

THE KINO CONNECTION

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New this year-

The Kino Family Concert Series !

The Kino Family Concert Series presents professional regional and local musicians on the first Friday of every month here at Kino. For every concert, the opening set will be a performance by members of the Kino music classes.

Here's the fall line-up:

Friday, October 6: **An outdoor harvest moon dance with honky-tonk dance band The Last Call Girls.**

"The Last Call Girls are a high energy, country dance band, playing a mix of rock-a-billy, traditional country, and bluegrass. They take their music back to the roots of country with old-time favorites by Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, and Johnny Cash, interspersed with original songs by former Molly's songwriter Nancy McCallion." <http://www.thelastcallgirls.com>.

Friday, November 3: **Tammie award winning songwriter Kevin Pakulis and his band.** "If Tom Petty was from the Sonoran Desert instead of the Florida Everglades, he might sound something like this," says the Tucson Weekly. <http://www.kevinpakulis.com>.

Friday, December 1: **Tammie award winning guitarist and songwriter Stefan George.** "A local gem, Stefan tours both internationally and nationally: he performed at the Leverkusen (Germany) Jazz and Blues Festival in 1998; hosted the Kerrville (Texas) Folk Festival 'Blues Summit' every year since 1998; was a featured performer at the Telluride Blues and Brews festival in 1998, 2000, 2001, and was inducted into the Arizona Blues Hall of Fame in 1998." <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/stefangeorge>.

You can hear samples of these performers' music at these websites.

All shows start at 7 pm and cost \$15 for a family and \$8 for an adult. There'll be refreshments and all the profits go to the Kino music department

The spring lineup will be determined by Kino students. Students will also be responsible for the sound system, refreshments, and PR. Any student can get involved in producing these concerts—you don't have to be part of the band or singers.

Off to a Good Start

Even though we're only a week into the new school year, an amazing amount has been accomplished. Teachers have added several colors to our interior design. A huge crew of parents, teachers and students came to the Saturday clean up day and we are spiffy. Our brand new bathrooms—the result of last year's annual appeal—have already been enjoyed by many. We're making new friends, watching sharks hatch, and wrestling with schedules. There's so much to do and students want to do everything. It's going to be a good year.

We've already scheduled some events this fall. On September 30, Saturday morning, we'll be having the annual Book Breakfast, where teachers cooking up breakfast for everyone and the price of admission is a book for the school library.

The first concert in the Kino Concert Series is October 6. Please read the article in the column to the left for more information. The Fall Yard Sale will be October 21. We'll be sure to tell you more about that as it gets closer.

This year you can keep up to date on what's coming up at school by checking our website. There's a calendar, a page describing coming events, and an archive of Kino Connections. And remember to look for a Kino Connection every Friday.



The Kino band and singers will be opening every concert in the Kino Family Concert series. Remember how great they were last year? This photo is from the May concert.

Learning More About Learning At Kino

Kino is a community of idealists. Parents send their children here, and teachers teach here, because children are our central concern and an absorbing interest for all of us. We are constantly thinking about what we do and how we can do it better.

Kino is the way it is because it was founded on the informed belief that a school where children are given considerable freedom as well as responsibility, where they are part of a close community made up of people of all ages, where their individual interests and styles of learning are respected, can best approach the ideal of what a school should be.

While it sometimes seems like we are making things up as we go along, there is a substantial body of thinking and research to support the ideals of progressive education that we have been practicing for the past 30 years.

This year, every week or so we're going to suggest a reading in the Kino Connection. It may be an essay, a magazine article, or a chapter from a book — something that we hope will help explain why Kino is structured the way it is, and what it is we are striving for. We'll describe the reading briefly here in the Kino Connection and post it on the Parents' Bulletin Board in the front hallway. If you are interested in reading it, help yourself to the xerox machine and make yourself a copy. In addition, some of the books from which these readings are taken will be in the bookshelf next to the Xerox machine. Feel free to borrow them.



This week's suggested reading is from a talk that David Anderson gave a few years ago. It is a whirlwind tour of some of the philosophers and scientists whose work inspires and supports us.

When we say "The mind is a fire to be kindled, not a vessel to be filled," it's not just a catchy phrase. We're putting ourselves squarely in the camp of Socrates and Rousseau. The two metaphors present opposing ideas of how the mind works and how children develop. David briefly describes how this philosophical view is supported by the work of psychologists Jean Piaget and Lev Vygotsky, psychologists who have dominated the field of child development in the 20th century.

Educators recognize that children are not passive receptacles. We believe that the role of the school is not to pour in the curriculum prescribed for a given grade level and then test to see how much of it has been retained. David writes, "Our image of the child is of an active mind, seeking to make sense of the world; someone who is competent and empowered and deserving of respect."

Don't Forget -No school Monday.

Where Are We? Now We Can Find Out! !

The Resourceful Parent-of-the-Week is Heather Ordovery, Aaron's mom. She has created a Kino Homes map on Frappr. It's a google map that uses our zip-codes to show roughly where each Kino family lives. She explains:

If you are interested in carpooling or just finding another Kino family in your area, I started a map on the Net. Go to and join <http://www.frappr.com/kinohomes>. This way we can see, dynamically, where everyone is—and coordinate a little better.

I entered "placeholder names" for everyone as I only had zip code information. When you sign up for a "real" pin and enter your address information (which will make this useful), I'll delete your placeholder pin. Once we're all in there I'll close membership in our group so no interlopers will see this information unless they're invited by us.

On that note, the only way to enter an actual address when you're becoming a member is to click on the advanced link under the city/state/zip fill-in box you get initially. Then type in your address separated by commas, like this: 6625 N. First Avenue, Tucson, AZ, 85718, USA then click search. You'll see your GPS/longitude/latitude data appear on the bottom of the screen. Click Save, then Save again and you're a pin on the map! I also made it possible to enter two residences, primary and secondary.

And just in case, I put my kid and phone information into the "shout out" box. I feel so hip now.

You can look at my pin for a sample. I also added a picture. It's not as cool as MySpace, but it's not bad.

If you don't have e-mail, don't like the internet, don't want to be included, or if you have questions or need further aid, you can contact me, Heather Ordovery, mother of Aaron (6), via phone 326-5501 or by e-mail—gillian@aol.com. I'm happy to enter information for you.



For the first tea party of the year — carrot cake!