



Senior Profile: Matthew Marsland

By Brian Dahl

Matt Marsland has been coming to Kino since he was three, except for three years when he was little. He was born at TMC in Tucson, Arizona. Some of his best memories at Kino are: The time he covered Mary Jane's car with pebbles; the time he took Mary Jane's entire collection of plastic mice; and when he used Cination (an animating program) for the first time, when he was only eight years old. Matt said, "I don't think that I would have had the same chance at other schools." Matt also said, "Kino has allowed me to be me."

Matt's senior project is animating his graduation speech with Flash Animation. He said, "It's fun to do and I get multiple projects done." He also said, "You'll see me more animated than ever before." Matt has been interested in drawing for a long time. This is what he had to say, "For long as I could pick up a pencil."

Matt's favorite color is red. Matt sarcastically said, "Because it represents both life and death. Life is like a red rose and death is like blood."

This summer Matt has an internship in LA with The Simpsons (the tv show), but he doesn't know what they are going to ask him to do.

And finally Matt has decided he wants to go to Bennington College (it's in Vermont). Bennington focuses on the video industry and art. It looks like Matt has a great opportunity with Simpson's and the future. We'll be watching him in his career.

Paddy, and Max. The Middle Level singers were represented by Eli and Tonisha (who also sang a solo), and the Junior High and High school singers were Shane, Michael E, Jonna, Heather, Jamie, and Ariel V. The Band was made up of Nancy, Chris Higgins (who performed and sang a solo of Robert Johnson's "Crossroads"), Brendan, and Jamie, all on guitar; Karl and Netito on bass; Michael E on saxophone and wood blocks; and Joe on drums. Ethan was in charge of sound and lights. One of the things that makes a Kino music program so special is to see such a wide age range of students enjoying playing and singing together. Thanks to Nancy, our students have an extraordinary opportunity to learn about and create beautiful and moving music.

What is everyone doing on spring break?? By Ariel

Brian is going to Washington for the second time this year to visit Michael Whitney, an old Kino student, who now attends Gonzaga University.

Brendan is going to learn how to fly after he grows his wings.

Connor is visiting his father in San Francisco.

Raphaella is visiting many different colleges including Trinity, Southwestern University and Austin college in Texas. Plus Hendrix college in Arkansas!



Matthew by Andrew D

Martha is taking a trip to Mexico with her fiancé and her twins, Lela and Emmi.

Scott is also going to Mexico, Rocky Point!

Harrison is playing his guitar, Paddy is flying to Maine, and Jake is going to celebrate Easter.

Michael McClintock is possibly going on a cruise.

Drew is going to a disco dance with Maya and Ariel.

Netito is going to be with family and friends and have paintball and band practice.

Tana is taking driving school; Thomas is going to Phoenix.

Cody might go to Vermont, or he'll go to the skate park every day.

Rachael is visiting Prescott.

Judy is going to a big Easter day party with an egg hunt.

Stefani is taking a trip to California to have fun!

Jonathan Kat is playing video games and...playing more video games.

Megan is going to Massachusetts to visit her boyfriend Joey.

The Roots of Rock n' Roll Concert!

The Kino Band and Singers put on yet another wonderful performance this week: Kino's Roots of American Music Revue. The music represented many of the different cultural and musical styles of American music – sea chanties, Mississippi Delta blues, La Bamba (a Mexican folk song before it was recorded by Richie Valens, gospel, and songs written by Muddy Waters, Woody Guthrie, Leadbelly, and Elizabeth Cotton. The performers included the Early Childhood and Primary Singers: Peter, Taylor, Lela, Levi, Diego, Spike, Emma, Ellie, Emmi, Gabe, Kaelan, Ari, Paige, Serena,



Alex Returns from Africa

by Maya Ella Rose

On April 2, Alex returned from his thirty-two day trip to South Africa with the Tucson Boys Chorus. Here are the highlights of Alex's singing adventure.

His journey to Africa started with a nineteen hour trip, changing planes in Atlanta, New York, and Dakar. After landing in Johannesburg, they drove to Pretoria. "We saw Thabo Mbeki's [the current president] house," said Alex. Alex's favorite activity while staying in Pretoria was a day trip to an amusement park in Johannesburg called Gold Reef City. The boys learned about gold mining and toured a mine shaft.

"After a few days, we left Pretoria for Johan, where we had a gigantic African style barbeque, called a Braai," he said. The boys enjoyed eating barbequed sausage, lamb, and beef, accompanied by a salad. The next stop was Mpumalanga. One morning, Alex woke up for breakfast and found the charter bus covered with at least twenty baboons! "They jumped off of our bus, ran into someone's bungalow, then ran out of the bungalow holding candy wrappers and a bag of sugar!" said Alex.

His experiences include hiking and going to a national park where they spotted lions, giraffes, impalas, wildebeests, and water buffalo. Alex stayed with a host family that had two daughters, ages 12 and 16. "I became close friends with both the girls. They were very nice." He also spent time in a boarding school where he made a friend named Daniel. "Daniel and I went to the train tracks and spoke Zulu with several maids who were waiting for their train... In Nelspruit we had an excellent concert that was very well received. The audience was screaming for an encore, I was temporarily deaf!"

Another highlight was their time spent in Durben. "There's a lot of Indian influence there. We stayed at a hotel called the Blue Waters. They had indoor dolphin shows! We also got to go surfing and play on the beach." In Oudshoorn, the boys rode ostriches and sang at the SACDAC (South African Choral Directories Association Conference). In Cape town they traveled to the top of Table Mountain. "We saw guinea pigs up there!" Alex said.

Of course, the trip was enjoyed by Alex and all of the other Boy's Chorus members. "We sang songs in several African languages, and everyone had a good time, singing and clapping. The people of Africa were happy that we learned their native songs. It was really a great trip!"

Primavera Thank You :)

Thank you to Martha Anderson, who is sponsoring the Primavera lunches for the month of April. We now need just one last sponsor to finish up the school year; with a donation of \$65, Jana can buy supplies for our students to make 30 sack lunches that Primavera can then give to indigent workers.

YARD SALE April 24

Because of the extremely unpredictable weather last weekend, we decided to postpone the yard sale until April 24. Now we have all of spring break to do that spring cleaning we put off and make another pile of donations.

We'll have the same need for volunteers on the 24th -- lots of helpers starting at 6 am to get set up, donations for the bake sale, and people to come and buy!

Join the Kino Community Forum

We now have a message group on Yahoo for the Kino Community. To sign up, just go to:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kinocommunity/join>.
Yahoo will then walk you through the easy steps to set up an account, if you don't have one already. This forum can be a virtual gathering place for all of us -- a on line water cooler of sorts. Want to form a carpool? Cancelling a yard sale? Wondering how your child will make the transition to college? Hosting a homeroom family potluck? Sign on and join the discussion!

Kino Once Again Skunks The Competition!

Congratulations to Andrew Davies, who won first place among the first year students category at the Second Annual Tucson Japanese Speech Contest. Andrew was competing against a large field of contestants who were nearly all college students. Andrew was the only Kino student competing this year, but last year Megan and Leta won in the first year and second year categories, respectively.