



Conference Time

Next week is an especially important week: there will be no regular school on Thursday and Friday while homeroom teachers have conferences with all of their students and their parents.

Conferences have extra significance at Kino for a number of reasons. At conference time, parents will receive notes from each of the teachers who work with their children in a class or on a project. They'll have the opportunity to find out what their children have doing, and how they've been doing at it.

Conferences are a good way for parents to demonstrate how much they value their children's education; they are a time for parents to be supportive and encouraging.

Whenever a parent has any questions and concerns, the homeroom teacher is the best person to talk to. If the homeroom teacher can't answer a question, then he or she will know who can. Conferences are, therefore, a great opportunity for parents to bring up their concerns and ask their questions.

In November, enough of the year has gone by to get a realistic idea of how things are going. But also, most of the year is still ahead. This is a valuable time to take stock, assess goals, and plan for the rest of the year.

Students are essential participants in the conference, because they inevitably are the principal agents of their learning. Their opinions, plans, and self-evaluations are important and respected. Self-evaluation isn't easy, and students are not automatically articulate participants in their conferences. Students have been known to try to disappear under the table (literally) in the course of a conference. But the ability and the habit of assessing one's work and one's goals may be the most valuable lesson a student can carry into adulthood.

Where have all the high school students gone?

Nearly all of the high school students spent nearly all of Thursday and Friday at a high school retreat. Like last year, the retreat is being held at Pollyanna's house. Last year's retreat was held in the spring, but students felt it was so worthwhile, as well as so much fun, that they recommended that this year's retreat be held in the fall. The teachers in charge of the retreat include Martha and Chris as well as Pollyanna.

And many middle level students, too

The eerie quiet on Friday was also attributable to the Middle Level field trip to the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. They had a beautiful day for it!

Thank you to the Higgins Family, Mary Ann, Ron, and Chris, for this month's lunches for the workers at Primavera. Our hearty lunches are greatly anticipated and appreciated. Remember, if you would like to sponsor December lunches, please talk to Mary Jane. The cost of providing 30 lunches for indigent workers is \$65.00

Cartooning

by Jamie

This year, Ed is teaching a cartooning class. When interviewed about it, he said that they meet every Wednesday at 1:30. He gives a piece of paper to you, and then it is up to you to let your imagination run wild. Once you are done, you hand in your drawings and next class he will hand them back and they will have comments on them. Ed says that he gives them projects. Right now they are working on a mini-mag. Any age is allowed. If everyone is there Ed says that there are about 19 students in all.

Remember: **No school** on Veterans' Day, **November 11**

No School on Thursday and Friday, **November 13 and 14**. Make sure and schedule a Parent / Student / Teacher Conference with your child's homeroom teacher.

WHO WORE WHAT ?

1. Four witches
2. Two Harry Potters
3. One Hermione Granger
4. Three devils
5. Two punks
6. Two specters
7. A dragon
8. A cat
9. One tiger
10. Part-time gorillas
11. A doggy
12. A Ferrari
13. a pirate
14. Captain Hook
15. a green Tinkerbell
16. Spiderman
17. Two ninja
18. Santa
19. Yu-Gi-O
20. A knight in armor
21. Renaissance Lady
22. Empress Theodora
23. a tapdancing ballerina princess Cinderella
24. Three princesses
25. A Berber Princess
26. a 50s girl in a poodle skirt
27. a girl with pink hair
28. surgeon after a busy day
29. a Scotsman

30. Drew
31. Jason
32. Saladin
33. his camel
34. Costume
35. Spawn of Elizabeth bethany
36. John Knoxville
37. World War I doughboy
38. Louisiana Superdome
39. Mad Scientist
40. spoon
41. A guy in a trench coat
42. two skeletons
43. The Man Who Cannot Be
44. Bride of Frankenstein
45. Vampire
46. Dracula
47. Joxer
48. Attila the Hun at home
49. a damsel
50. a Norman
51. Casanova
52. 30s Gangster
53. Inuyasha
54. Bohemond
55. Metamorpho
56. Abella
57. Mrs. Roper
58. David the Pumpkin
59. Pumpkin
60. Crusader

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What is David thinking?

Make up a caption for this photograph ! Give your entry secretly to any Kino Connection staff member (Maya, Brian, Dude, Jamie, Tana, or Ann). The best caption (in their opinion) will be printed in the next Kino Connection.

Answers to Who Wore What?

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| 1. Aerethura, Mary, Julie, Erika | 12. Tana | 23. Serena | 35. Shane | 48. Colin |
| 2. Zasha and Andrew -S | 13. Clare G | 24. Ellie, Emma, Tonisha | 36. Cailin | 49. Clare H |
| 3. Krista | 14. Emmi | 25. Marjorie | 37. Nick | 50. A Norman |
| 4. Spike, Heather, Sophia | 15. Lela | 26. Chelsea | 38. Maya K-R | 51. Bill |
| 5. Martha and Lucas | 16. Paddy | 27. Connor | 39. Cele | 52. Michael |
| 6. Kaelan, Jaspar | 17. Peter, | 28. Karl | 40. Ben | 53. Megan |
| 7. Isaac | 18. | 29. Chris H | 41. Henry | 54. Brendan |
| 8. Rachel? | 19. John | 30. Tess | 42. Taylor, Zach | 55. Matthew M |
| 9. Rachel? | 20. Thomas McN | 31. Jake | 43. Elliot | 56. Marielena |
| 10. Dusty and Drew | 21. Kristina | 32. Jonathan G-W | 44. Jasmyn | 57. Stefani |
| 11. Paige | 22. Ann | 33. Andrew D | 45. Andrew A | 58. Mark |
| | | 34. Joe | 46. A J | 59. Brian |
| | | | 47. Jamie | 60. David |

What were the special homeroom Halloween activities this year?

Chris and Nancy's homeroom collaborated in turning the early childhood castle into a haunted house. It must have been a good one because one could hear lots of screaming in the castle on Friday afternoon. Or was that part of the ambiance provided by homeroom members?

Judy's homeroom hosted pumpkin bowling, with prizes.

A visitor who crawled through a tunnel from the most mysterious back closet of the kitchen found him or herself in a black-lit room filled with lava lamps, glow-in-the-dark messages, music, crumpled newspapers, prizes, and more. It was all too much to take in. In fact, it was "Sensory Overload," the theme of Ed's homeroom.

Martha's homeroom seemed to have invented a new kind of haunted house: once blindfolded, visitors were led into the curtained area and invited to chomp down on food hanging from the ceiling. Would it be a hot dog or a donut?

Julie's homeroom was turned into Casino del Kino, where we all could test our luck at blackjack, roulette, and a slot machine (AJ taking the role of the slot machine's inner workings), while being entertained by Jordan's magic.

At Cele's, you could have your fortune told by Klair, the Spooky Fortune Teller, and – if you trusted the wild haired mad scientist and her assistants — drink weird colored, smoking scientific brews.

Homeroom Halloween Fun

by Maya Ella Rose

To celebrate Halloween, it is a Kino tradition that each homeroom makes its homeroom area (or the disco room, old teacher's room, or music room) into a fun filled activity center. The idea is that no one will know what your homeroom is doing until experiencing it on Halloween. Sometimes secrets leak out or students "spy" on other homerooms. But it is all a part of the fun and games.

Homerooms begin to prepare themselves a few days before Halloween, covering their areas with black tarps or spooky decorations. From there, activities vary. Usually each homeroom student takes a "shift" at their homeroom's activity, meaning they help students in and often through the activity.



Early Childhood Snacks (served with Milk or Juice)

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| Mon- veggies and dip | November 10 and 12, |
| Wed- rice and beans | and 17 - 21 |
| Mon - nuts and seeds | |
| Tues - quesadillas | |
| Wed - oatmeal and raisins | |
| Thur- graham crackers and spread | |
| Fri- scrambled eggs | |