

Tracking Our Trash

This week students asked themselves “What do I throw away?” “Where does it go?” So they decided to save nearly every bit of trash and garbage they produce for the entire week. (Used toilet paper is the exception.)

On Monday, Jennifer and Heather passed out large plastics bags. Starting Tuesday, every day students weighed the garbage and trash they produced that day. They've been recording the total weight and then sorting and recording everything that is recyclable and compostable.

Compostable garbage goes straight into our compost bin. Today they're visiting a landfill to see where some of their trash and garbage goes. Week after next, Heather and Jennifer have scheduled a field trip to a recycling center.

On Tuesday Cassandra (who produced the most trash for the day — 915.5 grams) said, “This already makes me feel more responsible.”

The project was interesting enough to be featured in both the Arizona Daily Star this morning and on Channel 4 news Thursday evening. You can see links to both articles on the Kino blog (There are links at www.kinoschool.org.)

Step 1: Weigh all your trash for the day on the trile beam balance.



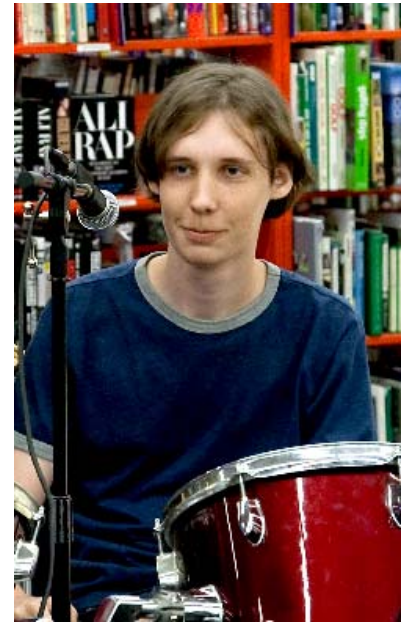
Growing With Griffin*

If you go to Tohono Chul Park on a Saturday (and why not? It's one of the nicest ways to spend the day) you are likely to see Griffin, who volunteers there four hours every Saturday.

Griffin has been working there for about a year. He spends his time mostly in either the propagation or the retail greenhouses, caring for the native plants they grow there. He says he transplants seedlings, transports plants from one greenhouse to the other, and, when he's in the retail greenhouse, answers questions.

The experience of working at Tohono Chul Park is one-of-a-kind. Set back from the intersection at Oracle and Ina, it's a great botanical garden that focuses on the Sonoran Desert.

Griffin says that working at Tohono Chul provides great experience for later getting a paying job. Plus, “My boss Ross is very knowledgeable, so I've been learning a lot about plants.”



Griffin, who also plays the drums and sings in the Kino band, is planning to be an ecology major in college next year.

Looking Forward:

Project Night November 18

Next Wednesday, November 18, is Project Night. Parents are invited to come up to school at 7 pm to see their students' work displayed, talk to teachers, and see what the rest of the school has been up to.

* Your headline could be here! Suggest a better headline and I will use it when I post the Kino Connection on our website.

Aiden's Tortoise

Check out Aiden's super-cool tortoise coming to get you! It's got legs that walk, a tail that wags, and a mouth (with a little turtle tongue!) that opens and closes.

He made it out of sheet steel, using "lots and lots of hammering," says Ed, "and some welding. But mostly hammering."

Here's Aiden with his tortoise, which gives you a sense of its size. He showed it to the Primary students this morning and they were thrilled by it, especially because we had a live desert tortoise visit Kino last week. Alexander said, "It's a masterpiece, dude!"



BIG THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL YARD SALE! We netted around \$2,000!



Piano Recital Tonight

Some of Jenny Soderholm's piano students from Kino will be playing in a recital tonight. If you come to the recital at Catalina Church of Midtown, 1900 N Country Club, you can hear **Casey, Eli, Matt Downs, Michael,** and **Liam** playing on the baby grand. The recital starts at 7 pm.

Jenny comes up to Kino a couple of times a week and gives piano lessons for a fee to students of all ages. Kids say she is an exciting and inspiring teacher who helps them play music that is interesting to them.

More Halloween Pictures:



Clockwise from top: Ben as a suitcase? No -- a Basketcase; Daniel as Grizzly Adams; Charlie as a bobcat.