

Already Planning for Next Year

Goodbyes Ahead . . .

... And Hellos

Maloo is off to Boone, North Carolina, where she'll be going to graduate school at Appalachian State College. She will be studying community counseling and expressive arts therapy. Maloo says that Boone is right on the Blue Ridge Parkway. "I knew that if I was leaving Tucson, where I love the beauty of the mountains, it was important to move to a place with equal but different beauty." Maloo says she researched a lot of graduate programs around the country and that the one at Appalachian State had all the elements she was looking for. "It was the one place that combined a small town community feel, steeped in natural beauty, and with strong academics." The two to three year program ("depending on how many art classes I want to take, so it will probably be three years,") will earn her an MA in counseling and put her on track for licensure.

Jen will be spending part of the summer attending an eight day Student Conservation Association workshop learning trail maintenance techniques. She'll then be leading a team of high school students maintaining trails in the Columbia River Gorge. (Students: Jen can advise you on how to apply for one those volunteer jobs!)

Next year she will be teaching math at Flowing Wells High School.

Neill Prohaska and Heather West will be our new homeroom teachers next year. Both will be part of



Neill and Heather in our corn field (the corn is by their knees)

our science and math teams. Neill has already spent quite a bit of time at Kino. He's helping Chris on the Chiricahua trip this week and he and Heather have been working with Chris' biology class in the garden. But more significantly, Neill was a Kino student from the time he was 5 until he graduated from high school in 1998. At one time, it seemed like the bulk of the Kino community was a Prohaska: his parents Liz and Jack were both homeroom teachers and his older brother Aaron is also a Kino graduate.

Neill says he spent most of his early years at Kino outside, feeding the animals, and looking at protozoa in the goatsí water not learning to read until he was eleven. At that point, under the guidance of Mary Jane, he rapidly became a voracious reader. He admits he was subject to obsessions (he still is) -- immersing



himself in rocks and fossils, origami, cooking, music, the Patrick O'Brien books, navigational equipment, marine biology, and so on. For his senior project, he studied violin under two teachers in Berkeley, one a jazz violonist and the other a classical violinist. He then made himself an electric six-string violin.

Neill and Heather both graduated from The Evergreen State College in Olympia Washington They spent the 2004 - 2005 year in Ecuador in a village called Yunguilla, where they helped the village build an arts and crafts center. They'll be back in Yunguilla this summer. Since returning to Tucson, they've worked for Native Seed / Search, been substitute teachers, expanded an extensive sustainable garden, and explored the biodiesel synthesis.

Many of Neill's and Heather's enthusiasms involve math and science ("I love geometry," says Heather) and will undoubtedly enrich their classes next year. In addition, Neill is looking forward to playing Go with Kino students and teaching Esperanto. Heather hopes to share her interests in art and sculpture of all sorts.

Find out more about Neill and Heather at the Yunguilla Artisan Project website: www.verdesoft.com/yunguilla.

Middle level students hiked in Madera Canyon last week and discovered lots of stuff that inspires further study.

Evil Invaders From Above!!!

By Gavin Campbell

[Continuing Gavin's investigation of the question, "What do students do outside?"]

As you can tell the kids on and off of the playground are very insightful. Trust me though, there are very productive things going on in the playground, like this activity, described by someone who wishes to remain anonymous. "We talk about cute guy movie stars." Ok, maybe that isn't so productive.

I continued on my way, hunting for more quotes. Then I saw my friends Ben and Andrew. Good! I knew they would have something thoughtful and interesting to say. "I think Spartacus is sexy," said Andrew. "Whee!" said Ben, waving his arms frantically. (Please pardon my friends, as you can see they're very uptight.) Then, peering at my notebook, Ben proceeded to tell me that I had misspelled the word "whee", because I had neglected to add the "h". Thanks a lot Ben. Oh how stupid I would seem if I couldn't correctly spell a word vital to the English language like "whee." Ben, you have undoubtedly saved me from years of embarrassment. I can see it now. "Mr. Campbell, I want to congratulate you on the wonderful paper you turned in yesterday. I especially enjoyed this part here where you state that... Oh my... what's this? Mr. Campbell, I'm sorry to say that you have misspelled the infinitely important word 'whee,' I simply cannot accept this paper." "But professor!" "In fact, I'm afraid that I won't be able to give you a passing grade for this class either. Please go away! I cannot stand to look at you!" At least Andrew's statement, although admittedly pointless and immature, contained a refined word like "Spartacus." Add "Spartacus" to any sentence that does not contain the word "sexy," and you will seem refined and intelligent, just like me. You see, even a sentence like "Dude, where's my car?" can be improved dramatically with a word like "Spartacus." Say it with me, "Dude, where's my Spartacus?" Don't you feel smarter already? Oh, right, back to the article.

I orbited the school a few more times before spotting Jonathan Kat doing something with a computer. "Hey Jonathan, what have you been doing on the playground lately?" "Nothing," he replied. "Anything else?" I pressed. "I fly" he monotoned.

To Be Continued...

Welcoming Kino to Kino! By Ian Downs

Last week Rio's brother Kino visited school for the three day visit and I asked him a few questions about school. He answered them well. I asked him what he thought of Kino (the school) and he said it is a really good school, better than his old one. Kino said he had three classes; history of people and weapons, math and language arts. He liked history of people and weapons best and said that math was boring. Kino said that he had made a few friends and I could tell that he had a good time. I, for one hope that he comes back next year.

CALENDAR

May 4	Coffee House Concert 7 pm
May 5	Cinco de Mayo celebration
May 7	Open House 2 - 4
May 10	Ian Wheeler's graduation
May 18	Senior Project Sharing / General Meeting 7 pm
May 26	Graduation, 7 pm

Tomorrow!

Coffee House Concert

May 4 7 pm

featuring

The Octo Pazo Band and
all the Kino singers
and Nancy

Enjoy an evening of music, ice tea and cookies outdoors on the basketball court.

Friday:

*Bring \$2 and join the lunchtime
Cinco de Mayo feast!*

Gakenia Dances

Gakenia Muigai is dancing in **Ellipses: Six Emerging Choreographers** at the University Dance Department this weekend. The choreographers are all students who are graduating from the UofA's MFA Dance program. Gakenia will be in the program on May 6, at 7:30 and May 7 at 2:00. Gakenia is Emmi and Lela's big sister. She graduated from Kino in 2003 and will be a senior at U of A next year.

Summer Painting with Christine

Christine Lytwynczuk is offering a summer painting class for anyone from age twelve and up (some of us can take the classes with our children!) She'll be teaching contemporary realism, combining acrylic and oil. Christine was an art teacher at Kino for many years, is Sandy's granddaughter, was a Kino student from the time she was little until she graduated from high school in 1991, and a rotating display of her paintings grace the wall above our xerox machine. There's more information in the front office, or you can call 624-1288.

Early Childhood Snacks- May 1-5

Monday	cooked squash and milk
Tuesday	corn bread and milk
Wednesday	cooked carrots and juice
Thursday	rice and beans
Friday	fruit smoothies