

We are not makers of history. We are made by history. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Expressing Ourselves and Celebrating Our Nation



People who wanted to watch the inauguration gathered around televisions on either side of the school. The audience includes students of all ages, plus moms and dads who came to celebrate the occasion with us.

Students were inspired this past week to express themselves about our nation, President Obama's inauguration, and their hopes for the future. Drew (aka Andrew) posted on facebook:

The day before his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke, saying: "Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land."

And now, a little over 40 years later, in the day following the one which has been set aside by our nation to honor MLK, we are going to see the first black man become president of the United States of America. I think all of us can agree that Rev. King should have been alive to see this day- but we should remember that he didn't need to see it, that he knew that with all the good there is in this world, it would someday come. Tomorrow we honor the memory of one of the greatest men of the 20th century, knowing that we as a people, have definitely come a lot closer to the promised land.

After the inauguration, students wrote messages and advice for President Obama:

Each night Barack Obama should make sure that outside everything is okay. He should make sure it is perfect and safe before something bad happens! **Sydney**

Barack Obama, before bed, he looks up at the moon. He wakes in the middle of the night and he checks on it every time. Cause something might be wrong: It might fall in pieces at night or somebody might shoot it. **Ryan**

Obama should make fuel cell cars be popular. **Luka**

Obama would tell me that wars don't have to be won. **Ash**

Don't take guns away from the people who obtain them legally. **Love, America**



Dear President Obama,

You have a great family. I hope you help all families to be more like yours.

Alex V



by Josh



Alex, Cassandra, and Lela wrote and have mailed letters to President Obama

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Where is Josef on Thursday afternoons?

He is at the University of Arizona, studying piano with Professor Knosp. Prof. Knosp, the Music Director for Dance at U of A School of Dance, has created a masters degree program--the only one like it in the country--where pianists can study to become dance accompanists. Her students are usually all students at the university, but she has made a special exception for Josef!



## Yummy Spanish

On Friday, January 9, Tysaac's mom Celia Webb made corn tortillas from fresh masa with the Primary students.

She showed them how to make sopas with beans, cheese and tomatillo salsa verde and she made hurachas with beans, examples of cuisine from central Mexico. Some older girls --Sofia, Rebecca, and Adela - joined the class to help them eat.

The food was delicious ! Gracias Celia !



## Geology Workshop

Middle level students had a geology workshop with a visiting geologist this week. Jennifer's friend Rita Economos is a PhD student at the University of Southern California. She studies volcanoes in Mongolia! Rita talked about what a geologist does and showed them how to identify rocks and use a GPS to map their locations. They then walked around outside and identified Kino's rocks.



Ethan Nichols is working on his senior project, a windmill that will generate usable amounts of electricity. The windmill will become a permanent Kino asset -- where we can actually charge 12-volt batteries.

## Interested in Singing?

The Heritage and Traditions coed community choirs are looking for students aged 10 through high school. The choirs are directed by Margie Kersey, the founder and past director of the Tucson Girl's Chorus. They rehearse on Thursday evenings. If you are interested, call Ms Kersey at 751-9152 or Kino parent Marlene Gibbons at 405-7407.

## Recycle That Stuff!

We have recycling bins all over school for your paper, soda cans, cardboard, food boxes, tin cans, # 1 and # 2 plastic, and so on. We also have posters around school explaining what can and can't be recycled.

It is just as easy to toss your recyclables in a recycling bin as in a trash bin. Please do it!

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

Barack Obama

It's a short week next week for students!  
No school on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

But it's a long week for teachers -- Parent / Student / Teacher conferences on Thursday and Friday.