

Congratulations to Rio and the Quaking River Band! They were among the finalists in the Arizona Blues Showdown last weekend. The finalists will compete again this Sunday, October 5, in Phoenix. The winning band will then go to Memphis for the national competition!

Kino Stewards Children's Memorial Park

This week Kino signed on with Tucson Clean and Beautiful to be responsible for Children's Memorial Park. Located right along the Rillito River, southwest of the Oracle and River Road intersection, this is a special little park with a playground, picnic area, sports fields and memorial plaza.

As the park's stewards, we are responsible for visiting it at least a couple times a month, cleaning up any trash, and reporting any damage to the equipment there.

Because the park is so close to Kino, it is a perfect destination for homeroom parties, picnics, or field trips specifically for community service. Kino families may also enjoy visiting the park on weekends.

A representative from Tucson Clean and Beautiful met with Anna, Jennifer, and Heather this week and explained our responsibilities. For every visit, there's a work sheet to fill out. Then we compile a monthly summary to send in.

If we are good for three months, then there will be a ceremony officially installing us as the park's stewards and we'll get a plaque at the park.

If you'd like more information, you can ask Anna, Jennifer or Heather, or you can look at www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org.

Thank you to Anna for finding out about this great program and getting us involved!

Where is Julia in the Afternoon? Interning at Azora !

Julia is spending Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons interning at the Azora Gallery. It's a relatively new gallery, having opened in October, 2007, that specializes in the "fine art of Mexico and the Mexico that was," which means it includes Latino art from the southwest.

"I'd heard there was a new gallery where I might be able to get a job, and when I walked in [the gallery director] said, "Do you want a job?" Julia decided she would rather work there as an intern for school credit, which also means she can be there when she is needed during school hours.



Julia sculpts

Julia is learning a lot. "I'm learning how to handle artwork, how to preserve it, and I'm learning a lot about gallery maintenance -- what's involved in running a gallery. Sometimes I have to research the artists whose pieces we get or research the history of the pieces."

Julia also meets with artists and talks to them about showing their work at Azora.

Julia is a creative and eclectic artist, working in a variety of media, including clay, acrylics, collage, and often incorporating her writing. She's also a wonderful singer and songwriter.



Cinema History

One of the popular classes this year is Vanessa's History of the Cinema, inspired in part by a memorable art history class she took in college.

They started the year learning about early experiments in making moving images and watching the first film by Eadweard Muybridge of a horse running (which was used to settle a bet). Each week, along with watching movies, class members write a response to a question posed by Vanessa. After *The Great Train Robbery* and *A Trip to the Moon*, she asked them to write about which movie they believed has been more influential on the development of cinema. They compared and contrasted *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* and D.W. Griffith's *Birth of a Nation*; after *The Gold Rush*, they wrote about the Little Tramp in contemporary history. Every film provides an opportunity to learn more about the evolving aesthetics of a new art form as well learning history.

As Vanessa says, "You can't understand a movie without looking at what was going on in the world when it was being made."

Coming Up

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| Oct. 6 | Board meeting | 6 pm |
| Oct. 16 -17 | No school -- Parent / Teacher / Student conferences | |
| Oct. 18 | PSAT Test | |
| Oct. 26 | Fall celebration concert and barbecue | |
| Nov. 8 | Yard Sale | |

Make your own flip book!
Andrew drums on Eddie and Hollie

Board News

As a non-profit corporation, Kino Learning Center, Inc. has a Board of Directors -- trustees who provide general oversight and support for Kino in following its mission. Our board includes parents, alumni, teachers, students, and interested members of the community.

The students have elected Jonna Watmore and Ethan Nichols to serve as their student representatives this year. As directors, they represent the interests of the students, and communicate back to the student body the decisions that have been made at board meetings. They have virtually the same power as other directors to vote on important school decisions. Similarly, the faculty representatives, Heather and Chris this year, represent and report back to the teachers.

The board meets about once a month. Except in unusual instances, meetings are open to anyone in the community who would like to attend. If you are interested in being nominated to join the board, we ask that you first attend three meetings. The next board meeting is set for October 6 at 6 pm.

