

# The Kino Connection

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**Congratulations to Griffin and Jonna,** who got their college applications in early and received nothing but yesses. Griffin has been accepted at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, and Humboldt State University in northern California. Jonna has been accepted by both NAU in Flagstaff and the U of A. Hooray!



Charlie is constantly working on making the north playground more beautiful, and he's been getting lots of help from Aidan! Here they are planting some new plants north of the basketball court.

## Important Dates to Remember: Pajama Day

It's traditional — we celebrate Love of Reading Week and Valentine's Day with Pajama Day every year. This year Pajama Day is Monday, February 15. Everyone wear something warm and snuggly and bring a favorite book to read and share.

## Bookman's Concert

Music students and Lisa will be giving another concert at the Bookman's at Thorneydale and Ina. The concert is set for March 6 at 6 pm.

## Rodeo Day

Don't forget there's no school on February 25 and 26 so we can all celebrate Rodeo Days.

## Silent Auction

Clear your calendar for March 13, the date of the Silent Auction! More news on page two!

## JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

Junior high students spent last week in the Chiricahuas, where they hiked, played, figured out how to work together cooking and cleaning up, and generally bonded. Heather, Chris, and Martha (Em's and Lela's mother) were the grown-ups along on the trip.

When they were asked about memorable parts of the trip, students answered:

Max: We went on a bunch of hikes. We took one hike by the creek where we all had a snowball fight.

Joel: The Chiricahuas were really beautiful.

Lela: I liked it when it snowed, and I liked the creek.

Matt: The night when we went outdoors and looked at the stars and the constellations

Patrick: The snow! And walking. We walked a long time. And we almost got stuck in the mud with the van.

Soren: I thought the most memorable day was when we all got in the van and drove to a place by the river. There were huge trees and snow and we had a snowball fight.

Diego: We had a snowball fight!

Em: It was very fun. I can't believe it snowed!

Stuart: Playing in the snow and playing in the river. [Ed: "In the river? Wasn't it freezing?"] Nope. I was wearing cowboy boots so my socks didn't even get wet.

Kaelan: It was raining, so we went outside and wished and wished that it would snow. And it did! That was pretty cool.

Anonymous: One part of the trip I'm hoping to forget is hearing "Yo Mama" constantly.

Judy is still looking for students who would like to see the ATC production of **The Glass Menagerie**. We can choose either March 9 or March 16. Ticket are \$8. Let her know as soon as possible if you are interested.



## Silent Auction Update

### It'll Be A Bit of Italy

The annual Silent Auction will be held on the evening of March 13. This year, following an Italian theme, we'll be having dinner catered by Caruso's.

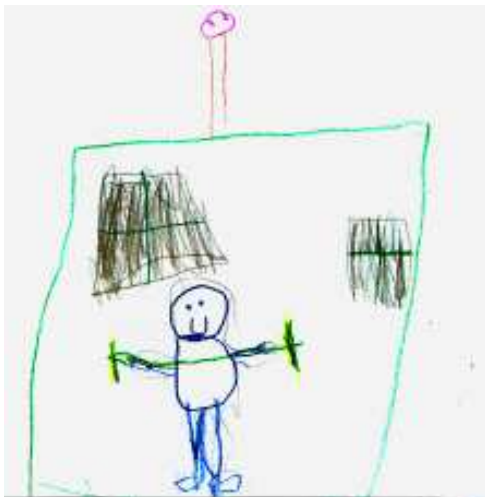
Please plan to come and to buy a lot. There are always lots of bargains and treasures.

Lisa Watmore is in charge of the whole thing. Please contact her if you ave something you'd like to donate, would like to help on the day of the auction, or have any questions.

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To celebrate Martin Luther King Day, Primary students read **The Story of Ruby Bridges** and talked about why it's important to go school.

Wyatt says, "It is important to go to school. You learn to make things that are heavy with Ed and Judy."



### Other trips of note --

Jennifer and Heather are taking two trips to the Renaissance Faire. The trip today is for Middle Level Students; Junior High students will go there next week.

Today Primary Students had their weekly bread party at La Baguette, where they enjoyed fresh french bread and hot chocolate.

Anna's and Vanessa's homerooms and Mary Lou (more than twenty people in all) went to Denny's Tuesday and everyone got a free Grand Slam breakfast. Denny's was offering Grand Slams to all comers from 6 am to 2 pm.

There was about an hour's wait before it was their turn. They entertained themselves playing Minister's Cat all the way to Z ("The minister's cat is a zealous cat,") and Hangman in Latin.

## What's Growing In The Greenhouse?

Peas, spinach, tomatoes, cilantro, and lots and lots of nasturtiums.



## Interesting New Classes; Interesting New Teachers

Marjie Kosky, AJ's mother, is offering a cooking class this semester for high school students. Billed as a class for people who plan to be cooking for themselves soon (or eventually), she calls it Survival Cooking. Marjie's cooking is legendary at Kino. The bidding goes way up on her plates of cookies at the Silent Auction each year, so this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Ian Johnson, a friend of Vanessa's, is teaching a lunchtime seminar on the films of Akira Kurosawa. Ian is also an occasional guest teacher for the Poetry class as well.

Megan Hartman is volunteering at Kino this semester on Wednesdays. Megan has a multitude of interests. She'll be teaching a unit of Russian Literature for Vanessa's Everything Lit class, helping David with Algebra II, and offering a class called Let's Investigate the Russian Language to anyone who is interested.

Treasures you can bid for at the Silent Auction will include:

A 1997 NCAA basketball especially autographed for Kino by Lute Olson.

A U of A football signed by all 2009 - 2010 team captains.

Kolton said at La Baguette: I'm going to tell my dad where this place is. I want to go here on my days off.