



The Kino Connection

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Senior Projects by Brian

When they become high school seniors, each Kino student has to do a senior project. Usually a senior project involves an interest that the student has had for many years. Senior projects allow students to spend more time on their interest and also help them learn more about it. When it gets near the end of the year seniors are usually rushing to get their senior projects done because if they don't their project done they don't graduate.

Kino seniors usually do pretty interesting projects. Sometimes, they create things that benefit Kino long after they've graduated. For example, the Kino web page was created by Michael Whitney in 2002. The Early Childhood fence along the path to the Animal Center was made by Emmet, Maya's brother. The stone bench that encloses the Secret Garden was built as a senior project long ago, and Christine Pukala (nee) Lytwynczuk painted the gouache illustrations of Kino values in the front office when she was a high school senior. Other students have written a novel, filmed and edited a full-length movie, taught classes to junior high students, published a monthly comic book, worked at Project TROT. For many students, the most important culmination of their years here is to memorialize them by editing a yearbook. Yearbooks have been produced by Brian Caillet and Blair Carswell in 1996, Willow Gerard-Langley in 2000, Arcadia Porter in 2001, Dulcy Docken in 2002, and Jannell Sebring in 2003.

In the next couple weeks our paper will run articles on this year's senior projects.



Project Sharing - January 29

Since Kino is not like a conventional school, we like to give parents lots of opportunities to find out more about what their children are up to every day and ask any questions they have about what we do and why.

That's the aim of the next Project Sharing evening, scheduled for January 29. Parents and grandparents will be invited to join "Morning Home Room," do some home room activities, hear the Daily Announcements, and then go visit the centers and classes that their children go to during a real school day.

We hope everyone will be able to attend!

Lunch Duty A Vital Kino Tradition

by Ariel

Lunch duty is a very crucial and essential thing. Without it, the eating areas would become disgusting and dirty. That's why every day one home room has the duty of . . . Lunch Duty. It alternates through the seven home rooms.

There are three centers where kids eat. Each one has to have the tables wiped clean, the chairs or cubes put away, the floors swept, and the trash taken out. Some home rooms have a first come first serve rule for choosing jobs. Others have the jobs assigned in advance. Younger students always do an excellent job helping out and older kids should take a hint from them.

It's very important that you do your job and not pass it off on others, because *that* is not the Kino way.

Chris spent the day in the Tucson Mountains with all the high school students. The rest of his homeroom, which had lunch duty, took charge and got everything clean without needing any teacher's reminders.

No School on Monday - Celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. !

ABC's Book!

By Tana Jay

Nancy is the teacher for not only Primary language arts, but she also helps in early childhood and does band and singing with kids who are interested. She and the primary kids have put together an ABC Picture book that has great pictures of kids, each with a caption below. They got all the names for the letters in early childhood and primary before they started going around the school looking for names that would match and for the letters they were missing. For letters such as H, Q and Y and a few others, the letters that we don't have names for, they came up with other objects around the school and took pictures of them to complete the book.

The book starts with a group picture of primary and it goes on to:

A is for Ari
B is for Ben
C is for Cailin
D is for Diego
E is for Emma, Ellie
and Emmi
F is for Funny Faces
G is for Gabe
H is for Hats
I is for Isaac
J is for Jordan
K is for KINO!
L is for Levi and Lela
M is for Mary Jane
N is for Nancy
O is for On the table!
P is for Peter and Paddy
Q is for "quiet please!"
R is for Rachel
S is for Spike and Serena
T is for Taylor
U is for Under the table!
V is for the Van
W is for the Wall of Words
X is in eXit
Y is for Yellow flowers
Z is for Zach

Calendar - Planning Way Ahead

January 29, 7 pm- Project sharing
February 10, 7 pm - Board Meeting
Everyone welcome
February 21 - Silent Auction
February 26 - 27 - No School - Rodeo Days
March 11 - 12 - No School - Parent/Student?
Teacher Conferences
April 3 - Yard Sale
April 12 - 16 - Spring Break

Alumni News

We recently received an e-mail from Jessica Estrada, who graduated from Kino in 1995. After graduation Jessica went to the School of Visual Arts in New York, and graduated from U of A with a major in creative photography and Education. She is now teaching art at Ha:San, a school on the Tohono O'odham reservation She says, "It is cool there, so I doubt that I will leave any time soon."

On top of that, Jessica just started graduate school this year:

"I got into a program at the U of A called Interstellar. It's a program for people who want to get their masters in special education and teach at schools with a high minority population. I was glad I got in because the program pays for tuition and a stipend. . . . Tell everyone I said Hi!!!"

Early Childhood Snacks

January 20 - 23

(all snacks served
with Milk
or Juice)

Tuesday: Quinoa and Vegetables
Wednesday: Berry Pancakes
Thursday: Hummus and Flat Bread
Friday: Scrambled Eggs and Cheese

Brian's Project

by Ernesto

For his senior project, Brian will be submitting his writings to newspapers and magazines. Brian must submit ten writings by the end of the year. He has completed three so far. His material is mostly about his opinions, his thoughts, and his beliefs. He has sent letters to the the Arizona Daily Star and an essay to The Sun, a magazine. Hopefully we will see his writing in print.