

THE KINO CONNECTION

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Lots - O - Stuff

Middle Level students came up with ideas for new holidays and then voted this morning for the one they want to celebrate in December (in addition to the regular holidays, of course.) Ice Cream Day won out over such other suggestions as Pizza Day, Happy Day, Field Trip Day, Goofy Day, Sports Day, Outside Day, and Everyday Day.

Emmi, who first suggested Ice Cream Day, was hiking in Sabino Canyon at the time of the vote, so they are all waiting until next week to decide the details on how they will celebrate Ice Cream Day.

Johnny's Lit Circle has been reading *The Golden Compass*. Today they are reenacting parts of the book by leading the Primary students to the South (of the school property, that is) to retrieve an object from another world.

Neill says they've been learning about sub-atomic structure in high school science, and that it is complicated.

This has been a week of explosions in Neill's homeroom. Just for fun they made hydrogen and — just like a baby Hindenburg, says Neill—they ignited it.* There was a satisfying boom that entertained the whole school. Today the homeroom is hiking and picnicking in Sabino Canyon.

After the last Kino Concert, Heather's homeroom enjoyed a sleepover at school. Nearly everyone got some sleep.

Heather says two more sharks have hatched. Her midlevel math group organized the Great Kino Bicycle Race this week. After measuring the track and clocking each competitor, they calculated their speeds to determine the winner. Heather says most people bicycled very slowly because they were using left over bicycles from the yard sale with flat tires.

The primary and midlevel science classes have been learning about hot and cold and density. They also made oobleck this week, some of which is still stuck in the trees.

Mike Pollack, our friend (and Kino alum) at Mighty Mouse Computers, has set us up to do blogging and podcasting on our website! There's the potential for posting students' music, flash animations, and readings. If you check it out this weekend, you might catch Felice's trial balloon.

* outside, under very safe and controlled conditions.

December 1: 7 pm!

The Kino Band and Singers and Stefan George*

\$15 for a family and \$8 for an adult

***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](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/stefangeorge).

The January Kino Concert will be January 5. The Kino Band and Singers will open for Grams and Krieger: "An acoustic blend of Urban Blues, Roots Rock and Country Blues, originals and unusual covers, with upright bass, guitar, slide guitar and two part harmonies." Their website is www.gramsandkrieger.com.



Project Night Report

Among the projects, class work, and bulletin boards that are still on display up at school, some of the events at last week's Project Night were:

The premier showing of Thomas McNiece's full-length movie *Nem Gate* ^2

A reprise of the performance of the crew of the starship *Enterprise* that students enjoyed on Halloween for parents

A trailer for a movie by Thomas O'Dell

A Halloween movie by Casey. Ed says, "It was strangely compelling."

A demonstration of a forge burner made by Jonathan, which will become part of a furnace for forge welding.

Cailin shared pictures and mementos from her year as a foreign exchange student in New Zealand last year.

Learning More About Learning At Kino

The Best of EL 2005-2006 edition of **EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**, includes an article by Nel Noddings, an emeritus professor of education at Stanford, entitled "What Does It Mean to Educate the Whole Child?" Noddings asks: What are the proper aims of education? What role should a school serve in a democratic society? What should society expect of its schools? His questions echo the questions we at Kino have asked in formulating our approach to education. (You can read some of them, and some of our answers, on our website at <http://www.kinoschool.org/philosophy.html>.)

"Life in a healthy democracy requires participation, and students must begin to practice participation in our schools. Working together in small groups can furnish such practice, provided that the emphasis is consistently on working together—not on formal group processes or their final grade for a product. . . . It is not sufficient, and it may actually undermine our democracy, to concentrate on producing people who do well on standardized tests."

This article is on the bulletin board in the front office. Feel free to Xerox a copy for yourself.



Doesn't this inspire you to be a playground monitor?

Overheard:

Marielena to anonymous student: Why are you in trouble?

Anonymous student, contritely: I hit Aaron

Marielena: Well, we should go apologize to Aaron.

Anonymous student: Did you hit Aaron, too?

Next week is a two day week. We are taking Wednesday off as well as Thursday and Friday so people will have a head start on enjoying their Thanksgiving.

Animal Center / Garden Snack Bar

Chris is again organizing students to run a snack bar at lunch time. This time the profits are targeted for supporting the goats and buying some more supplies for the garden project. Big sellers so far: grilled cheese sandwiches, chips, and fruit by the foot.

The big news in the Animal Center — Lluvia is in heat. She'll probably be visiting the breeder soon, which costs \$50—so keep buying those snacks!

Ignorance is bliss

Trenchant topical humor
by Louis and Eli.



Louis and Eli report that they stopped Sandy's dog Spike from running into First Avenue this week—probably saving his life!

"Recently I have suggested another aim [of education]: happiness. Great thinkers have associated happiness with such qualities as a rich intellectual life, rewarding human relationships, love of home and place, sound character, good parenting, spirituality, and a job that one loves. We incorporate this aim into education not only by helping our students understand the components of happiness but also by making classrooms genuinely happy places."

— Nel Noddings

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are having a Christmas Concert on Friday, December 13, from 7 to 9. This is a no-charge school concert just for the Kino community.

For the first half of the concert, the Primary and Midlevel singers will perform the opera Hansel and Gretel by Engelbert Humperdinck.

After the intermission, the band and the junior high and high school singers will be playing and singing some of their favorite songs of the season.