

# THE KINO CONNECTION

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The girls' bathroom is having a make over! The plan is to surround the mirrors with a beautiful tile mosaic. Under the direction of Martha Martin, approximately 1,000 ceramic tiles have been hand-cut and hand-painted by Kino students. Martha was initially going to use broken tiles for this project, but Sofia Robbins convinced her that we could make our own tiles, and she was right. They have all been working on the tiles since the beginning of the school year and Martha believes she will start laying tile around the mirrors this week. Please stop by the girls' bathroom and watch the progress!

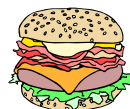


## LOVE AND LOGIC SERIES

*Love and Logic* is a series of videos that teaches a parenting approach to help kids learn to live in the real world and be responsible for their own actions. Jack Prohaska has been presenting the series on Tuesdays at 6 o'clock. It's free, it's open to any parent, and Jack says you can start the series at any time. Next week will be the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the 7-week series. However, Jack says it is worth seeing at least a couple of times (he felt he had to watch it a few times before he grasped it all) and that he will be willing to repeat the series if there is interest.

## KINO FAMILY DINE-OUT AND FUND-RAISER

Enjoy the "World's Greatest Hamburgers" and help raise money for Kino School at the same time. Tomorrow, Thursday, March 6, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., you can eat out with your family and friends at Fuddruckers (6118 E. Speedway) and Fuddruckers will donate 20% of the food sales back to Kino School. Make sure you bring a flyer with you to present to your server so Kino gets credit for your order.





## ALL ABOUT JACK

Since Jack Prohaska is becoming an increasingly familiar face around Kino again, we thought we'd introduce him.

The whole Prohaska family has been an important part of Kino for a long time. Jack is, of course, Neill's father. Neill's mother, Liz, was a science teacher and homeroom teacher for somewhere around thirteen years. Neill and his older brother Aaron started attending school here when they were little and stayed until they graduated from high school.

Jack himself was a Kino teacher for five years, from 1993 through the 1997-1998 school year, when Neill graduated. In addition to having a homeroom, he generally taught junior high stuff: "Lots of writing," he says, "Wordsmithing. Pirates. There was the year we built the land yacht." One of the rules for a successful homeroom, written by Eddie White and posted on our website, is "Go out to breakfast as many times as Jack."

But teaching at Kino in the 90s was only an interlude in his real career as a clinical social worker/therapist. He's worked for many years at the Marana Health Center and, most recently, at Sonora Behavioral Health Hospital. He has worked mostly with adolescents and their families. He also has private clients and can schedule counseling appointments here at school during the school day if it's convenient.

Many years ago Jack and Liz built their house on the top of a hill in the Tucson Mountains. They built it *really* from scratch, making adobe bricks from their own mud. It's a good base for many of Jack's interests—walking in the desert, being with his family, playing music, reading, working on old cars. He goes farther a field for another interest, sailing. Liz now teaches science in the gifted program that she runs for the Flowing Wells school district. Neill and Heather live on top of the hill with Liz and Jack. Aaron lives in San Francisco, where he does something computer-related.

Luckily for us, Jack has had more time for Kino this year. He's been doing playground monitoring on Fridays since the fall, which has given him the chance to get to know many students. He is hosting the nighttime series *Love and Logic*. And now he is starting a new class, Practical Skills.

Jack's Practical Skills class is aimed at junior high students, but other students can check it out and see if they're interested. It will involve all those things kids should learn: how to use the Tucson bus system, how to change a flat tire, internet safety, relationships and dating, the Kino philosophy from a kid's point of view, and so on. Jack says he will be open to kids' requests and interests in determining the direction the class will take. The class is scheduled to meet once a week, on Tuesdays at 10 o'clock.

*Interesting things to think about while you are filling out the registration forms for next year (which you probably received recently in the mail—ask Diana if you haven't):* 1. High School will be close to full—or even overflowing—if all the students we are expecting do return. Once we have a realistic idea of what enrollment will be next year, we can start enrolling new students or else put them on a waiting list. 2. It has been fairly standard every year for tuition to go up 5% and teachers' salaries to go up 5% every year. This year, tuition is only going up 3% and teachers' salaries next year will go up 6%. Hurrah! 3. So where does your tuition money go? More than 75% of our budget goes straight to teaching—salaries, payroll taxes, health insurance, teaching supplies. The remaining 25% or so covers everything else—the biggest chunks being utilities, insurance, administration, custodial, and mortgage.