



# KMFA NEWS

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### To Our Members: There is Nothing “Small” About KMFA

Dear KMFA members:

A few months ago I was having lunch with a colleague from another association I belong to. We happened to get on the topic of volunteer work and I mentioned that not only am I on the editorial committee for a national association’s magazine that has 3,500 readers, but I’m also on a committee as vice-chair for that same association’s three conferences and conventions for the fiscal year of 2009-2010. And, of course, I’m the chair of KMFA, and sometimes doing all of that, and running two business and family responsibilities can be a lot.

My lunch companion, who is single, has no children and is completely independent, said, “Well, maybe you should drop the small stuff like KMFA.” The comment got under my skin, but I chose to let it pass knowing that a debate about priorities, with this person, was fruitless. She was never going to relate, or even closely understand so why argue? The phrase “pick your battles” came to mind.

Currently, the Kyrene Elementary School District is an award-winning suburban district comprised of 25 schools (19 elementary and six middle schools). Kyrene enrolls approximately 18,000 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, and more than 400 preschool children. The Special Education enrollment is approximately 2,100 students (<http://www.kyrene.org/aboutksd/>).

KMFA is not “small.” Not by a long shot. We serve those students, listed above, *every one of them* in one way or another. Our membership now boasts more than 300 members, including parents, community members, teachers, music stores, music instructors and Kyrene faculty. The Executive Board members work hard to address the fine arts needs of our district and to further arts education. Each of us spends our volunteer time attending events; making phone calls; writing articles; conducting necessary banking and data entry; networking with the business and non-profit communities; and doing everything possible to make KMFA stronger every year. I couldn’t be more proud to chair this association. If you’re reading this newsletter you’re probably already a member. If you’re not a member, please join today by accessing the membership form on the KMFA web site [www.kyrenefinearts.org](http://www.kyrenefinearts.org).

We hope you’ll push your personal envelope a little bit and be more active, one step at a time if necessary. Start by attending our meetings.

The possibilities are endless.

Stephanie Angelo  
KMFA Chair



Did you know that since 1996 the Kyrene Music and Fine Arts Association (KMFA) has worked very hard “behind the scenes” to advocate and promote active and ongoing arts programs in all of the Kyrene schools?

Your KMFA Executive Committee and association members are parents, just like you, teachers and community members. The monthly meetings are always attended by members of the Kyrene superintendency, who maintain regular contact with KMFA and participate at all of our activities and events.

What does that mean for you? It means that KMFA, with the District’s support, uses its funds, which are received only through membership dues, supports the three most well attended events in the

District: the Middle School Honors Festivals on the east and west sides and the District Arts Festival, by supplying refreshments, decorations and volunteer services. Last year we conducted a district-wide communications survey which resulted in increased communication and programs between the middle schools and the elementary schools, including on-site performances by middle school bands, choirs and orchestras.

Your children will see even more benefits in the coming school year – so stay tuned. Better yet – get involved!

Please go to the KMFA web site at [www.kyrenefinearts.org](http://www.kyrenefinearts.org) to learn more and download the mail-in membership form. Your children’s fine arts experience, exposure and education depend on it!

### Future Newsletters

If you know anyone who would like to be added to the KMFA email list please suggest they send a request to: [info@kyrenefinearts.org](mailto:info@kyrenefinearts.org)

### KMFA 2009 Patron Members

Thank you to all of the following for their contribution of \$25, \$50 or \$100!

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 Coleman and Sue Howard  
 Cindy Travis  
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 Kathy and Dave Sweet



The Aprende 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands participated in Disneyland’s Magic Music Days workshops over the weekend of February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

The 7<sup>th</sup> graders attended a 90 minute Tune In! seminar where they learned more about the building blocks of music and how music plays an integral part in the daily operation of the Disney theme parks.

### Aprende Band Students Visit Disneyland

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a 90 minute Instrumental Soundtrack Session where they learned more about the role of the studio musician by recording sections of music from some of Disney’s feature animation films in a real live Disney recording studio.

While there, the students also got to be in the audience for Corona del Sol’s incredible Steel Band performance later in the day.

Despite the rain, they had a great time with lots of outstanding music experiences!

## The Kyrene District Art Show

The Kyrene District Art Show was held February 13-19 at the Kyrene district office. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, the Art Show Celebration was held from 5:30-7:30.

Governing Board president, Ross Robb, welcomed the families and the teachers saying that this is what we are about as a district. Dr. David Schauer, Kyrene Superintendent, spoke about how Kyrene is a district of excellence and about how much we value our fine arts programs here in Kyrene. He complimented the students on their excellent artwork and their teachers who provide outstanding art instruction.

We are proud of Kyrene students and their teachers for displaying their beautiful artwork at the Kyrene Art Show.

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## Kyrene Music Festival

The Kyrene Music Festival was held for orchestra students at the district office on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. West side band and chorus students met on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Desert Vista High School to work with guest conductors. East side band students met at Marcos de Niza High School and worked with a guest conductor there. On the evening of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, there was a final concert at both high schools, with orchestra performing at Marcos de Niza High School. Stephanie Angelo, Kyrene Music and Fine Arts Association, spoke at the band and chorus performances and Dr. David Schauer, Kyrene District Superintendent, spoke at the band and orchestra performances. The performances at both school sites were outstanding. Kyrene has very high quality Kyrene band, orchestra and chorus teachers. This music festival is the highlight of the year for the students, parents and teachers.

### Winner's Concerto from String Competition Concerto for Double Bass, 1st movement (J.B. Vanhal)

Quinton Neville was a featured soloist at the Chandler Center for the Arts on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Neville is the son of former KMFA liaison Daniel Neville, D.O. - Technology Services, Kyrene School District. Neville attended Kyrene del Cielo in 4th and 5th grades as well as Aprende Middle School. He is now a sophomore at Corona del Sol.



### *Beauty and The Beast Jr.*

Altadena Middle School Panther Players presented their very own version of the musical **Beauty and the Beast Jr.** March 23-26<sup>th</sup>. More than 120 students auditioned for the show and 55 cast members had the opportunity to play various roles while singing, dancing! The show also hosted 15 technical crew members who learned the art of lighting design, sound design, set design, costume design and various other technical theatrical jobs. Students received their materials in December and rehearsals ran from January through March. Directed by Linda Potts (chorus teacher) and Jenefer Miller (theatre teacher), the show amazed both children and adults alike with a journey through a provincial town, a dark forest, a crazy tavern and an enchanted castle. **Congratulations cast and crew on a job well done!**



### Upcoming Meetings

Monday, April 13, 2009  
4:30 -5:30 p.m. at the District Office

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4:30 -5:30 p.m. at the District Office

**Have a great summer!**



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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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