

The Kino Connection

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Peachy Times in Middle Level

Julie started reading Roald Dahl's **James and The Giant Peach** out loud a couple of weeks ago. The book drew a large crowd every morning, and things branched out from there.

Everyone wrote or drew in their writers' journals while Julie read. "We have some beautiful illustrations for the whole story. I hope we'll make a book of them," Julie said.

The story prompted some experiments: Do peaches really float? (They do!) How long does it really take to take off all of a centipede's shoes? Well, how about the shoes of a line of kids pretending they're a centipede?

Then we had a visit from Tony's Creepy Crawly Zoo. Students got became closely acquainted with some real live characters like those in the book.

After they'd heard the whole book, Julie and David took students to see the PCC Theater Arts production of **James and the Giant Peach**, and then they watched the movie.

"We enjoyed three versions of the story, and they were all very different."



What's Chris Higgins up to in Berklee?!

Chris Higgins, who is one of the seniors from last years' graduating class is super busy! This is his 4th week of college and he seems to be super busy! He's taking several different classes; Harmony, Ear Training, Guitar Performance Skills, Ensemble, Private Lessons, and Writing Skills. His earliest class is at 10:10 and his longest day lasts from 11am to 8 pm! Chris says the homework is pretty hard and it's hard to catch up once he gets behind.

Chris is living in a really nice dorm that is an old Victorian type house. He loves it, but is adjusting to living with his two roommates. His dorm is only a ten minute walk away from school so Chris either walks everywhere or takes the subway.

Chris is loving the weather; it's only about 70 degrees over there!

The History of People and Weapons

By Jamie Cera-Griffith

This year Chris is teaching a class that is called The History of People and Weapons. They started at the point in history where the Spanish Conquistadors came to what they called the New World. Of course the people that already lived here didn't call it the New World, they called it the Old World.

So far one of the things that they have done is set up a garbage can, put a water bottle on top of it and then try to knock it off with a rock. They pretended that the water bottle was a rabbit and that they were about a thousand years in the past. If they hit it they would hypothetically have dinner. Since hitting the water bottle was a little difficult, what they are doing now is building rabbit traps. The only catch is that they have to build them out of things that they find in the desert.

Yard Sale Approaching!

The Kino Yard Sale is scheduled for October 22-Which is sooner than you think. Here's how you can help.

- 1.)Think about what you'd like to donate-Start cleaning out your closets!
- 2.)Bring your stuff up to school sometimes during the week of October 18-22. If you have time to help sort the items that folks bring in, we can always use an extra person.
- 3.)Mark you calender for October 22nd. We'll need helpers all day longs and also make sure you come in a buy something
- 4.)Bake something! We always have a bake sale table set up, so please bake or buy something yummy to sell!

Hiking!

By Ariel Porter

Every other Friday, Jen and Chris take about 8 students and embark on an adventurous hiking trip to one of the amazing trails we have surrounding Tucson. Hiking can be awful in Tucson with the high temperatures, and so the hikers have been leaving earlier in the morning to beat the heat.

The two hikes that they've been on are Milagrosa Canyon and Seven Falls. Milagrosa Canyon was more of a preparation/starting out hike, being only about 3 miles round trip, and Seven Falls was a little more challenging. On the way there, it was four miles uphill and then a more relaxing four miles back. Although it was a little strenuous, the view was worth it. Seven Falls actually does live up to its name and is one of the few places in Tucson that has water year-round. There were seven beautiful waterfalls and 3 large pools, big enough to swim in.

A student who takes hikes all year can earn a credit or just go for pleasure. If someone's interested in getting credit, one of the requirements is that they take turns leading the hikes. The first step is choosing the hike. Then the student must get driving directions to the trail head, write out the permission slips, be able to tell everyone what they'll need, such as how much water to bring. They must also determine the length and time of the hike.

If you're interested in going on any of the hikes, talk to Jen or Chris.

"If I were a gerbil, I'd like to hike. But I'm not a gerbil so I'm hiking anyway."-Thomas O'Dell

"There's so many wonderful things about hiking...but I love the views"-Jen



How's it going, Junior Highers?

Every Friday, Junior High students write a summary of their past week. Mary Jane prepares a different summary form every week, asking a variety of questions that encourage students to reflect on and evaluate what they've done. Last week, because we've completed one month of school, students were asked to list words that describe school so far this year. Here's what they said:

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| awesome | okay | fun |
| cool | good | fast |
| great | hard | exciting |
| busy | strange | neat |
| fun | interesting | long |
| homeworky | overwhelming | cool |
| difficult | tiring | great |
| fun | fine | |

It's Dress Like a Rock Star and Go to IHOP for Breakfast and Have All the Waitpersons Sing Happy Birthday to Jonathan Day

