

The Kino Connection

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Welcome to Kino or Welcome Back!

A smattering of what's going on . . .

There was some major shifting around inside the school over the summer. Marielena and Jennifer switched places for their centers. Now Jennifer's Middle Level Language Arts Center is right next to Heather's Science Center, so Heather and Jennifer can do more joint projects. This year they want to start with learning about the environment and sustainability. They'll be working in the garden, helping with the recycling, and taking field trips to neat places like the landfill and the Sweetwater Wetlands water treatment center.

Anna and Jack are co-teaching an enormously popular Field Biology class. (Twenty junior high and high school students! Huge by Kino standards! Good thing there are two teachers.) Today they got started inventorying the flora and fauna that we have here on the Kino property.

We were all delighted to see Al Reynolds back at Kino this week. She was a student teacher during the spring semester, working mostly with the primary students. She is planning to volunteer here on Tuesdays!

Some students have been making their own books in Humanities. Julianna started with a storybook she is writing and illustrating. Middle level students decided to make themselves books where they could keep lists of spelling words.

Parking Lot Rules and Reminders

The most important reminder: We have lots of little kids. Go Slow! And some of those kids are no higher than a bumper, so please be very careful.

There's plenty of extra parking in the corral. The road to the corral is to your right as you are exiting the school. Please don't block the road by parking there.

Also remember -- the entrance is on the north and the exit is on the south. Our mailman needs to get to the mailbox, so don't park in front of it.

Keep in Touch With What's Going On

Look for a paper Kino Connection coming home with your child on many Fridays. Old Kino Connections are archived on our website if you miss one

Up to the minute news and information about coming events are at www.kinoschool.org. Scroll down for links to our blog and our events calendar.

And if Nancy has your e-mail address, she will remind you of important dates and events, and she will make sure you're among the first to know if anyone has lice. (No lice last year!)

If you ever have any questions, just ask! Homeroom teachers are often the best first people to talk to when you or your child has a question or problem, but everyone here is happy to help.

What Should We Name The Baby Goat?



We'll have a school wide meeting soon to choose a name for the baby goat. In the meantime, the Primary students have been writing about him and coming up with ideas for a good name:

Alexander: His name should be Igloo, because he is white and his fur is as beautiful as snow.

Ryan: When you put your hand in his cage he nibbles on it. His name is Stumpy.

Dorian: The baby goat is soft. The baby goat is cute. I'm afraid to feed him because I think he has sharp teeth.

Wyatt: His name is Baby Goat.

Iolana Smith: I named him Fluffy Smith. He makes my heart just beautiful.

Sarah: Jackson. That's a good name.

Colton: Josh named him Bill and I think that's a good name.

The Hoisting of the Wind Generator

After high school orientation yesterday, a bunch of teachers and students stuck around and helped hoist Ethan's wind powered generator onto the roof of the school, where it is now spinning like mad. In a moderate wind, it can generate more than 12 volts and 700 watts of electricity.

Here are some of the ideas for how we can use the electricity. Maybe we can use it to provide power for Kino's greenhouse. It could also charge the batteries that are used by the vehicles students invent in the metal shop. What are your ideas?



Coming Up

Sept. 7	Labor Day - No school
Sept. 19	Book Breakfast 9 am
Sept. 19	Concert at Bookman's
Sept. 26	Library work day 9 am
Oct. 15 -16	No school -- Parent / Teacher / Student conferences

Heather has a quiet corner where people can work on jigsaw puzzles. She has some puzzles, but would love some more -- without missing pieces, please.

Heather also says her homeroom could use another sofa if anyone has one they'd like to give away. They request that it not be stinky or too ugly. Picky picky.

In just the first week of school, 250 box tops have been left in the basket in the front office. Let's keep them coming!

Book Breakfast:

Saturday, September 19, 9 am

The Book Dinner was a Kino tradition for more years than anyone can remember. A few years ago we tried something new — having a Book Breakfast instead. It seemed to suit everyone's schedules and appetites, so it's become the new tradition.

Each person brings a book for the Kino library. In exchange for the book, you'll get a great pancake breakfast cooked by the teachers and a chance to visit and get to know other members of the Kino community.

This year, while we eat and visit, we will also be entertained by music performed by Lisa's music students.

We encourage everyone who is interested to come join us, from friends and family members to old students who want to stay in touch. If you know someone who would like to join us, bring them along (with a book).

Don't know what book to donate? If you bring us something you think we'll like, a book you or your child would love to share, or a book on a topic your child is interested in, chances are we'll love to have it. We'll be posting a teachers' wish list on the website sometime next week. Or you can donate money and let the teachers pick something.