

THE KINO CONNECTION

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A RANDOM WALK AROUND KINO

Things were cooking Wednesday afternoon—and not just the galletas that the primary students made with Marielena. Next week they will be making tortillas in Español; “They love to roll them on the floor,”

Marielena says.

This week a van load of students—Jordan, Caroline, Ben Gasky, Thomas, Josef, Eddie, and Luke—are camping in Nevada with Johnny and Heather, the teacher.

Outside, students have been working all week on the rock foundations for the new greenhouse. Harrison is out there whenever he doesn't have classes, but as the afternoons get hotter, most other people work intermittently, coming inside to cool off. Eli and Rio were hauling rock around when I took a look around 1:00.

The Middle Level students are reviewing everything they did this semester in language arts by playing a Jeopardy style game with questions about archeology, dinosaurs, dendrochronology, trees, vocabulary, and *Spiderwyck*. In the castle, Vanessa is reading over the paper Asha just turned in about *American Gods* while Asha starts reading *Frankenstein*. Frankie, a junior, is already working on his senior project. Today he's designing the charts on which he will keep a daily log of all of his food, drink, and exercise for the next twelve months.

In the library, Rebekah is researching the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Stefani is already writing her end-of-the-year evaluations. Jessica and Alex H. are curled up on the sofa with a pile of science books. Tyler R. is looking at a book of M.C. Escher prints.

Ian B. is having a language lesson with Marielena. He is learning French and Spanish with her and he is teaching her German. He is also studying Japanese with Eriko-sensei.

In the shop yard, Aidan is continuing to refine the electric car he has been building from scratch. Ethan is making a left-handed ax. Ben is putting the final

touches on one of his walnut go stone bowls.

In Humanities, people have been making crepe paper flowers all week for Cinco de Mayo. Faye and Ellie are sewing backpacks for themselves. Julianna and Kevin are sewing hearts. Mia is working at the sewing machines. Chelsea and Aneesa are out in Patti's Place, where Chelsea is working on a beautiful painting.

Math crops up all over school. Heather, the student, is calculating continuous growth and radioactive decay in Vanessa's area. David has an Algebra class with Maia, Mark B., Sophia, Ian D., Griffin, and Sofia. Erik and Tyler are working nearby on “matrices for rotation.” In the shuttle, Neill, Klair, Mark W., Andrew, and Ashlee are doing Geometry. (Later, Sophia and Lisa Otey are in the shuttle recording Sophia's song for the school CD.)

Chris' math group meets in the mornings. They are making tessellations this week, but next week, at Adela's suggestion, they are returning to ratios in order to explore the ratio of the speeds of walking forwards and walking backwards. Daniel has been walking backwards today to get practice.

CONGRATULATIONS DIEGO HUERTA!

Diego Huerta was recently awarded a WebRangers patch by the National Park Service through the United States Department of the Interior. WebRangers patches are awarded only to those who successfully complete all the activities on the WebRangers site. The National Park Service created WebRangers so that students all over the world could learn about national parks and how to take care of them to ensure the parks will still be around in the future. Kids from all across America and in 86 other countries have also become WebRangers.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a WebRanger, you can ask Diego about it and visit the National Park Service's web site at www.nps.gov/webangers.

A MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA: CD RELEASE PARTY AND CONCERT

Join us for the end-of-the-year concert on May 14 at 7 p.m.!

There will be songs by Ozzie Osborne, Rio Finnegan, Sophia Rubin, Stevie Wonder, and more! There will be a guitar orchestra! All ages of students will be performing, from the primary students, who will be singing songs from *High School Musical*, through high school students.

"Students chose the songs they wanted to perform, wrote their own arrangements, and learned the accompaniments. There will be more excitement than you can imagine," Lisa Otey said.

May 14 will also be the day the new Kino CD is released! Some of the songs on the CD that will be performed at the concert are Rebekah's rendition of *Sweet Home Alabama*; Sofia Robbins' *Fields of Gold*; Sofia and Harrison singing *Freebird*; and Sophia Rubin and Rio singing their own compositions. The cost of the CD will probably be around \$15, with the proceeds going towards the Kino music program.

The Quaking River Band (Rio, Griffin, Cris Shepard, and Emmi) are also putting out a four-track EP this year called *IS*.

Lisa says, "And can you say how much I love working with the students here? I love to see them stretch themselves, to see their creativity, their willingness to explore new music, and to learn new instruments. I love to see how the students support each other."

SILENT AUCTION THANK YOU

Thank you to Lisa Watmore and all of the parents and students who helped make this year's Silent Auction such a great event and such a wonderful success.

We had many exciting things up for auction and we also thank those of you who donated such generous items, services, or trips.

We made \$6,000 for the new van!



KINO PERFORMS AT THE TUCSON FOLK FESTIVAL

This weekend we have Kino folk playing at the Tucson Folk Festival at The Presidio downtown! Julia Paradies will perform on Sunday at 12:00 on the New Artist's Stage and Lisa Otey with special guest Rio Finnegan will play on the Courtyard Stage at 3:30. Music, food, and friends. See you there!