

# THE KINO CONNECTION

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is believed that the Babylonians were the first to make New Year's resolutions, and people all over the world have been breaking them ever since.

Here is a sampling of Kino School staff and student resolutions:

David: I didn't make any. Not a one.

Harry: To get more toys.

Sophia: To be less shy.

Cris: Not to fight with Casey so much.

Casey: Not to fight with Cris so much.

Harrison: I'm not going to be afraid anymore.

Chris: New Year's Day was dedicated to peace of mind.

Jennifer: To be kinder to myself.

Andrew: To get my driver's license and to see to it personally that a new administration is elected in 2008.

Ash: I promised myself to sleep in more.

Mishka: To be happy and healthy.

Rebekah: To be on time for school.

Eli: To stop making resolutions.

Sydney: To remember that the spirit of Christmas is good.

Neill: To take better care of my teeth and to be more organized.

Stefani: To be happy.

Klair: To get my license.

Judy: To continue to improve my health.

Cassandra & Hallie: To be nicer to people and not to exclude anyone.

Marielena: Not to eat candy but I already broke it.

Heather: To floss regularly.

Ed: Ask Ann.

Rio: To live life.

Elizabeth: To be more adventurous.

Ann: Ed has resolved to scratch Ann's back more often.

Ann: To play less "Killer Sudoku."

Levi: Not to have any New Year's resolutions.

Mia: Can I get back to you on that?

Diana: To wish a bright and cheery "Good Morning" to all high school students as they drag in the front door.

## A GREENER KINO

Ann Davis

Kino teachers have been talking and planning about ways we can incorporate sustainability and permaculture both into the curriculum and into the structure of the school and turn Kino into a model of responsible urban living.

It's a long term project with many exciting facets, including gardening, composting, recycling, and intelligent design for our building. All ages of students will be included and participation by Kino families will be welcome as well.

Parts of the project are already under way. We've acquired a 20' by 50' greenhouse that will be installed on the south side of the school. Once the site is readied, we'll be having a greenhouse-raising day and be asking for lots of help to get it up. The date for the greenhouse raising is tentatively set for February 9.

For his senior project, Harrison has been designing and building a water-harvesting system for the school. He is building a cistern that will provide water for the greenhouse and garden.

Ethan, Charlie Duncan, and Neill have also been building tilapia tanks. One is already completed and stocked; a second one should be completed in a month. We have a tank full of little fish that can be studied, befriended, and ultimately eaten.

The open air garden is in the process of being fenced so crops will be protected from rodents and quail. This project was funded by a grant we received last year.

As the Kino website says, "Kids learn from the structure of a school." There are obvious ways this undertaking will involve traditional academic subjects like botany, zoology (from nematodes to goats), physics, environmental science, current events, and mathematics. But even more important will be the experience involved in being a community, learning how we can take responsibility for our own environment.



## DESERT DIVAS

Once again, Lisa Otey has graciously donated to Kino School a block of tickets to her next concert. Please join Lisa Otey and The Desert Divas on January 19, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Berger Performing Arts Center.

Kino School is selling these \$30.00 tickets at a special discounted price of \$15 each. All proceeds from these ticket sales benefit Kino School programs.

Hope to see you there!

## OOPS! CHANGE YOUR CALENDARS

Please make sure your school calendar indicates that there is no school on January 21 in observation of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. There is school on January 14, which was an error on the original school calendar.

## SILENT AUCTION: HELP WANTED!

We are starting to prepare for Kino School's legendary Silent Auction fundraiser. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please call Lisa Watmore at Kino School, 297-7278, or on her cell, 661-1139. Thanks.