

THE KINO CONNECTION

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SEE YOU AT . . .

The Harvest Moon Dance

with The Last Call Girls:

And the Kino band and singers

Tonight! at 7:30

\$8 per person, or \$15 for your whole family.

Bring a lawn chair or plan to dance all night



We have **Entertainment Books!**

Entertainment Books are coupon books that are great fundraisers. They cost \$35, but it is very easy to save much more than \$35. And Kino gets about \$17.50 for each book we sell!

All students are coming home today with an order envelope and an Entertainment

Book. If you are just interested in buying one book, all you need to do is send back a check for \$35 made out to Kino School, or \$35 in cash. If you or your child is interested in selling books to others, you can use that one book as an example, bring in your orders, and we can provide the ordered books right away. If you are not interested at all, all you need to do is send the book and the envelope back to us. Kino parents— if you have your own business, please consider picking up Entertainment Books here at school and selling them at work.

Volunteers are needed to sign up for the **Yard Sale on October 21st**. During the week before the Yard Sale, we need people to help sort and price items. On the day of the sale, we need people to show up at 6:30 and help set up. We need another group of volunteers to come at 1:30 to help clean up. We also need helpers throughout the day.

Please sign up to help on the sheet on the Parent Bulletin Board in the front office.

If you have donations for the sale, you can start bringing them to school now. We have a large storage box in the south parking lot waiting for them.

News Thirteen at Kino

By Jake Watmore

On Wednesday, October 4, 2006, a reporter by the name of Heather Rowe came to Kino School to interview Mary Jane about homework and how it affects families. Heather read a book called **The Myth of Homework** by Alfie Kohn that mentions Kino and the low amount of homework it gives its students.

Most schools give up to 2 to 3 hours of homework a night. I know from experience, back at my old school, with all the homework they gave me, how I would miss dinner and getting to go outside. And now my sister gets at least two to three hours of homework, which makes her grumpy and even more tired than she already is.

Along with Mary Jane, Heather interviewed a Kino mom named Sylvia, the mother of Josef, Sofia, and Niki. She said her kids used to have so much homework they could not do any family things or have any family time.

As Mary Jane says, homework causes stress and can make family members stressed and cause them to fight. This, from experience, is very true. Also, she said that she thinks teachers are basically telling kids how to run their evening, and that can definitely cause stress, loss of sleep, and possibly depression from not being able to turn in your homework because you couldn't finish it for a reason like being sick or just plain forgetting.

News 13 has not aired the interview yet; they are planning to add an interview from someone in a school that does assign homework for both sides of the story.

Internet Shut Off ?

By Adam J. Chisholm

Students at Kino have been wondering why the internet has been shut off before and after school, between 2:30 pm and 9:00 the next morning.

"There was an inappropriate search on one of the computers," said Ed Wednesday afternoon, "and since the teachers before and after school cannot monitor the students on the computers properly, I shut [the internet] off."

Some of the students and teachers had something to say about it. Jamie said, "It stinks, because now I can no longer do my homework after school." "I just like looking up ideas for my writing," said Adam. Felice had something to say, too. "Teachers have been forced to share one internet computer, so it makes it hard to work for my classes."

Ed mentioned that if there was any advice on soft ware that will block inappropriate sites, please contact him.

Another Great Book Breakfast



Daniel helps with the eggs.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Book Breakfast last weekend and who donated so many great books for our library as well as cash donations. And thanks to the teachers who cooked, to Mary Ann who planned, shopped, directed and cooked, to the students who helped, and the parents who cleaned up! Libby was the lucky grand prize winner of the \$100 Bookman's gift certificate. Lisa's raffle made \$260!

The Spirit of Scientific Inquiry in Action

By Colin Davies

This year at Kino Neill has brought in a number of interesting creatures for the science students to study. It sounds like a wonderful thing, yes? Well, it is actually one of the most infuriating things about the science area, because he will not say a word about what any of them are.

Probably the worst thing about this is the fish in the shuttle, which glow under a black light. The reason for the glow he refuses to say a word about. So I went around the school to ask people why think this is.

Ethan: I think it's the light glowing off of their scales.

Jake Watmore: Because they're radioactive.

Daniel: Cool.

Asha: I have no idea.

Kaelan: I think we did not feed them enough.

Joseph: I don't know.

Aidan: They're like scorpions

Ariel: Because of the black light.

Jamie: Black light.

Neill: I know why they glow, but I'm not telling you.

Julie: Some bio-engineered type thing.

Matthew "U-u-um . . . Something.

Nathan: There are fish in the shuttle that glow? Weird.

Vanessa: They probably have some sort of UV reaction.

Jakey: Because they are underwater.

Brendan: Bio-luminescence? I don't know.

Thomas O'Dell: There are no fish in the shuttle. The people of Higara deny it. Any further inquiries will be prosecuted under pain of death.

New Yahoo Group for Kino

Join the Yahoo group for members of the Kino community and we can all easily keep in touch with other! Lisa Rice, Ashley's mother, set up the group and is acting as group moderator. To join, you can get started by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com>. Our group is called kinoschoolcommunity. The Yahoo website will walk you through signing up and then joining the Kino group. Also, we should soon have a Join the Group button on our website that will take you to the Yahoo site it is free and it is secure. There are already 23 members!

An Important Homeroom Field Trip

By Andrew Pawlicki-Sinclair

September 28th was the 15th anniversary of the death of Felice's mother, and Felice invited her homeroom to come with her to visit her mother's grave in Nogales. Felice felt that the children didn't have a relationship with death.

Felice explained that the cemetery is Mexican Catholic, which means it is very different from most American ones. It's on a hill, with many places to wander. There are shrines and offerings. The cemetery also happens to be the place where the jazz musician and social activist Charles Mingus is buried.

After spending about an hour and a half in the cemetery, the students went to a local restaurant, Las Vigas, for lunch.

"I have a real problem with how we deal with death in this country, how we deal with loss, how people shelter their children. I was glad to give the children a different experience. It's not all grief and loss," Felice said.

Mary Jane (reprimanding an anonymous child):
"Do you want to sit in the chair and have no fun?"

Anonymous child: "No, I want to sit in chair and have yes fun."

A driver is needed on Wednesdays to transport three kids from Kino to Casas Adobes Church near Ina and Oracle at the end of the school day (from 3 to 4 o'clock). A large vehicle is preferred. If you are interested, please contact Sylvia Robbins, 744-7334. Sylvia is willing to pay \$25.