

# The Kino Connection

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## What's Coming Up the Rest of the Year?

April 30: There was something important you were going to do before May 1. Now what was it? **Re-register for next year!** Our usual registration fee is \$200 (+ the \$40 supply fee), but for students who register by next Thursday, that is, **before May 1, the fee is only \$150 (\$190 when the supply fee is added).**

May 2: The **Silent Auction**. See the article elsewhere in this Kino Connection.

May 4 to May 18 - The Pacific Northwest trip

Wednesday, May 20: We're having an end of the year **Concert and CD Release Party**. Come hear what the music students have been working on this year, and buy their CD.

Thursday, May 21: **General Meeting / Senior Project Sharing**. As a non-profit corporation, once a year we have a general meeting for all members, that is, all the families of registered students. Starting at 6:45, Mary Jane will give a State of the School speech and we'll have a slide show of highlights of the year. Then all of our graduating seniors will display and explain their senior projects. The meeting will start at 6:45.

Monday, May 25: There's **no school** because it's Memorial Day.

Friday, May 29: Not only is this the last day of school, it's also **Graduation Night**, at 7 pm. Please plan to attend; it's one of Kino's most special events.

End of the year **conferences**. School's not really over until you've had your end of the year Parent / Student / Teacher conference on June 2 or 3.

## Scrabble Mania

Vanessa has infected many of the high school students with a mania for Scrabble recently. Not only do they play during free time at school, but some also play on-line in the evenings and on weekends. Erik says, "Vanessa prefers playing at home because then she can cheat." Vanessa says she beat Erik in the three games that they played simultaneously over the internet, but that, "Erik is the actual cheater."

## May 2: 5:30 - 8:30 Silent Auction

**\$15 per "person"      \$7 for kids**

Admission includes dinner, tea bar, and the chance to bid on items at the Silent Auction

Traditionally, some of the most popular items at the Silent Auction have been baskets compiled by homerooms. This year, the homeroom baskets' themes are:

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| Heather    | Legos          |
| Chris      | Survival       |
| Jennifer   | Movies         |
| Vanessa    | Books          |
| Johnny     | Coffee sampler |
| Judy       | Date night     |
| Jack       | Zen            |
| The office | Mother's Day   |



## Michael in the Mouth of the Great White Whale

Shaun Pipes of the Fin Foundation gave a presentation to the Marine Biology class this Tuesday. He brought all kinds of stuff: starfish, shellfish, and the jaw of a great white shark, here modelled by Michael.

Next week the Marine Biology class will try out scuba'ing in the pool at the Dive Shop, in preparation for next year's scuba / snorkel trip.

## The Survival Class Survives !



For the record, when Emmi said, "I've been skiing in Colorado, but this is the *coldest* I've ever been in my life," he was not complaining; he was stating a fact.

Back in Tucson this week, the class then survived a 100 degree hike in Sabino Canyon.

There are two kinds of adventurers: those who go truly hoping to find adventure and those who go secretly hoping they won't. -- William Trogon

The Survival Class has survived a five day / four night camping trip on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevadas. They survived a sand storm in the dunes; a heavy, wet snow fall (they had to scramble to get their gear under cover, and then eat their spaghetti in the snow); swimming in hot springs in a cold wind; and a snowy windy mountain top.

They saw earthquake faults, glacial canyons, and terminal moraines. Johnny says, "No one complained and everyone was great about doing their camp chores. The kids were responsible for making the campfires every morning and evening. They did it without any adult help."



## Mariposas Y Mas: Special Spanish Field Trips

Marielena likes to incorporate Spanish into all kinds of activities, so she frequently takes Spanish students on field trips. These field trips can be a way to expose students to the different cultures of Spanish speaking people, or be an opportunity to learn a new set of vocabulary words, or both.

Anna and Marielena both took a group of students to the butterfly exhibit at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. Anna taught them all about the parts of the butterflies and their life cycle, which Marielena then taught them in Spanish.

Then at Tohono Chul Park, Judy and Marielena and a group of students saw an exhibit of art from Mexico: displays of ceramics and weaving from the pueblo of Juan Mata Ortiz and Zapotecan wood carvings. Marielena bought some beautiful examples for the Spanish area!



## Rescue the Husky !

Heather's science students are have to use pulleys, ramps, wheels, and axles to rescue the Husky dog in the cup.

The true definition of science is the study of the beauty of the world. -- Simone Weil