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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

Dear KMFA Members,

Welcome to your 2009-2010 school year! There are many new things on the horizon for our association and for the students and teachers we serve. First, I'm very excited to have an influx of new members. KMFA has grown exponentially and we're very happy to welcome new members from throughout the community; some are not even parents of District students but community members who care enough about fine arts programs delivered in our schools that they opted to join us. For that we're very grateful. In addition, we have an increase of talented and dedicated parents who have joined the KMFA Executive Board. The energy and positive interaction at our meetings is truly inspiring, and as the Chair it is my privilege to lead this group. Our Board meetings run more like mastermind groups than boardrooms.

This year the KMFA Board is proud to introduce the *Dan Neville Memorial Scholarship*. Dan Neville taught band and science at Kyrene Middle School for several years after which he went to the Kyrene district office to work in the technology department. He became the Kyrene fine arts liaison for several years, served as the Kyrene Music and Fine Arts Association (KMFA) liaison, and helped in implementing state of the art technology into all fine arts classrooms. He was the coordinator of Arizona Music Educators Association solo and ensemble for several years and was the conductor of the Ahwatukee Foothills Band. Mr. Neville passed away on April 11, 2009, after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Dan touched countless lives with subtle humor, vast intelligence, a passion for music, teaching, and an endless quest for knowledge.

When the KMFA Chair became aware of students in the district who met qualifications for the out of state music trips, but did not have the financial means to participate, the idea of a scholar-

ship was proposed to the Board. KMFA board members enthusiastically collaborated to create a scholarship that honored an individual who had played such a strong role in the success of the association.

As a Board we have drafted the criteria for this scholarship and it will be disseminated to Middle Schools teachers in December. KMFA is very proud to enable three music students to participate in out of state trips that they may otherwise not been able to attend. As an association, we will continue the scholarship as long as we are fiscally able to do so; another reason why membership support is so important.

In other news the Middle Schools music teachers are discussing a change to the annual All District Music Festival. Although this is a wonderful event that students and parents look forward to each year, the music teachers are looking for more ways to include more students in a special music activity/performance. Our schools are committed to opportunities for *all* students to enjoy involvement in the arts. To make that happen the teachers are investigating local field trips, including trips to other schools where the students can participate in special music events. We will know more in the near future as teachers formalize their plans.

KMFA is always interested in growing our membership and increasing attendance at the monthly Board meetings. If you are interested in joining us, please leave a message on the KMFA phone line of (480) 783-4095 or email info@KyreneFineArts.org. Additional information is posted on the website: www.KyreneFineArts.org.

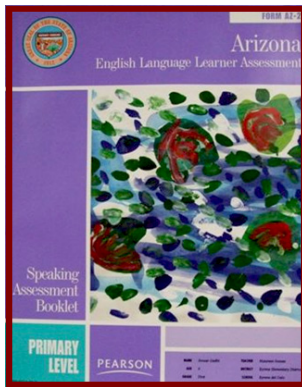
Sincerely,

Stephanie Angelo,
KMFA Chair



Accomplishments in the Arts

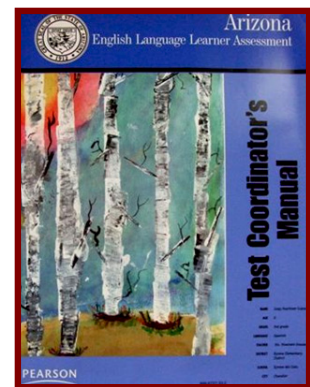
The Arizona Department of Education held an art contest open to all English as a Second Language (ESL) students. The students were competing for eight positions to be included on the 2009-2010 Arizona State English Language Learner test booklets and Test Coordinator's manuals published by Pearson Publishing. 90 schools participated with nearly 800 student submissions and the results are in....



Anwar G., 1st Grade

CONGRATULATIONS goes out to our two winners from Cielo! Anwar G., 1st grader, whose winning piece will be featured on the ELL test booklets and Lizzy M., 3rd grade, whose piece will be featured on the cover of the ELL Test Coordinator's Manual.

Congratulations to Cielo art teacher Maureen Sousae and two of her students who won a contest to have their art displayed on the AZELLA (Arizona English Language Learners Assessments) Primary Speaking Assessment booklets and on the AZELLA Test Coordinators Manual for the State of Arizona. The artwork by these students was chosen out of 900 entries. Pearson Publishing is currently using a portion of their art on their website and has made a poster of their artwork for each of the children.



Lizzy M., 3rd Grade

Students' Artwork to be Displayed at the Phoenix Art Museum

Viki Reed, Cerritos art teacher for 14 years, has arranged for her students' artwork to be displayed in the Children's Gallery at the Phoenix Art Museum through the month of November. Kindergarten through fifth-grade Cerritos student artwork is on display.

Viki has taught in Michigan, Singapore and Arizona for 36 years and is planning on retiring from Kyrene school district after this year. She co-founded Young Artist Arizona, Ltd., a non-profit organization that exhibits children's artwork in various places such as the Arizona State Capitol, Symphony Hall and Phoenix City Hall.

Young Arts Arizona Ltd. focuses on at-risk children, including those who are mentally disabled,

homeless or fighting diseases. Making art allows children to express their challenging situations and conditions and gives them a valuable outlet. Young Arts' concept is to make kids feel good about themselves by displaying their artistic creations. Congratulations to Viki and her students for having their artwork displayed at the Phoenix Art Museum.



Please go to the KMFA web site at 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!

Mallet Masters Making Way Around The Valley

The Brisas Mallet Masters have been entertaining audiences at Marco di Niza, Corona del Sol and downtown Chandler at the Chandler Art Walk. Mallet Masters is an auditioned group of 24 fourth and fifth grade students that are directed by the Brisas music teacher, Karen Monks. Their upcoming performances include:

Thursday, Nov. 19th – Market on Mill, downtown Tempe. 5:45pm

Saturday, Dec. 5th – Barnes & Noble Ahwatukee near Chandler Blvd. and 48th St. (Mention Mallet Masters during your purchase and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to support the MM program!)



Friday, Dec. 18th – Holiday music at the Capitol in Phoenix and a performance at the Kyrene School District Office in Tempe!

Events Around the District

Akimel A-al & Altadena Orchestra

Tuesday, Dec. 1st – Akimel A-al/Altadena Orchestra Concert at Altadena. 6:30pm-8:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 19th – Akimel A-al/Altadena 8th grade performance with Desert Vista Orchestra. 7:00pm

March 5th-7th – Akimel A-al/Altadena 8th Grade Orchestra tour to California.

While in Anaheim, students will participate in the Disney Magic Music Days and Music in the Parks Festival where they will receive a rating and perform at Disneyland.

Kyrene de la Colina

Thursday, Dec. 10th – Grade 3 “December ‘Round the World.” 6:30pm

Kyrene del Cielo

Tuesday, Jan. 12th – “Abiyobo” Grade 5 at Corona del Sol High School (Corona and Aprende)

Thursday, Feb. 18th – Grade 4, “Earth, Sea, and Sky”

Thursday, Mar. 11th – Grade 2, “Many Cultures”

Thursday, Mar. 11th – Grade 1 “Water Safety Musical”

April, 2010 (TBA) – Kindergarten, “Goin’ on a Picnic.”

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, January 27, 2010
4:30 -5:30 p.m. at the District Office

Happy Holidays from the KMFA!



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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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