorus or Orchestra, you know what a special event this is.

In February, the KFMA was happy to sponsor balloons and decorations for the Fine Arts Festival at the District Office. It was so much fun to see the various types of artwork displayed by the different schools. Every grade level was represented. Some favorites were

the Flip Books (something we were allowed to touch!) the Quaking Aspens, Japanese Fans, Luscious Desserts and "Crazy Hair Day".

KMFA has continued to improve its web site www.kyrenefinearts.org. We are now posting our upcoming meetings and past meeting minutes. There is a link on the home page to photos from the Fine Arts Festival. The goal of this site is to provide information and resources to our Kyrene community members. The site includes events both in the District and the surrounding area, resources for music teachers, information on private lessons, music stores, music stores and much more.

We wish you and your families a wonderful, safe, happy summer.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Angelo

Chairperson, KMFA

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: info@kyrenefinearts.org



It is critical that our schools offer strong arts programs to ensure all students have the opportunity to expand their ingenuity, imagination and inventiveness.

**Dr. Carol G. Peck
Rodel Foundation**

April KMFA Meeting

Dr. Garcia met with the Fine Arts Steering Committee board and other interested people to explain the Evaluation Model that he is using to evaluate the Middle School Program Implementation.

He first talked about the people he will be interviewing and what he will be asking. He said he will be talking to people that have direct experience with what he's researching and he would try to find areas where there is a difference in opinion. He is looking to do formative evaluation on the implementation, he will be looking at student achieve-

ment data, and then will assess the effect of the Middle School Program on the intended outcomes. Dr. Garcia stressed that we are unusual in that our district contacted him early in the implementation phase. He said that some districts wait until 10 years into a program before evaluating it. Dr. Garcia gave information on the major things he is looking at: regular education classrooms, exploratory programs and Academic Lab.

He will be talking to teachers, students and administrators concerning these areas. He will be creating methods to

measure the outcomes. He was asked if parent input would be sought. His response to that question was that he is not planning at this time to seek input from parents, but rather would get input directly from the students, teachers and administrators at school sites. The overall evaluation is expected to take three years.

Joy Fogarty

Kyrene District Fine Arts
Liaison



Superintendent's Message

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Dear Fine Arts Supporters:

It is once again with great pleasure that I take the opportunity to address you through the KMFA newsletter.

This spring, I have had the energizing experience of visiting the Music and Art classes in just about all of our Elementary Schools. After each visit, I marvel at the well coordinated and clearly articulated program of instruction that I see carried out in each of these classrooms.

During my tenure here, I have seen both the Music and the Art Curriculum revised, and the benefit of those revisions shines through in our classrooms. Our staff members clearly take their curriculum very seriously and our children are the beneficiaries of

excellent Arts instruction.

As I leave Kyrene, I want to wish each of you success as you nurture your children in their appreciation of the Arts.

I also hope you will encourage your legislators to take additional funding for public schools very seriously, so that classes in the Arts for all public school children in Arizona can increase. Our current per pupil funding does not entirely support what we offer, and in some districts, the offerings are much less than in ours. It seems to me that the intrinsic benefit of learning about and enjoying the Arts is one that we would want our State to consider as integral to improving our quality of life.

I truly believe that in Kyrene, you have much to celebrate and much to appreciate. Continue to enjoy it!

Sincerely,

Maria L. Menconi, Ed.D.

Superintendent



**The arts help children learn to say what cannot be said.
~Elliot Eisner,
Stanford University**

MAY 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 pm KMS 6th grade Spring Band Con- cert	2 6:30 pm Pueblo 6th and 7th grade Chorus Concert 6:30 pm Cielo Cele- bration of Learning Night - Marimba Masters perform	3	4 4:15 pm KMFA Meeting 6:30 pm Pueblo 6th, 7th & 8th grade Jazz Band Con- cert 7:00 pm KMS 7th & 8th grade Spring Band Concert	5	6 5 am-6 pm Centennial 7th & 8th grade Chorus at ACDA Middle School/Jr. High choral festival, Coconino High School, Flagstaff
7	8 9:15 am & 1:45 pm Sureno Childsplay Assemblies – Tomas and the Library Lady 7:00 pm KMS & Centennial Orchestra at KMS	9	10 8:30 am Cielo A+ presentation Marimba Masters perform 6:00-7:15 pm (new time) KMS Chorus Concert	11 7:00 pm Ninos 5th grade Music Performance 7:00 pm Aprende Band Con- cert 7:00-9:00 pm KMS Jazz Band at KMS	12 7:00 pm Brisas Drama Show	13
14	15 6:30 pm Mirada 1st Grade Music Concert 6:00-8:00 pm Pueblo Orchestra Concert	16 6:30 pm Monte Vista 5th grade musical 7:00 pm Centennial Band, Or- chestra and Chorus Con- cert	17 7:00 pm Altadena Chorus Concert	18	19 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Arts Awak- ening Free workshop on art in educa- tion at Ot- tawa Univer- sity in Ah- watukee	20
21	22	23	24 Middle School Pro- motion	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Schedule of Events

- Thursday, May 4, 4:15-5:15 pm
KMFA meeting at the District Office.
Discussing strategies for the 2006-2007
school year.
- Middle School Promotion Ceremonies
the evening of May 24 include Band,
Orchestra and Chorus performances.
Please check your school for details and
promotion times, as they vary.

Calendar events taken from school calen-
dars, newsletters and websites. To include
future Kyrene music and art events,
please send details to
info@kyrenefinearts.org





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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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