

# The Kino Connection

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## Parent Night: Round Table Discussion October 23

Do you have questions, concerns, worries, or wisdom as a Kino parent? Usually October can bring the end of the relief that summer is over, quickly followed by "school" concerns in being a parent. Kino provides a unique educational setting for our children and requires unique parenting skills as well.

Many, many years ago we discovered that providing an opportunity for parents to voice their concerns and their comments, and to share their miracles, empowers them and supports them in feeling confident as a Kino parent.

If you have ever watched Kino kids out on the playground, they take care of each other. The returning students seem to have a matter of fact and empowering way of letting new students know how to adjust and be responsible in this environment.

The round table discussion will be moderated by Janet Rae, Kaelan's mother. Mary Jane, Ann, and David will be there as well, to share their perspectives as Kino teachers and the parents of children who have grown up at Kino.

If your child has been at Kino ten years, one year, or one month, please join us Thursday, October 23 at 7 pm for our annual round table discussion.

## Anna's Going to Cairo

Anna won't be at school next week-- the week of conferences -- because she will be at the International Symposium of Tilapia Aquaculture in Cairo, Egypt. She will be flying to Egypt over the weekend and then on Monday presenting her master's project: Na+K+ ATPASE Changes in Larval Tilapia Reared in Fresh Water and Sea Water. The mystery is why tilapia grow better and faster in salt water when they are naturally freshwater fish.

The conference will be bringing together people involved with tilapia culture from all over the world in the hopes of developing a cheaper, more plentiful source of protein.

The symposium is going to keep Anna busy most of the time she is there, but she plans on finding at least one full day for seeing the pyramids and the Nile.

## FALL CELEBRATION CONCERT AND BARBECUE

We're planning a special afternoon / evening on October 26. It will be an afternoon of music --- by students, former students, teachers, parents, and friends. There'll also be food to buy, with the proceeds going to help support the Animal Center and garden. It will also be a great day for hanging out and having a good time together. We'll get started around 1:00.



### Working together on math.

One of Kino's assumptions about schooling is: When two or more students are interested in exploring the same problem or the same materials, they will often choose to collaborate in some way.

You can read a complete statement of the assumptions and convictions that lie at the heart of the Kino philosophy at [www.kinoschool.org/convictions.html](http://www.kinoschool.org/convictions.html)



Thinking Ahead:

## The Yard Sale is November 8

We'll have a storage shed from October 9 until the Yard Sale on November 8 for all of your yard sale donations. Please clean out those closets and, once the shed is here, start bringing up your stuff. We'll have lots of room, so ask your friends and neighbors if they have treasures they'd like to unload.

Also - please plan on helping. We'll need people to sort and organize during school during the week before the yard sale. On November 8, we'll need people here early in the morning to help set up, people who want to hang out and talk during the sale, and people who can help us clean up, starting at 12:30.

We also need people to come and buy!

## Talk About Conferences

Next week's a short week for students because teachers will be having Parent / Teacher / Student conferences on Thursday and Friday.

For these October conferences, the focus is on the upcoming year. Students have had a month to think about what they want to accomplish this year. They are well into their classes and projects. Students and teachers have defined their expectations, and there has probably been enough time to see what is going smoothly and what problems may need to be addressed.

In preparation for these conferences, home room teachers will have been discussing each child with all of the teachers who work with him or her.

The second set of Parent / Student / Teacher conferences will be in February, at the very beginning of the Spring semester. For these Conferences, teachers will have written detailed evaluations of the work that was accomplished in the fall semester.

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Way back in 1919, the Progressive Education association adopted the following principles:

1. Children should have the freedom to develop naturally.
2. The child's interests should be the basic motive for all his or her work.
3. The teacher should function as a guide, not a task master.
4. Record-keeping should serve the goal and methods of the scientific study of children's development.
5. Schools should pay equal attention to all facets of children's development, including the physical.
6. The school and the home must be active partners in meeting the needs of children.

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## Coming Up

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| Oct. 16 -17 | No school -- Parent / Teacher / Student conferences |
| Oct. 18     | PSAT Test   |
| Oct. 23     | Parents' Roundtable                                 |
| Oct. 26     | Fall celebration concert and barbecue               |
| Nov. 8      | Yard Sale   |

