



May 2008 NEWSLETTER

Thank you to the volunteers, teachers, administrators...as well as grant funds from the Scottsdale Cultural Council and SUSD, for your support and enjoyment of the 2007/2008 AEC Grade Level Events....

Through our GRADE LEVEL EVENTS, children are exposed to curriculum enriching cultural performances. Drama, music, theater etiquette, stage production and advanced critical thinking... all wonderful advantages that have benefited our SUSD children!

Questions about GRADE LEVEL EVENTS ...contact Pam Taft at phtaft6520@cox.net We'd love to have your help with meeting the buses before or after a performance...Your assistance helps create a smooth theater experience. We are planning our 2008/2009 line up of GLE - be a part of the excitement - contact Pam for details.

Catch the excitement! Volunteer!



The 6th grade children in the district recently attended TEDDY ROOSEVELT & THE TREASURE OF URSA MAJOR a Kennedy Center Production, at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. This fast paced mystery covered lots of territory & had the teachers & children laughing and engrossed! The play used imagination to show what life might have been like for children living in the White House!

7th grade students leaned about Hawaiian culture and a Maui chief born in the 1700's. This performance showcased cultural practices rarely seen outside Hawaii. The Hawaiian dance traditions helped the audience gain historical and cultural heritage understanding - brought to us by the Maui Arts & Cultural Center.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE UPDATE... 19 of our SUSD schools received grants this school year for artist in residence programs! **HIGHLIGHTS...**Kiva Elementary School hosted a muralist that worked with 3rd grade students to paint a colorful wall theme in their cafeteria that captured the KIVA acronym...Kindness, Integrity, Volunteerism & Academics! Desert Canyon Elementary School worked with *Apache Yellow Bird Indian Dancers* rich in Native American history. And performing folk artist Ken Koshio

delighted our SUSD students by sharing the Japanese Culture with traditional dancing and drumming. A very special thanks to the Arizona Commission on the Arts and matching funds provided by the SUSD for bringing these enriching opportunities to our youth!

These hands-on artistic opportunities create lasting memories and build on the life skills of our children! **Grants for the 2008/2009 school year have been submitted and award notification to the schools will be sent in July...for more information contact www.azarts.gov.** It's never too early to speak to your school principal about their desires for an upcoming artist in residence opportunity! Get your grant writing team together and brainstorm! Browse through the Artist Roster and find a match for your school! For more information on the process of having an artist in residence on your SUSD campus contact Janet Blum SUSD District Fine Arts Coordinator at jblum@susd.org Janet has streamlined the process for payment of artists and has many forms available on-line now!



A special KUDO'S to...Ashley Buckley!

A 2002 Desert Mountain Graduate - she'll receive her Masters degree in Violin Performance - Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh this May! Ashley's an ALUMNI of Desert Mountain High School and performed a solo with the Honors orchestra as well as the Phoenix Symphony! ***"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."*** Henry David Thoreau



A bright star in the music sky goes to Kathy Brizzi who passed away recently due to cancer. Kathy touched many young lives in our district with her love of music. A singer, songwriter and pianist, she created many CD's one of which is available for purchase in the Kiva Elementary School main office (480-484-2200). *The Kiva Memorial Music Fund* will benefit from your purchase.



Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts presents the 1st annual CENTER STAGE AWARDS! May 21st 7:00pm...this outrageous evening recognizes excellence in Scottsdale High School theater Departments...Red carpet arrivals begin at 6:30! For more info & tickets call 480-874-4675 or contact Janet Blum at jblum@susd.org



The Scottsdale Arts in Education Council needs YOUR support! Become a member, your donation will help the council continue its work with the district administration and staff to develop the best fine arts education opportunities for our children and for the community! The AEC is proud to fund, coordinate and sponsor the following programs...

- Artist in residence
- Fine arts field trips for all 1-8th graders
- High School fine arts masters classes
- Masterpiece of art programs
- Music discovery
- McClellan Scholarship fund

Advocacy Memberships for families & individuals are \$10.00 as Sponsor... \$25.00 as Patron ...and \$50.00 to become an AEC a Benefactor.

Join us!

**Payable to AEC Advocacy
c/o AEC Treasurer Lois Hench
10447 East Cannon Drive
Scottsdale, Arizona 85258
PLEASE BE A SUPPORTER!**

MAP NEWS! We have more than 2,000 fabulous art prints waiting to be shared! The District Warehouse (near Via Linda & 95th Street) has a MAP section. We're sure to have an art enriching print to compliment your

curriculum! Email Tomi Thomas tomigirri@yahoo.com or Claudia Swartz Claudia@artapalooza.com for help in creating an art project or selecting the right print for your Masterpiece Art Presentation!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS in advance...We will have a district wide MAP training session in late August 2008 on the Kiva campus for any district wide MAP volunteers. As well, the Phoenix Art Museum will be hosting a Masterpiece Art Training session in September 2008. Look for information in our upcoming AEC meetings and through our website. www.artsined.org

AEC Officers for 2008/2009 school year are:

Co-Presidents Bonnie Sneed/Claudia Swartz
Treasurer: Lois Hench
Secretary: Janet Henglefeld
Warehouse Coordinator for MAP: Tomi Thomas
Membership/Scholarship: Pam Krewson
Grade Level Events: Pam Taft
JOIN US....We invite you to join our efforts and enhance arts education for our Scottsdale school children.

Contact any member at www.artsined.org

Arts in Education Council
Visit us on the web at
www.artsined.org



Please join us next school year for our monthly AEC meetings. We bring a wide variety of arts information to share and bring back to YOUR school! Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings are located at the Mohave Middle School Annex Building 8515 East Valley View Road (south of McDonald Drive & East of Granite Reef Road). We meet 9:30-11:00am



Please add these dates to your calendar...

September 2nd
October 14th (odd date due to fall break)
November 11th
December 2nd
January 6th
February 3rd
March 3rd
April 7th
May 5th

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN IN...HELP US BRING QUALITY ARTS PROGRAMS TO OUR CHILDREN!