



## Conference Time

There's no regular school on Thursday and Friday next week so homeroom teachers can have conferences with all of their students and their parents.

Conferences are important because they are a time to evaluate a student's progress and set goals--both long term and short term. They are a time to plan what a student wants and needs to learn. They are also a time to evaluate the work that a student has done. The best way to do this is to look at the work itself, the student's own assessment of the work, and the teacher's evaluation of the work.

Conferences are a time for parents to understand what their child has been doing, and they are a time for parents to be supportive and encouraging.

## The Spring Yard Sale Looms!

The Spring Yard Sale will be April 3. Please mark it on your calendars and start getting together your piles of donations. Please remember we'll be needing lots of help: the week before the sale, we'll need people who can help sort stuff as it comes in; we'll need lots of help on the day itself, of course; and we'll be having a bake sale along with the yard sale, so we hope all you good cooks will plan to contribute something!

## Hooray for the Silent Auction!

Chalk up another successful year for the Silent Auction! We raised over \$6,500, as well as having fun, eating a great barbecue dinner, and going home with some wonderful deals. We can't thank everyone who helped out, but Lisa Watmore says she is especially appreciative of Heather, Kristina, and Clare H, who were enthusiastic helpers at the auction itself.

## Let's Have A Non-Holiday Food Drive

Becky says that for the past few weeks, when Kino students were helping prepare food for indigent and hungry people at Casa Maria, they totally ran out of food.

So many people remember to donate food and money to Casa Maria and the Community Food Bank during the holiday season, and then donations are sparse the rest of the year. We thought it would be a good idea to hold a school wide food drive right now, when it is so badly needed.

Please bring donations of food (money works too, with the checks made out to Casa Maria) to school next week. You can send them with your child during the short week, or bring them when you come up to school for your child's conference. We will take everything to Casa Maria the following Wednesday.

## Accreditation Renewal

Last week we were observed by representatives of NALSAS - the National Association for the Legal Support of Alternative Schools—as the last step of our periodic accreditation renewal. Ed Nagle, the coordinator of NALSAS, was one of the observers. It's always valuable to get a fresh perspective. What may have seemed like the usual mayhem to some was, to him, "an impressive amount of involvement and activity." Among the class activities he observed: Chris performing an early Renaissance version of Ave Maria on the guitar for the Middle Ages history class.

## Kino Yearbook News

Everyone hates his/her yearbook picture, right? Well, this year we are asking the students to bring in the picture that they wish to have in the yearbook. The picture can be no larger than a standard 5x7. Please bring the picture in by Friday March 15. Give all pictures to Julie or Kristina Moorhead. If you are not able to bring in a picture or you don't have a current picture we will make sure we take one to put one in the yearbook.

Thanks Julie and Kristina!!

## MAYA! By Ariel

Maya has always liked art. For the last few years, she has been creating and altering clothing for herself. When her friends started commenting on how they liked what she was wearing, she got an idea: she began making skirts out of vintage silk scarves, and selling them at Buffalo Exchange, a higher-end resale boutique. Buffalo Exchange suggested that she should sell her things at Zoe, a 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue boutique, and Zoe was happy to carry her clothing.



Recently while shopping at Sounds Fresh, another 4th Avenue boutique, Maya was talking about fashion with Alex Reez, the store's owner. He asked her to bring some of her things in. He loved them, and she now has almost 40 of her pieces at his shop. "I am extremely grateful for Alex's generosity. He's giving me an opportunity to introduce my clothing to many more people," she says.

Maya often uses vintage material. Lace and ribbon bows are her signature mark. "I enjoy using vintage material because it gives the clothing a romantic quality that stands above the current trends, giving it a timeless appeal," she says.

Maya says that she's extremely happy that she's going to Kino because at another school, she wouldn't have nearly enough time to do what she loves doing; making clothes.

Next Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at noon, there will be a fashion show at Pima Community College featuring Maya's line. There is a flyer on the front door, by Sandy's desk. Feel free to come and watch the show, there's no charge and it should be a lot of fun.

## Male 15 Year Old Goes to Africa

by Maya

Where's Alex ? He left this week for a month of touring and performing in South Africa as a senior member of the Tucson Boys Chorus. They plan on singing multi-cultural music in several South African cities. Alex believes that the Boys Chorus is going to South Africa for "Marketing purposes. When we go to South Africa, we will be sharing the joy of music," he said.

To prepare for the trip, the Boys Chorus has been practicing songs in a few South African languages. "Singabahambayo tina lom la ba khe fa ci ne ka ya," he sings. It means "we are marching in the light" in African.



Alex hard at work on his field biology notebook

## Need A House?

Come buy Sam Hanson's house! Sam and his family are moving, so their house is for sale. They are having an open house this Sunday from 1 o'clock until 4, if you would like to see it. The address is 8801 N. Shadow Mountain Dr.. If you have any questions, you can call Anne at 877-2800.



**The Civil War class explored the hirsute styles of a variety of Civil War generals on Facial Hair Friday.**

## Early Childhood Snacks February 23 - 25

Monday: Fruit Smoothies

Tuesday: Noodles, Olives & Parmesan Cheese

Wednesday: Fried Rice

(all snacks served with Milk or Juice)

NO SCHOOL NEXT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Parent/Teacher/Student Conference!