

# THE KINO CONNECTION

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## A KINO KRIS KRINGLE TRADITION

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends and that you have managed to finish off the leftovers! Now that Thanksgiving has passed, we are starting to think about the upcoming holidays in December.

For new students and families, we wanted to provide information about the Kino Kris Kringle tradition. In December, each student will pick out the name of another student in his or her homeroom and become that student's secret Kris Kringle. This is "highly sensitive" information and is not shared with anyone else.

During the last week of school before the holiday break (in this case, Tuesday, December 11 to Tuesday, December 18), Kris Kringles bring a wrapped gift to school each day for the person in homeroom whose name they chose. The first five days should be little gifts, either homemade or for no more than a dollar. These gifts are exchanged in homeroom but the person's KK is not revealed. The kids have a great time wondering who their KK is and keeping a straight face when their gifts are being opened by the person whose name they chose.

On the last day before break, Tuesday, December 18, each KK brings a wrapped gift in the \$5-\$10 range and the students in homeroom open their gifts and try to guess who their KK is. And then. . . each person's KK is revealed to everyone!

You will be given the name, age, and gender of the person whose name your child chose and sometimes some hints about their interests and favorite treats.

Each homeroom may have some variations of this tradition, so be sure to be on the lookout for information from your child's homeroom teacher in December.



happy Hanukkah





## THANK YOU TO THE VARNER FAMILY

Thank you so much to Ariel and her family for their donation of new signs for our parking lot. They were installed, also as a donation, courtesy of Joel, owner of JTA Signs. The signs are much more visible now and will help keep all of us safer!

## HOMEROOM GIVING

Jennifer's homeroom (Cassandra, Mark B., Kale, Lela, Griffin, Joshua, Michael, Aneesa, Stefani, Sophia, Maia, and Harrison) collected donations from Kino families right before Thanksgiving. They brought three turkeys and four pies to the Salvation Army to share with those who had nowhere to go for a Thanksgiving meal. Good job, guys!

## COMING UP

Board Meeting: Thursday, December 6, at 6 p.m. at Kino School. Everyone is welcome.

Open House: Sunday, December 9, from 2-4 p.m. If you know of anyone who is interested in Kino School, please let them know about our upcoming Open House.

## MIDLEVEL HOLIDAY DRIVE

The midlevel students (Austin B., Teddy, Taylor, Kino, Hallie, Emmi, Lela, Diego, Harry, Zachary M., Ellie, and Levi) are having a holiday drive to collect items for the homeless. They are asking all Kino families to consider donating the following items: New socks (men's and women's adult sizes) and a variety of hygiene necessities including sunblock, lip balm, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream and shavers, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, combs, brushes, shampoo, deodorant, and diapers. Nonperishable food items are also welcome, such as canned goods, boxes of cereals, rice, beans, and so on. The midlevel kids would also like to request small new toys for their drive. You can drop off your donations at Kino School in the designated area in the front hall. Thank you all.

