

THE KINO CONNECTION

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OH WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE . . . AS WE LEARN!

We all know Kino does not give tests. So how do you determine if the midlevel students are retaining and comprehending what they are reading and studying in *The Spiderwick Chronicles* in Language Arts?

Jennifer created a unique set of "testing materials" to do just that! Using a ball of yarn and her students' academic and tossing skills, she helped them test their knowledge of the content of *The Spiderwick Chronicles*.

The ball of yarn started out with Jennifer. She asked a question about the book and tossed the ball of yarn to the person with the correct answer. The person holding the yarn then tossed the ball to the next student who had the answer to Jennifer's next "test" question.

As you can see, there were many correct responses and many yarn tosses, all creating a unique Kino midlevel web of knowledge.

JR. HIGH TO HIGH SCHOOL

Mary Jane recently held a meeting with all of the students who will be graduating from the Jr. High School into the High School this year.

Our Jr. High graduates will be Casey, Josef, Cris, A.J., Ben G., Tyler T., Rio, Caroline, Maia, and Aneesa.

Mary Jane stressed how important a milestone this is in their lives. They talked about making sure they were meeting their Jr. High requirements to be on track for graduation. Graduation will be on May 23 and she encouraged them to start inviting family and friends to share this significant moment.

This was the first time the group met and actually saw themselves as a graduating class. The meeting gave them a sense of community and purpose.

PAJAMA DAY IS VALENTINE'S DAY IS LOVE OF READING DAY!

It's a Kino tradition! Kids are planning to wear their pajamas tomorrow, Thursday, February 14, whether teachers remember to announce it or not.

Now it's official! Bring a favorite book, wear your favorite pjs, and have a cozy Valentine's Day.





SUPER TUESDAY AT KINO SCHOOL

Last Tuesday, February 5th, was "Super Tuesday," the day when 24 states were involved in primary elections to select the Republican and Democratic presidential nominees.

Kino School also had a "Super Tuesday" by participating in "Kids Voting Arizona" which is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots-driven voter education program. KVA is committed to creating lifelong voting habits in children and increasing adult voter turnout, hoping to lead a national fight against voter apathy.

Kino School was provided with "Voter I.D." cards for each student and ballots for their votes. Each student presented his or her I.D. card to Mary Jane and was then given a ballot on which to mark his or her preference for president. Mary Jane faxed our results in to be counted along with the rest of the state's results. (Over 92,000 students voted statewide!)

Here at Kino, a total of 55 students voted and the results were as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Barak Obama	37
Hillary Clinton	6
Ron Paul	6
John McCain	3
Mitt Romney	2
Mike Huckabee	1

Statewide results for the same candidates were as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Barak Obama	34,198
Hillary Clinton	20,886
John McCain	15,491
Mitt Romney	6,542
Mike Huckabee	2,599
Ron Paul	2,105

On the Democratic Party side, Kino's votes were in line with the majority of student voters throughout the state, with Barak Obama in first place and Hillary Clinton in second. On the Republican side, statewide results placed John McCain first and Mitt Romney second.

Kino School will vote once again on November 4, 2008, the day of the General Election.

ALUMNI NEWS

Christina Lynch (Class of 2006) visited Kino while she was in town over her Christmas vacation. Christina is now a sophomore at Muskingum College. She's decided to become a special education teacher. Going by her warmth, enthusiasm, and the patience she had with younger students at Kino, she will be an outstanding one. Surprisingly, Christina says that Kino was mentioned, and Mary Jane was quoted, in one of her assigned readings in an education class she took last semester!



RODEO DAYS!

Reminder: There is no school on Thursday, February 21, and Friday, February 22, for Rodeo Days!