

It's Time to Sign Up for Arts Partners for the 2006-2007 School Year!!

Every USD 259 principal and liaison has been sent an Arts Partners school application for participation in Arts Partners during the 2006-2007 school year. Applications are due in the Arts Partners office May 10. To check your school's status, request another application, or to get answers to any questions you have, please contact Liz Kennedy, Arts Partners program director by email (liz@artspartnerswichita.org), phone (262-4771), or fax (262-7628).

Web Resource of the Month *Summer Youth Activity Guide*

<http://www.unitedwayplains.org/>

The 2006 *Summer Youth Activity Guide*, a guide to summer activities for youth ages 11-18 in Sedgwick County, is now available online in PDF format for download. The 32-page guide is a project of the Youth Activity Advancement Alliance (often known as "Youth Triple A"), an alliance of organizations and agencies whose purpose is "to support developmentally appropriate recreational and enrichment programs for youth ages 11 to 18." The guide is divided into four sections; Education, Entertainment/Fine Arts, Other, and Recreation/Sports. You will find a large number of arts activities and programs in both the Education and the Entertainment/Fine Arts sections of the guide.

Note: If you would like to be on the Arts Partners summer email list, please send your summer email address to liz@artspartnerswichita.org with "Summer email address" in the Subject heading.

Quotation of the Month

"Educators know that the goals of the arts—high standards and personal expectations, exacting discipline and creative risk—are the elements needed for success in learning and in life."

*"A Template for Artistry" in
Planning an Arts-Centered School*
Janet Eilber, Principal Arts Consultant, The Dana Foundation

Arts Partners Program Coordinator **Mary Lou Martin** Honored by Southwestern College



On April 8, Mary Lou (Bauer) Martin '60 was inducted into the Southwestern College Educators Hall of Fame. As a Kansas music educator, Martin taught in elementary and high schools in Great Bend, Arkansas City, Buhler, Winfield, and Wichita. She also has been an independent piano teacher and adjunct keyboard and music education faculty member at Southwestern College. Career highlights include accompanying and touring with the Kansas Boys Choir for five years and founding and directing the award-winning Walnut Valley Youth Choir, Winfield, for seven years. She continues to adjudicate and conduct children's choir clinics, and for the past five years has served as a program coordinator for Arts Partners.

Book of the Month ***Third Space: When Learning Matters*** (Arts Education Partnership, 2005. ISBN: 1884037976)

As Brenda Welburn, Executive Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education states, "*Third Space* clearly illustrates why it is more important than ever to ensure access to arts education for every student in America, particularly those in high poverty schools. As the research demonstrates, arts education changes schools, changes communities, and most significantly, changes the lives and learning experience of students."

This is an exciting book. It looks at ten schools that have been successful in using the arts as a strategy for school reform and emphasizes the arts and literacy, building community, and transforming teaching and learning. It also provides a profile of each of the ten schools.

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