

The Kino Connection

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So Much Coming Up !

Book Breakfast! Saturday, Sept. 19, at 9 am.

Chris will be flipping pancakes and there will be eggs, fruit, drinks and fixings. The music students will serenade us while we eat.

Bring a book per person -- a donation to the school library-- and look forward to meeting new friends and old. It's a great way to kick off the year!

Two Concerts: at the Book Breakfast and at Bookman's

The theme of the Saturday concerts is Fighting Censorship Through Music. Lisa says, "We'll be playing some of our classic hits as well as some songs that are new to the repertoire — songs that have been banned at one time or another in the past."

Among the musicians and singers in Lisa's music classes are Griffin, Rio, Sofia, Casey, Rebekah, Christy, Aneesa, Nick, Andrew G, Aaron, Jordan, and Em. In the evening, they will be performing between 6 pm and 8 pm at the Bookman's at Ina and Thorneydale. Let's all go and cheer!

Helping Your Child Get the Most Out of Kino - Sept, 22, 7 pm-8 pm

Help your kids get the most out of their years here -- and help yourself understand that there is indeed quite a bit of method in what sometimes appears to be madness. Jack is presenting a series of evening discussion groups to explain progressive education, the research behind it, and parents' roles in their child's education here at Kino.

The first discussion group will be this Tuesday, September 22, from 7 pm until 8 pm. Jack anticipates that the series will run for at least six Tuesdays.

The ceramics class is into masks! Literally! Vanessa says over ten masks were fired today. The ceramics class includes middle level, junior high and high school students. We can look forward to seeing lots of colorful masks once they are glazed.

The Inaugural Garden Party - Sept. 23 - starting at 9 am

The whole school will be kicking off the fall growing season and the *first* growing season for the new greenhouse with a post-equinox garden party Wednesday morning.

Each homeroom has chosen vegetables they want to plant. Through the fall they'll be looking after their portion of the garden, and we can look forward to crops of potatoes, greens, edible flowers, onions, garlic, and more.

This Wednesday we'll be putting in the seeds, singing, painting, and planting a peach tree.

Celebrating Our Stewardship of Children's Memorial Park

Last year, thanks to Anna's initiative, we adopted Children's Memorial Park through the Tucson Adopt-a-Park program. Because we've done so well, the city has put up a sign recognizing our commitment.

On September 30, there will be an official ceremony with a representative from Tucson Parks and Recreation at 11:15 at the park. We'll be organizing a field trip from school so lots of students can attend and celebrate with a picnic.



Butterscotch, the sweet chicken who lives in the Primary playground, likes to be in the middle of whatever is going on. Here she's helping make dinner by getting into the oven.

Ernest's Feat of Strength

Kino alum Ernest Espinoza (he graduated from Kino in 2002) was at school this morning demonstrating the otiosity of power tools. Starting at 11:11, Ernest began hacksawing through a length of railroad track, surrounded by a crowd of students. Interest remained high because Ed had offered the prize of a steel bunion to whoever made the closest guess of the time it would take.

Ernest kept at it almost through lunch time. When he was nearly all the way through he finished the job with a sledge hammer ("It's technically not cheating because he didn't say he wouldn't hit it with a sledge hammer," reasoned Ed.)

The railroad track fell into two pieces at 12:22. After some muddled math, it was decided that Daniel won the steel bunion. Patrick and Maya share a second prize — an onion. If anyone wants to know what a steel bunion it, they need to ask Daniel.

For those who don't know, Ernest made the 9 foot tall dragon by our mailbox when he was a student here. After graduating from culinary school and being a chef for a few years, he now spends most of his time creating things at the Sculpture Resource Center.



Town of Chewandswallow

Last week middle level language arts students read *Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs*, by Judi Barrett. They decided it would be fun to make their own town of Chewandswallow.

They used cooperation and teamwork, along with graham crackers, cheese slices, and pretzels, with peanut butter mortar, gum drops (which made a pretty garden), and popcorn bushes. After the town was complete, they invited other students to help them eat it (without using hands).

Today they saw the movie *Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs* on its opening day. They will then have the traditional middle level debate: Was the book or the movie better? We'll let you know what they decide.

Coming Up at a Glance

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| Sept. 19 | Book Breakfast 9 am |
| Sept. 19 | SAT / PSAT prep 11 am |
| Sept. 19 | Concert at Bookman's 6 pm |
| Sept. 22 | Help Your Child Get the Most Out of Kino 7 - 8 pm |
| Sept. 23 | Inaugural Garden Party 9 am |
| Sept. 26 | Library work day 9 am |
| Sept. 30 | 11:15 Celebration and picnic at Childrens' Memorial Park |
| Oct. 15 -16 | No school -- Parent / Teacher / Student conferences |

Extended descriptions of events are at www.kinoschool.org/community/coming-up/

Field trips so far

We started the year with our traditional food theme: Vanessa's, Jennifer's, and Jack's homerooms have already gone out to breakfast. There's a solid pedagogical purpose for these trips, because it's an excellent way for homerooms to bond.

On Thursday, Judy, Chris, and a van load of students of all ages went to Howard's orchard to pick fruit and get inspired for what we can do in our gardens.

Scuba trip news: Jack and Anna would like to take a scuba trip, but they do not have enough students yet. Anyone who wants to go will need have a passport and will need to start scuba lessons soon. Let them know if you are interested!