

The Kino Connection

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"The most successful days at Kino are those when the building is practically empty . . ."

Today is a good example. Where is everybody ?

The Field Biology class, along with Anna and Jack, is spending the day hiking in Catalina State Park, where they are observing the effects of the winter rains on the local flora (ie, checking out the wildflowers.)

Jennifer and the Middle Level students are visiting the Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures.

Another large chunk of people -- including students and teachers -- are at the Sonoran Glass Art Academy, where they are having a whole day of intensive instruction in a variety of glass making techniques.

But students who weren't off on a field trip today will have plenty more opportunities coming up --

The primary students -- who visited the ostrich farm just before spring break -- will go see butterflies with Marielena and Judy at the Tucson Botanical Gardens on Monday.

Field Biology students will be in the field again on Tuesday, going to Sweetwater Wetlands.

Later this month, April 28 through the 30th, all of the Junior High students -- plus Jennifer and Jack -- are having a three day retreat / camping trip at either Patagonia Lake or Rose Canyon Lake in the Catalinas. The trip will combine learning to fish with learning to get along.

The Middle level students are also getting a chance to camp in mid-May when Heather and Jennifer take them on a Mount Lemmon overnight.

Every homeroom tries to squeeze in an end of the year trip to celebrate being together. Jack's and Judy's homerooms are either enjoying their homeroom trips early or they're hoping to have two. Judy's homeroom is planning a trip to the zoo and Jack will be entertaining his homeroom at the Prohaska home in the Tucson Mountains.



Inside the balloon

Everyone in Jennifer's homeroom who was able to get to school by 5:30 had an adventure they'll remember all their lives -- a ride in a hot air balloon! Big thanks to Patrick's family, who provides hot air balloon rides as Southern Arizona Balloon Excursions!

After the ride, everyone toasted with sparkling apple juice and then went out for breakfast at the Skyview Cafe

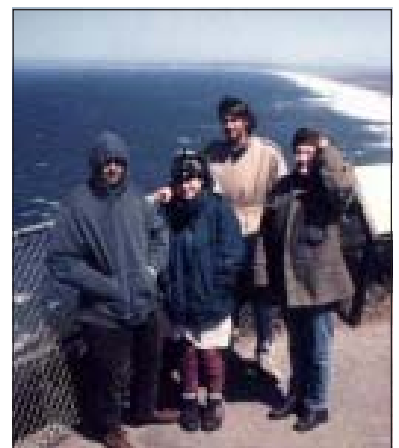
And just in case you think all these field trips are inconsistent with academic achievement ---

Alumni News:

Angelina Lucento has just been awarded a Fulbright! For those who don't know, a Fulbright is one of *the* most exciting as well as prestigious awards a scholar can receive. [Wikipedia says so, so you know it's official.]

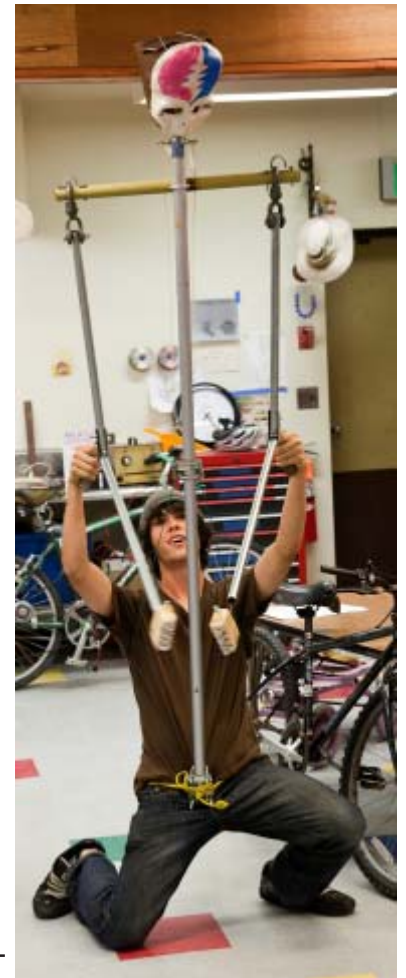
Angelina, who is working on her PhD in art history at Northwestern,

will be spending the next year in Moscow. When she was a Kino student, Angelina became the youngest certified doula (or birthing assistant) in the country. She spent most of her senior year at Kino on call, ready with her little black bag to rush off to assist at childbirths. After graduating in 2001, she went to Bryn Mawr focussed on her goal of becoming a gynecologist. You never know what will happen!



On the 1999 Northern California trip.

A couple of the intriguing sights on Project Sharing Night: Nick's gigantic puppet -- a work in progress -- and Aiden's dragon.



OPEN HOUSE this Sunday, April 11, from 2 pm to 4 pm. Anyone who is interested in learning more about Kino is invited to come tour the school and talk to some of the teachers.

Looking Forward to --

The First Ever Auction of Student / Teacher / Parent Creations!

Charlie Duncan has donated \$1,000 to Kino to help pay for the installation of an automatic front door. His generous donation gets us half way there! To raise the second \$1,000, we will be having an auction of artworks and crafts created by the Kino community!

Our talented students, teachers, parents, and friends are all invited to donate a creation or two.

The auction will be held on May 3 from 7:00 to 8:30. Along with the auction, we'll be enjoying desserts by Marjie Kosky and Elena Faw. Marjie and Elena provided the luscious desserts for last month's Silent Auction; they are creative treasures in themselves.

Reminder: Everyone who turns in their reregistration papers for next year by April 23 gets the bargain registration fee of \$150. After that, it goes up to the usual \$200. And did we already mention that there will be no tuition increase ?

Mysterious overheard quote of the week:

Anna to Heather -- "There is a third option. You can make a thick soup out of goat manure."

Alumni News:



Congratulations to **Uri Palmer**, who is combining his first year in law school -- at George Mason University, in the DC area -- with brand new fatherhood. He and his wife Becky had a baby boy, Benjamin Jon, on Sunday! Uri graduated from Kino in 2001.

Who is The Real Inspector Hound?



We saw just a tantalizing excerpt at Project Night, complete with steamy romance, mystery, and heart-break. See the rest of **The Real Inspector Hound** later this month; there will be an evening performance on Monday, April 26, at 7 pm, and a performance during school hours the following morning.

Middle level students are also preparing for an end of the year drama. They are writing their own version of **Alice in Wonderland**. We'll keep you posted as to the date of their performance.