

# The Kino Connection

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## Congratulations Graduates!



The Class of 2006  
Sitting on the wall:  
Cosmo Spears, Ariel  
Porter, Leta Davis,  
Andrew Davies, Ian  
Wheeler, Jonathan  
Green-Witt; Sitting  
on the ground:  
Christina Lynch,  
Tana von Isser

The Class of 2010  
Standing: Asha  
Shanti, Andrew  
Pawlicki-Sinclair,  
Ariel Varner. Sit-  
ting: Sophia Rubin,  
Zasha Zwingler,  
Griffin Jackmond;  
Hanging upside  
down: Erik Berrier,  
Adam Chisholm.  
Not in the picture:  
Colin Davies, Klair  
Gardner



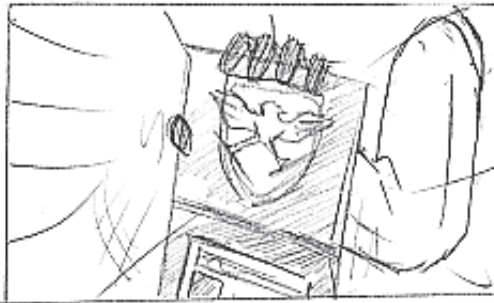
Graduation is  
this Friday, May  
26, at 7 pm

Kino graduations are always a very special time for the whole community and we hope everyone who can will attend.

For parents of younger students, it can be reassuring and moving to see the wonderful young adults who have grown up at Kino. It is clear from the speeches of the teachers and the students what a close and affectionate community we are.

Even if you do not feel like you know any of this year's graduates, your children have gone to school and been friends with them all year. Their attendance at the graduation will be meaningful to them and to the graduates, too.

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# Thank You Sandy !

Sandy is retiring at the end of this school year, so the whole school got together yesterday to tell her how much they appreciate her. Mary Jane said:

Today we come together to celebrate Sandy and Molly and all of the things they have done for us and just for being who they are.

Sandy has been at Kino for almost 25 years. She is usually the first voice a new family hears on the phone, and the first one to greet a new family as they walk in the door. She has given hundreds of tours and answered thousands of phone calls. She has listened patiently as parents have told her all about their truly wonderful, yet misunderstood children. When new parents call and say that their children are gifted, Sandy always responds that

all of our children are gifted. She has walked for countless miles to locate unfindable students and teachers to deliver phone messages. She has listened to pizza orders, Baggins orders, "I lost my permission slip," "I forgot my lunch," "I don't feel good. I think I'm going to throw up," "Do you have a band-aid?" "Have you seen my friend?" "Have you seen my folder?" She has let us borrow her tape, scissors, pens, pencils, holepunchers -- most of which are never returned. She has typed books and grants, letters and brochures, handbooks and Kino Connections.

When Sandy started at Kino, she was using a typewriter with ribbon and correctible tape. She mastered the use of the computer before most of the teachers. She once used a mimeograph machine and got covered with purple ink. She now uses a high speed copier that only she understands, and only occasionally gets covered with toner.

Sandy has listened to our stories, listened to me whine, cleaned up after the teachers, and brought in beautiful flowers from her yard. She has sat with us when we're sick, prayed for us when we were in need, and quietly, with good humor, made Kino run.

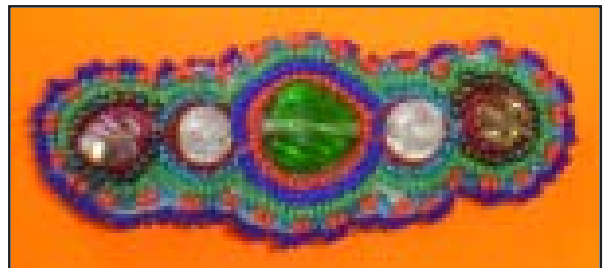
Molly has been at Kino for almost ten years. Molly became an important part of Sandy's tour, putting new students at ease and often stopping to show them which students bring the best smelling lunches. She protects us from packrats and other rodents. She digs magnificent holes for us all to see. She has shown us that hard work, play, a bone, and a nap make for a good day. She rolls over for tummy rubs which are gratifying to her, but, more often than not, are calming and soothing to students and teachers who are having a hard day or just need some quiet affection.



Molly also received a present from the school in appreciation of her 10 years here.

## Kino CDs now on sale!

Copies of the latest Kino CD, **Canta Y No Llores**, can be purchased for \$10.00 here at school. The CD includes songs by the Cantadores Jovenes: Adela Paige, Ellie Schulz, Cassidy Vogel, Jordan Ruiz, Sophia Rubin; Las Voces de los Vinedos: Rio Finnegan, Griffin Jackmond, Klair Gardner, Asha Shanti, Ariel Varner, Krista Caponigro, Jamie Cera-Griffith, Heather Eastman, Julia Paradies, Chelsea Resh, Harrison Smith, and Adam Chisholm; and the band called Octo Pazo: Jonathan Green, Brendan D'Amore, Andrew Davies, Elliott Berry, and Ian Wheeler.



Katy Zuna made this beautiful beaded brooch in Martha Martin's beading class! Check out the Kino Connection online at [www.kinoschool.org](http://www.kinoschool.org) to see it in color !

Field trips are an integral part of the Kino curriculum. Some field trips give us the opportunity to explore the culture and resources of our community, travel to new places, enrich our classroom studies, and learn first hand about things beyond our school walls. Some field trips encourage students to contribute to areas of need in our local community. And some field trips bring members of our community together. They are times to share experiences, learn more about each other, celebrate together, and enjoy each other outside of school. Field trips truly enable us to make the world our classroom.

## So, Where Did We Go This Year?

We've taken homeroom field trips to Frost for gelato, to Roma Imports to buy Italian goodies for the homeroom auction basket, to Chris' house, Felice's house, and Casey's house. We've taken homeroom field trips to eat pizza or ice cream, bowl, and ice skate. Some of the homeroom field trips were to celebrate birthdays; some were simply to celebrate being ourselves (like the time Chris's homeroom went to HOP dressed as 60s rock stars).

Spanish students ate Peruvian food at La Candela and Mexican food at Guadalajara Grill, ordering in Spanish. Japanese students ate sushi.

The hiking class went to Seven Falls, Douglas Springs, Romero Pools, Yetman trail, Aspen trail, Ventana Canyon Trail, Finger Rock Trail, Wasson Peak, Pima Canyon, Milagrosa Canyon, and Arivaipa Canyon. They also took an urban hike down town.

We played in the snow on Mount Lemmon; and collected things to study in Biology class in Madera Canyon. We enjoyed Tohono Chul Park, Catalina State Park, Agua Caliente Park, and the zoo.

We picked pumpkins at Agua Linda Farms and then ate at lunch and at Wisdom's Café in Tumacacori; went to the Children's Museum and then ate pizza; did research at the library downtown and then went to The Grill for lunch; went to Sra. Eyler's house to play billiards in Spanish and then fix ourselves lunch, and had lots of picnics.

We had a mock archeological dig at Old Pueblo Archeology Center.

We went to the Center for Creative Photography, Rancho Linda Vista art gallery, the Dia de los Muertos show, the Nacimiento, the Mexican masks exhibit at the Arizona State Museum, San Xavier Mission, the coin show, a fire station, and the Gem and Mineral Show twice.

The History of People and Weapons class went to Casa Grande Ruins, to Tucson's downtown presidio and the Arizona Historical Society, and to a vacant lot to see if they could catch a rabbit.

Some students and teachers marched down 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Armory Park and attended an immigration rally

The singers and band went to a recording studio to record part of their CD.

Students interested in sound engineering went to the train yards to record industrial noise.

The youngest students went to La Rosa Health Care Center on Halloween to show friends their costumes.

We delivered donations for victims of Hurricane Katrina to Worldcare, helped in the garden at the Community Food Bank, and some students went to Casa Maria soup kitchen every Wednesday.

The Spanish class saw Take A Lead and the Middle Level language arts group saw The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.

The cooking class went shopping at Safeway, Trader Joe's, and Sprouts.

We made paper mache animals and shared them with the animals at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum.

We bought books at the Friends of the Public Library Used Book Sale and at Barnes and Noble.

We saw plays: Sherlock Holmes, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Crowns, Rent, Bad Date, James and the Giant Peach, and Pride and Prejudice.

We visited the Marine Biology lab at U of A

The Astronomy class went to Kitt Peak Observatory, and had night time viewings here at school and at David's house

We took a couple of week-long trips to the Chiricahuas

We saw baseball games

We heard a symphony.

