

## Senior Profile: Leta Davis

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Leta Davis is currently the student who has been attending Kino the longest. She's gone from a devious and rambunctious early childhood kid, to a shy junior high student, to a composed high schooler, a perfect mix between the two. But even as a junior high school student, Leta had her rowdy moments: Once when Felice was visiting Kino from

college, she tapped Leta on the shoulder. Well at this point in Leta's life, she was fed up with people tapping on her shoulder, and so she proceeded to elbow Felice, and hard.

"Felice was so nimble, she just jumped right out of the way." Leta's Senior Project is making a theramin. A theramin is an electronic instrument that you play without touching. "You just wave your arms in the air a lot." By the end of the year she'll have made two, number one being a practice theramin and number two being a fancy one with vacuum tubes and two antennas. Leta's original plan was to computerize the Kino Library but decided it was too time consuming. "Even though theramin building isn't a huge interest of mine, I wanted to do something that's interesting and fun." What are her plans for this fancy, fancy theramin? "I'll give it to someone who will love and appreciate it and treat it right."

Future Plans:

Leta has applied to seven different colleges, Oberlin, Pomona, Bowdoin, Carleton, Seattle University, Clark, and Lewis and Clark. She's already been accepted to Seattle University and is still waiting on the others. She would like to study "stuff." Her dream job would be the Comptroller General. "There's only one Comptroller General in the whole country!"

Being at Kino so long, Leta has hundreds of Kino memories, but here are a few of them... "I remember playing magic flying ponies with Kristina, Maya (2005 Kino School graduate) and Tana and making wings out of cardboard and flying off the big tires." She also has memories of making fairy houses out in the playground and perfecting building the little roofs of sticks and leaves. Then the mean Big Kids would stomp on them. "But we always kept rebuilding them. They never got our spirits down."

She remembers being three in David's homeroom and wanting to show the whole homeroom her really neat card trick that involved cutting up Big David's new deck of cards. He gave her the card deck and then she announced "All I need now are some scissors." (Un)Fortunately Leta did not get to perform her card trick.



Tomorrow --March 16-- at 12:30 !  
A Concert for the Whole Community -- Bring your friends!  
Mr. Boogie Woogie is the Netherlands' premier boogie woogie piano player.

"Leta is an exceptional person. I hold her in the highest regards. She brings many good times while sitting in the corner, being quiet. Her cold intelligence wises us all." -Elliot Felice, who attended Kino with Leta for five years, has many memories about Leta. "She used to walk around the school singing the name of her cat 'lulululululululu' in a sort of yodeling way. To this day, when my high school class and I get together we still imitate her." She remembers Leta asking Jamie Van Olphen if she could have a ride on his arm. "She was loud and playful, but also very stubborn. You did not mess with Leta. She was fierce if she was crossed" "It was on this December's high school trip to the Chiricahuas, while having a discussion with a couple of the students, I realized that Leta is all grown up. She's such an intelligent and sophisticated young woman." Ian says "Leta is...um...She's charismatic, it's hard to put into words exactly what Leta is. She's not upfrontly charismatic, but once you get to know her you realize she really is."

## CALENDAR

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
April 29	Yard Sale	

## Project Sharing Next Wednesday, March 22, 7 pm

Come see what students have been up to, talk to the teachers, and visit with other parents. There will be lots of music! We're looking forward to performances by the band, the high school singers, and the intermediate level singers, plus Heather and Danny are planning a duet, and there will be some soloists as well. Last but not least, we'll enjoy the Primary and Early Childhood singers. Who are they? They are -- Emily, Emmi, Diego, Alex, Cassandra, Ian, Louis P, Gaven, Matthias, Peder, Libby, MJ and Maloo!

## Yard Sale -- April 29

The Yard Sale isn't until next month, but it may not be too soon to start planning for it. In addition to cleaning out your closets, how about getting started with baking for the bake sale? The bake sale is always popular, but it seems like sometimes we do not have enough contributions -- probably because we don't give enough notice. No problem this year! If you can freeze your donations, it's not too early to start baking.



Last week's Fiesta: Frutas de Puerto Rico y salsa dancing. Gracias Sra. Eyster!

## Playing With Food

We've been making paper mache creatures for the animals at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum! The animals can get bored -- but they'll have fun ripping apart our creatures once the zookeepers fill them with food. Aidan's mother, Debra Benson, is one of the zookeepers. She hooked us up with the Desert Museum's Animal Enrichment Program. Julie says it's mostly middle level students who have been learning about animals' eating habits and working with the paper mache, but some primary students have gotten involved as well.

Next Tuesday they're going to the Desert Museum to watch the animals play with their creations.



## The Garden

Chris' junior high Biology class decided

to make a garden this spring in the terraces next to the Secret Garden. Most of the work so far has been in preparing the soil, digging and adding stinky compost. They already have tomatoes growing!

Ian Downs, a member of the Biology class writes:

The garden is a great project that has turned out to be a big success. It was originally intended to be a class project, even though it turned out to be a school-wide thing involving everyone from high schoolers to little Gaven. I think the garden is a great way of getting the community together and showing us all how to work together as a group. This is the most I have seen everyone pitch in since the Parade of Lights. Hopefully everyone will see how much people enjoy it and realize that it is now a part of Kino.