

## Summer Plans?

Would you like to help clean Childrens' Memorial Park over the summer? Let Anna know if you would like to take responsibility for cleaning the park for part of the summer.

Since Kino is the official custodian for Childrens' Memorial Park, Anna has been taking groups of students to picnic, play and clean throughout the school year. She finds that going about twice a month is all that's needed.

You can do it to get a head start on next year's community service, to help Anna not have to do it all by herself, or simply because it is a job worth doing.

Talk to Anna if you'd like to help. She'll explain what's entailed and be glad she can take that time off.



The Pacific Northwest trippers will be back Monday evening.

## General Meeting / Senior Project Sharing

Next Thursday we'll be combining the annual General Meeting with a special Project Night for the graduating seniors. The General Meeting is scheduled to start at 6:45. Mary Jane will briefly talk about how the school year has gone and there will be a slide show. After that, each senior will explain or demonstrate his or her senior project, which will then be on display.

## End of the Year Concert / CD Release party

Next Wednesday, come to the End of the Year concert to hear what Lisa and the music students have been working on. They have been recording their music all year, and this Wednesday is also the date for the release of their CD. If you can't make it, there may be extra CDs for sale at the front desk.



How's that whale go? Part of the Marine Biology class played paleontologist last week.

## Eat A Lot This Summer And Save Those Box Tops

[boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com)

Diana, Casey's mom, and Karla, Maia's mom, are going to help us raise money by collecting box tops coupons under the Box Tops for Education program. Each coupon is worth 10 cents, which can add up fast. They'll be sending out an e-mail soon with all the details. If we all get in the habit of saving our box tops coupons over the summer, we can start the next school year with a bang!

Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.

---- Goethe

Whether helping at yard sales and silent auctions or serving on Kino's board of directors, Heather takes being part of the Kino community seriously.

"I think Kino exemplifies what a community should be," she says. Some of her favorite memories from the eleven years she has been a Kino student have been our school wide events. "Every Halloween, when all the homerooms do the craziest stuff; the concerts; the Pumpkin Fling. I was surprised that anyone would want to fling pumpkins, and then my homeroom built a catapult, and lots of other kids built catapults. It was amazing."

Heather herself amazes her teachers by her drive and self-direction. Academically, she has always set the highest standard of work for herself. "As an independent project this year," Ann says, "Heather followed the syllabus of an AP [college level] World History class, but she constantly did more than the syllabus required. Each week, it seems, she'd say 'Well, I read that 450 page book. What do you suggest I read next? Oh, and I wrote a six page essay about it.'"

Heather's absorbing interest in history led her to volunteer last summer at the Arizona Historical Society. She has continued through the school year to spend every Friday working in their archives fielding research questions. She will continue to work there up until she leaves for college at the end of the summer. After being accepted by Gettysburg, Wells, Evergreen, and NAU, Heather has decided to start the next year at NAU but then eventually transfer to Evergreen. She plans to be a history major.

For her senior project, Heather combined her interests in photography, creative writing, history, and Native Americans. She is displaying her own photographs, which she took on the San Carlos Apache reservation and printed in the school's darkroom, juxtaposing them with historical photographs from the Historical Society's archives. She has chosen eight of her pieces of writing to accompany and illuminate the photographs.

Heather says, "I'm going to miss the teachers, miss the colored sign, miss knowing everybody I go to school with. Kino is going to be a really big part of my life forever."

## Senior Profile: Heather Eastman



## Senior Profile: Thomas McNiece

When Thomas was a junior high student, he discovered he had a gift for creating large things out of cardboard. "We were talking about what the homeroom would do for Halloween. Jonathan wanted to do something with a sphinx. That night I went home and started building it." You can see the Sphinx and read more about it at <http://www.kinoschool.org/sphinx.html>.

The next year, Thomas transformed Chris' area into a western saloon, with cardboard walls, bar, cash register, piano, and even cardboard details like a cardboard clock. The year after that, he built the Star Trek flight deck in Blue Room. Other cardboard creations include a old fashioned train engine for the downtown Christmas parade and a huge robot for another student's movie.

In all his projects, Thomas is ambitious and self-directed. He says, "I need to top myself every time." To top his sophomore Halloween creation, he started masterminding his senior project / final Halloween extravaganza during his junior year, which he spent in Japan. For that project, he started branching away from cardboard, using higher quality materials, electronics, and computer graphics.

This Halloween he unveiled a full-scale model of the bridge of the USS Enterprise. As with his sophomore year construction, he didn't just build a model; he wrote and directed a performance by the Enterprise crew, complete with a video interaction with the Q'luthmuth Empire on the ship's main viewer. You can read more about it here: <http://kinoconnection.blogspot.com/2008/11/kino-hosts-extraterrestrials.html>.

Thomas' imagination often inspires and involves lots of other students. This year, he was the instigator of a mock trial class where students not only act out being prosecutors and defense attorneys, but also have to create the facts of the crime for other students to investigate. With his considerable artistic talent, he drew pictures that brought to life many of the planets and people that he and Thomas O'Dell invented for the long running "Thomas' game."

This July Thomas and his family will be moving back to Japan where he will be working in a new business his parents are starting, a conversation cafe in Akasaka, a district in downtown Tokyo. Inevitably, he will continue to invent and build.