



Student Meeting: New Rules Made For Library

by Maya

On Monday December 1, students convened on the south side of the school at 12:30 for the student meeting. There were several comical issues written by anonymous people on the agenda, which were laughed about and cast aside.

There were also three serious issues. Raphaela suggested having a quiet area for studying somewhere in Kino, which struck a chord with several of the students attending the meeting. The general opinion was that even though two of the great benefits of Kino are the variety of ages and the self-directed study, they create a need for a quiet area that wasn't always available, partly because rooms with doors are often being used for classes and partly because the library, the designated "quiet area" was not quiet. Students who were here last year suggested that we barricade the library again with a rolling chalkboard at each entryway, preventing students from using the library as a passage to get to the other side of the school. Other students preferred keeping the library as is and using the disco room for study. Ann and David both requested that students help enforce this new policy, instead of leaving it to the teachers to act as library police.

Eventually the debate calmed and a motion was made by Raphaela to put rolling chalkboards in the way of passers by, in order to keep the library a quiet place used primarily for studying and classes. The vote was made and the majority ruled that the library should be barricaded. There are now sliding chalkboards at each entrance. Of course, the library contains the greatest portion of Kino's books, so students should not feel intimidated by the barricade; feel free to go in and get a book, just be sure to close the barricade on your way in and out.

The other prominent issue was Connor's idea of creating a Kino book of records. "It would be like the world book of Guinness records, except it would be for Kino," he explained. The idea was unanimously accepted and a motion was made that all students interested in a Kino book of records would meet after the student meeting was over.

Tax Credits— Easier Than You Think

By Stacy, aka Stefani's Mom

This is the first year that I have asked for people to participate in the tax credit, and let me tell you, it is easier than you may think! Within two weeks, my family and I raised over \$3,000.00, and we aren't done yet! As one of my participants said, "It's a good thing that I can give my tax dollars to an organization that will know what to do with it!" Another said, "This is great! I usually get a refund, so this money will be like a savings account to help pay off my holiday expenses! Another one charged it on their credit card to earn points for travel. Once they get their tax return they will be able to pay off that exact amount, and still earn their points for summer travel! Can you imagine how beneficial it would be for Kino if every family raised \$3,000.00? I can't think of a better gift to give our children. A lot of people don't quite understand how this works, and they don't believe that they will get their money back, but they will! This is not a donation; it's a tax credit. We need to take advantage of this program while we can. Every year the state government revisits this program, and every year we are at risk of losing *it*. So let's show the state that we really do use it.

It benefits the greatest people on earth, our kids.

To make a tax credit donation, you can write a check to the Arizona Scholarship Fund, write "Kino" on the memorandum line, and mail or bring it to Kino. Ask Sandy or Mary Ann, if you would like to use your Visa or Mastercard, Married taxpayers filing jointly can get a tax credit of up to \$625.

Sandy has information about how the tax credits work, and she will be happy to give you extra copies so you can hand them out to friends.

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Help!

After working on innumerable Kino Yard Sales, Liz Healy has decided it's time for a break. That means we need a new hero to step in and be in charge of the Yard Sale this spring. Liz has gotten the yard sales down to an art, and she will be more than happy to pass along advice and organizational methods.

The Kino Yard Sales earn a nice amount of money for us (around \$3,000 this fall), and they also provide an opportunity for Kino families to get together, so we'd like them to continue!

And if running the Yard Sale sounds like more than you want to take on – the library sure could use some help. If you find yourself with a few spare minutes, for example when you are picking up your child in the afternoon, please come in: there are usually books that need to be shelved or shelves that need to be straightened. Thanks!

Kino alumn **Mike Pollack** (he attended Kino for about 7 years, until around 1995), is coming up to Kino regularly and providing a lot of help with computer maintainance. He knows what he's doing!



Calendar

- December 17, 7 pm- Holiday Hoot!
December 19- Last day of school before winter break!
January 5 - Back to School
January 13, 7 pm - Board meeting - Everyone welcome

Early Childhood Snacks: Dec. 8 - 12

- Monday- Apples and peanut butter
Tuesday- Pancakes with fruit (all snacks served with Milk or Juice)
Wednesday- ants on a log
Thursday - mixed fruit
Friday - quesadillas

Holiday Fun!

By Tana Jay

Every year before winter vacation there are a number of fun activities that lead you up to the fun activities you'll be doing over vacation!

One really fun thing that Kino does every year is, everyone gets together on one night of the week for an event called The Holiday Hoot! It's a fun time that celebrates all the different holidays. There's singing and the band will be playing as well this year. It will take place on Wednesday, December 17th.

Another exciting thing to people at Kino is the giving and receiving, and why wouldn't it be! Every year Kino celebrates many beliefs and the act of giving and receiving. Each homeroom member draws a name of another homeroom member and for the first four days (of the last week before winter vacation) that student will bring a small gift each day with that person in mind. They will give things such as homemade cards, pencils, candy canes, etc. Students will keep their identities a secret until the fifth day when they will give a gift of about \$5 and they will see if the person they were giving to can guess who had picked them.

Julie and Ed's homeroom are doing something different this year: Julie's homeroom members have drawn the names of people in Ed's homeroom, and vice versa. One reason they're doing this is so they can make presents in homeroom without spoiling any secrets.

In the true spirit of the holiday season . . .

For many years our tradition has been for Kino as a community to chip in money to provide holiday gifts for a family through New Beginnings, an organization that provides assistance for families in crisis. This year we are doing something different. New Beginnings is collecting gifts for specific categories of people – Teens, Moms, Children, and Men. This way, we can go shopping with our children and pick out a gift we think someone in one of those groups would enjoy. We are already collecting these gifts here at school. Sandy has prepared a bright red flier with some good suggestions – including gift certificates. Thank you!

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Santa, Are You Listening

- Jamie** (age 3) Wants a computer.
Ashley [different Ashley?] wants My Size Bride Barbie.
Michelle wants a big, purple truck.
Eleanor wants castinets like the Flamenco dancer in Carmen.
Drew [different Drew] wants Power Wheels Big Foot.
David A. Wants Polynesian vacation (and Martha A. can come, too).