

## **Partners in the Arts: Grants for Arts Integration**

Each year, *Partners in the Arts* offers grants ranging from \$250 to \$10,000 to school-based projects that integrate the arts, in all forms, into the teaching of core subjects.

The grants provide funds to bring artists into the classroom to work on cross-curricular projects developed by teachers. The cost of supplies is covered by the grants as well.

Our funding priorities target projects that:

1. Make the arts *integral* to the curriculum and use the arts to teach *other subject areas*
2. Help establish a *sustainable* integration of the arts into general education
3. *Change* the way students learn and *expand* teachers' creative teaching strategies
4. Involve *true collaboration* among partners, including teachers, artists, and arts organizations
5. Serve as *models of partnership* among schools, school systems, artists and arts organizations

Schools that are eligible to apply are those within *Partners'* consortium, which includes Richmond, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico and Powhatan public schools as well as a number of independent schools. Teachers of all subjects are eligible to apply for a *Partners* grant. An ideal approach is to have one or more art/music/theatre/dance teachers collaborate with teachers of other subjects to develop a grant proposal.

Here are this year's deadlines:

Letters of Intent are due Monday, December 7, 2009

Full Proposals are due Monday, March 8, 2010

Notification of grant awards will be made in April 2010

Until recently, *Partners in the Arts* was a program based in the Arts Council of Richmond (now reconstituted as CultureWorks). On September 15, we became a program of the University of Richmond School of Continuing Studies, a logical transition as we have collaborated with UR SCS for the past fifteen years on our annual Summer Institute for Teachers, held at the Modlin Center. We retain the same Governance Committee, with Joan Oates as founding chair, and hope to increase our services to area teachers as *Partners* begins this new phase.

Please contact Liz Sheehan, Director of *Partners in the Arts*, at [esheehan@richmond.edu](mailto:esheehan@richmond.edu) <<mailto:esheehan@richmond.edu>> or 955-4016, for more information about the application process. She will be happy to meet with teachers at their schools to discuss ideas for Letters of Intent.