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Highlights From The Silent Auction



The 10th Annual Silent Auction last Saturday was a lot of fun and a big success. Thanks to everyone's help, we made \$5,600! We can't thank everyone who helped by name, but you know who you are. Our especially big thank yous go to Lisa Watmore, who makes sure everything happens --in most cases by doing it herself--- all the students who helped --- the homeroom teachers for the work they put into the homeroom baskets --- Mary Ann, Sandy, and Marielena for making that delicious, amazing array of desserts. Lisa says she's put a notebook on the front office desk for remarks and suggestions -- she wants your feedback!

Mr. BOOGIE WOOGIE

Live at Kino! A Concert for the Whole Community

The Netherland's premier boogie woogie piano player, Mr. Boogie Woogie, will be playing here at Kino on Thursday, March 16, from 12:30 until 1:30. This will be a fun concert for the whole community -- parents are encouraged to come and bring your friends.

(There will be a contributions jar to show Mr. Boogie Woogie our appreciation.) Playing with him will be Danny Krieger, our guitar teacher. and Steve Graham on bass.





The Amazing "It"

by Sophia Rubin

It was an ordinary Monday when "big" Louis, and I forget which other kids, came up with a very fun idea. At first, students wondered why kids that weren't exactly little were playing with blocks. The tower got very high, and it looked so cool that some people came by and wanted to build with the others. Some people just watched and spread the word. The rumor spread around the school and everyone came crowding around to see. "There's a wild animal called a *Cordova* in there! Don't stick your fingers in the cage or look through the holes. It bites!" someone said. Then, out through the holes in the cage, something was poking. The animal growled. Someone said they saw human fingers poking out; others swear they saw *claws* . . . just kidding!

A few minutes later it was time! Sophia tapped on the cage to signal it. The cage began to fall, and out came the wild *Cordova*, no . . . Chris Cordova. "This will have to make the Connection. Someone will have to write about it," Chris said. It was pretty cool, so here it had to be.

Various Methods of Homework Evasion

by Jonathan Green

There are many methods students can use to avoid confrontation when turning in homework late. Most students refused to give up their secrets for this article, and most teachers denied having ever cheated in school when they were younger, so I was forced to rely heavily on bribes. The best excuses for missed homework are naturally those which, in the past, have not always been excuses, such as "It's at home." That one is often true. More obvious excuses are, of course, "I lost it," "My cat ate it," "My cat urinated on it," etc. One can always simply not show up or contract a sudden illness. This is definitely inconspicuous. But the best method for achieving forgiveness by your teacher is to act ashamed and unhappy about your failure to meet the deadline.

On the subject of homework evasion, our inside informant, who asked to remain unnamed (we will refer to him as Jonathan not-Kat here) says, "Don't publish your secrets in the Kino Connection." Sound advice. Or, he says, you can "Be a senior. That always helps."

Of course there are also various methods that teachers use to motivate students to DO their homework. Such strategies include showing signs of emotional attachment to the project, threatening to make the deadlines harsher, or simply reminding students they need the credit.* In the past, extra homework has been piled on those who have not met the deadlines. Many suggestions have been made for ways to encourage students, such as public humiliation, or nunchucks, but Kino teachers find these too harsh, even for the most uncommitted students. It seemed like Ann had struck gold with her offer to don an additional piece of pirate clothing each week that the entire history class turned in their homework on time, but alas, she has yet to apply even the eye patch.

* And then there's David's technique of looking over the top of his glasses at you. This has terrorized students for years.

CALENDAR

March 16	Mr. Boogie Woogie 12:30 - 1:30
March 21	Board meeting 7 pm
March 22	Project Night 7 pm
March 27-31	Spring Break
April 9	Open House for Prospective Students 2 - 4

Early Childhood Snacks **March 13 - 17**

Monday	oranges
Tuesday	yogurt and fruit
Wednesday	quesadilla
Thursday	smoothies
Friday	Friday Surprise

Fiesta This Friday!

We're invited to help Spanish students celebrate the completion of their Puerto Rico unit this Friday at 10:30. There will be frutas and the best salsa dancers in Kino! There will also be a raffle, with the winner receiving a gift certificate to Target!