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A Perfect Time to Set New Goals

"If you don't know where you are going, how can you expect to get there?" Basil S. Walsh

January is a perfect time to set new goals. Not only is it the start of a new year, but for older students it is also the start of a new semester.

At Kino, we want students to find their special strengths and develop them as much as possible; we want them to recognize their weaknesses and address them. Learning that you are good at something, whether it is art or shop, math or history, teaches you about yourself. It teaches more than that you are good at that particular thing; it teaches you that you are competent and effective in the world, and that "work" means doing something satisfying and valuable. You can find yourself excited about the world and your place in it. You can learn that you are motivated to do things. You can learn to regulate your time and energy. you can discover persistence in the face of setbacks. These feelings of competence and control learned in mastering an area of strength will generalize to other areas of your life and generate more confidence and tenacity.

Parent/ Student / Teacher conferences will be held week after next, on January 28 through 30th. Conferences should spur both teachers and students to look at what has been going well so far, what has been inspiring and what, frankly, hasn't, and think about how the rest of the year can best be used to reach the goals we set for ourselves.

"A good goal is like a strenuous exercise--it makes you stretch." Mary Kay Ash

Felicity Luckey, Joshua's Mom, is webmaster and editor of www.SageQuotations.com. She's provided us with the inspirational quotes for thinking about setting new goals. We can make this a regular feature of the Kino Connection. Do you have any favorite quotes about goals or about something else? Is there a theme you'd you'd like to read inspirational goals about? Do you have a favorite author? You can tell Felicity about it through her website.

"The big secret in life is that there is no big secret. Whatever your goal, you can get there if you're willing to work." Oprah Winfrey

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you will land among the stars." Les Brown



Desert Divas This Saturday

Lisa Otey and the Desert Divas are performing this Saturday, January 17, 7 pm, at the Berger Theater (at 1200 W. Speedway, in the School for the Deaf and Blind).

Tickets are \$30 at the door, but Lisa is donating tickets to the Kino community. If you buy them here at school, they will cost you \$20 each and the entire proceeds will benefit the Kino music program.

In addition to Lisa, the Divas are Hurricane Carla (Carla Brownlee), Anna "The Goddess of Love," Warr, Diane Van Deurzen, Regina "The Queen" Wills, and Liz McMahon.

Lisa says, "It's always a high-energy show." They will be performing the group's original songs, plus popular blues, pop, rock and R&B.

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The snow on Mount Lemmon has been irresistible these past couple of weeks. There have already been two trips, with twenty-five students enjoying the snow, and more are planned.

Jennifer is taking middle level students to Old Tucson next week, so their trip to the snow -- and to the Rainbow Shop -- will probably be week after next.

Save the Date: May 2

This year's Silent Auction will be Saturday, May 2. It will be an Asian themed dinner and auction, from 5:30 to 8:00, here at Kino.

The Silent Auction will be raising money for our north playground. We would like to raise enough money to install swings, fix the steps, replace the basketball hoop and do some general repairs and painting.

Lisa will be working hard on the auction over the next few months. If you are interested in helping or if you have something you'd like to donate for the auction, let her know!

Diego's Restaurant Review

A couple of days ago I went to a restaurant called El Saage, a Lebanese Mediterranean dining establishment. I ordered the vegetarian combo to share with my mom, which included Falafel, stuffed grape leaves, tabouli, fatayer and hummus with a yogurt cucumber dip on the side. To top it all off, the combo came with pita bread and a garnish. My favorite part of the combo was tabouli, which was a delicate balance between lemon juice, cracked wheat, and mint. I did not care for the grape leaves, they were a little weird for my taste, but they were not horrible. For dessert I ordered the homemade baklava that was savory and delicious.

The dining room had pictures of their dishes along one wall, and paintings along another. The third wall was decorated with two very tall clay jugs and a Mediterranean painting. My server was pleasant and the food got to us in a timely manner. Overall I would recommend going here for all people that love taste!

by **Diego Huerta** age 10



Branch
verbose
advantageous
tantalized
paradox
elephant
life
verdure
scribble
baby
everlasting
perfect
grow
clarity
hi-tec
religious
correlation
ecumenical
instinctual
incomprehensible

Some Inspirational Words from Outwords

The students in Vanessa's creative writing class first came up with this list of words and then used them to write poems, each one unique. You can read all their poems on the bulletin board in the front hall. What poem can you write with these words?

LIKE BRANCHES ON A HI-TECH ELEPHANT BABY

by Jordan Ruiz

THE PERFECT CORRELATION
ADVANTAGEOUS, VERDURE, TANTALIZING
WITH GROWING CLARITY
LIFE BECOMES A PARADOX
ECUMENICAL, INSTINCTUAL, EVERLASTING
INCOMPREHENSIBLE
LIKE BRANCHES ON THE
TREE OF KNOWLEDGE
IT'S ALL VERBOSE SCRIBBLES

My instinctual clarity is incomprehensible.
My life grows perfectly on.
My ecumenical religion is tantalizing to those who are unsure of themselves.
Seeing is not correlated to opening your eyes.
My scribbled-out thoughts are advantageous.
The everlasting paradox of life is as obvious as an elephant in a crowd of babies.
I am verbose with my language,
and technical with my speech.

I am incomprehensible, yet perfectly clear.

---- Jonna Watmore

Coming Up

Jan. 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No school
Jan 28-30	No school - Conferences
Feb. 9	Board meeting 6 pm