

Warmth and Fuzziness Throughout Kino

by Maya

Students and teachers have seemed particularly cheery this week. Perhaps it is the closeness of the upcoming break, or the beginning of several holiday celebrations. On the other hand, it could be the wonderful KK presents students have been giving and receiving. "It was really nice to see Julie's homeroom getting so much entertainment out of the home [room] made KK presents from Ed's homeroom. The children's faces lit up as they opened their gifts," said Ann.

Many students and teachers plan on enjoying the break:

"I will be folding origami balloons in front of a warm fire," said Martha. "Over the holiday, if we get snow at our house, I'll play in the snow!" said Serena. "I'm going to a party or two," said Andrew. "I'm hanging out with my dude," said Christina. "I am visiting my cousin," said Jonathan. "I'm gonna look at my book with poems in it," said Diego. "I'm going to California to go tidepooling!" said Jasper. "I'm going... somewhere... with Ari," said Gabe. "I'm traveling to London and Paris, where I will look at museums and gardens," said Judy. "I might be moving to San Diego!" said Sam.

Many students share similar plans for their break: "I'm going to spend Christmas with my family. I'm going to sleep. It makes me feel warm and fuzzy," said Alex. "I'm going to Massachusetts to be warm and fuzzy with my boyfriend," said Megan. "I am warm and fuzzy!" said Karl. "I'm going to New York over the break. It's not warm but it's fuzzy..." said Jonathan. "I'm going to wear something warm and fuzzy," said Dusty. "I am sleeping warm and fuzzily," said Elliot.

Many students have frivolous plans for their break:

"I'm going to visit Kino student's homes at random, without notice!" said Drew. "I'm going to breed a red furry saguaro," said Matthew. "I'm going to sit by the fire in my robe, drinking the most exquisite Mountain Dew from Taco Bell, and smoking a pipe that blows bubbles," mused Daniel. "I'll be with my friends. We love each other. My heart will bloom with tenderness!" said Ariel.



Scenes from the Holiday Parade



Holiday Hoot

by Ariel Porter

This past Wednesday, as you might already know, was the Holiday Hoot. The parking lot was full, and a good part of the corral at the animal center, too. It started off with David welcoming us. Jamie was the M.C., and did a great job. Then the Early Childhood and Primary students sang quite a few songs. Tonisha and Griffin did a beautiful duet of Silent Night and then a bit later Tonisha did a solo of Silent Night in Spanish.

Chris H. did some very nice solos on his guitar. Many of the singers, Megan, Heather, Meredith, and Jamie, had solos and did awesome jobs on them. The Middle Level students sang two or three great songs, one of which was Mr. Grinch. And Ethan, who was controlling the sound system, did a great job without Ed, who couldn't be there.

There were several old Kino students, including Judy Courneveaux's son Gavin, Stephan Kraus and his wife, Neill Prohaska (who is on Christmas break from Evergreen College), and Laura Royston. All in all it was a very eventful evening. We hoped you enjoyed it if you came, and if not make sure to come next time!

Calendar

January 5- School begins after the break

January 13, 7pm- Board meeting;
everyone welcome

January 17, 7pm- Project sharing

This Week's editor is Maya

Making Friends

by Brian Dahl

For the last couple of months Kino students have been visiting La Rosa Health Care Center. La Rosa is an elderly people's home. The Early Childhood students visited during Halloween for a costume party. Last week, the Middle Level students visited for the holiday season to make gingerbread houses.

Zach made friends with Max while they were building a gingerbread house. Zach thought Max was very cool because Zach has a brother named Max. They talked about what Max did for Christmas when he was Zach's age.

Julie says, "We plan to go to La Rosa on the first Tuesday of every month. There are so many opportunities—for making friends, learning oral history. It makes all the students feel good."

On Thursday this week, students all ages went to La Rosa to sing like beautiful birds for the elderly. They sang on all three floors at La Rosa, for the residents with Alzheimers', the assisted living residents, and the residents who need skilled nursing. Students were moved by the experience, and came back talking about seeing residents wipe tears from their eyes. One resident in the Alzheimers' unit sang along with Griffin as he sang Silent Night. "It was a wonderful time," Julie said. "They made so many people happy."

If anyone—parents or students—would like to come on the Tuesday visits next year, just talk to Julie.

Nacimiento Field Trip

Lots of Spanish students went to see the Nacimiento. Andrew's father and Judy went with us. Mil gracias! The Nacimiento is a nativity scene set in an elaborate and very special way, providing viewers with an opportunity to learn about Spanish cultural inheritance. Senora Tena has been making the Nacimiento for 25 years in honor of her mother, who made on every year in her living room. There were also other displays of traditional sets from the bible and from Mexican villages. The trip went first to the Nacimiento and then to El Charro restaurant.

Thank you to Marielena and her family for sponsoring this month's lunches for the workers at primavera. Thank you to all of our sponsors. If you would like to provide lunches for the months after the winter break, the cost is \$65 per month. For more information, see Mary Jane.

Thank you to the families who donated items for New Beginnings. We delivered the items on Monday and they were greatly appreciated! Thank you for making a wonderful opportunity for families to have new beginnings!