

# The Kino Connection

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## How We Celebrated Earth Day



It's time to put in our summer garden!

Each homeroom chose what they wanted to plant, using a list of Heather's suggestions and coming up with their own ideas. Homerooms have patches in the greenhouse, in the gardens below the primary playground, and in the terraced gardens. We planted corn, beans, watermelon, tomatoes, carrots, strawberries, chives, parsley, herbs, kolrabi, okra, sunflowers, zinnias, and luffas! We also did some spring cleaning in the desert around the school while we were at it.

Mary Jane started the day off with a short speech:

This morning I want to tell you about a grant we received from the National Garden Association. We were one of 100 schools out of 1,000 that applied that was recognized for our greenhouse and garden programs. We were awarded this plaque because of your commitment to be involved in this project. Students from ages 5 through 18, parents, and teachers worked together to create our greenhouse, garden, and water tanks.

Not only were we awarded this plaque, but we were given \$500 to continue our work. The seeds and equipment we are using today were purchased as a result of this grant. An irrigation system for the garden will also be installed later.

So thanks to all of your hard work and have fun as you refresh the greenhouse and plant the gardens this morning.



Overheard: (with lots of exclamation points to show things were said with cheerful enthusiasm)

"We need more manure!" "I'll get more manure!"

"C'mon! Let's go find some garbage!"

"What are you planting? Green beans? My favorite!"

"What's the matter? You walk in it whenever you go in the goat pen."

Sara: "I love this day! I got to plant things!"



## Kino Gets (Melo)dramatic



According to Wikipedia, Tom Stoppard's one act mystery **The Real Inspector Hound** is "an example of absurdism as well as farce, parody, and satire." That sounds about right. It includes a melodramatic play within a play, but also an absurd breaking of the fourth wall, much sophisticated wordplay, and an acceleratedly confused plot.

A collection of students, teachers, and a Kino alum have been working the past couple of months and they are now almost ready to perform it.

The cast includes Asha and Griffin (shown above), Andrew P-S, Daniel, Ian, Rio, Vanessa, Ann, and Ben Gardner, who graduated from Kino year before last. The play also features Jordan, as the dead body who lies on the stage throughout the hour long play. Caroline will be helping with the lighting.

There will be two performances: one in the evening on Monday, April 26, at 7 pm, and then one during school hours the following day, April 27, at 9 am.

## Heck of a lot coming up:

(not sure what's happening at Kino when? It may be listed in the Coming Up section of our website)

**The First Ever Auction of  
Student / Teacher / Parent Creations!  
May 3 7 - 8:30**

Board Meeting April 28, 7 pm  
Cinco de Mayo: Marielena and the Spanish students will provide a Mexican lunch for everyone (there is a slight charge)  
CD Release and Concert May 10, 7 pm

Congratulations to Zach Marsh, who is now a certified lifeguard!

Zach amiably poses with a butterfly headband from the Butterfly Magic fieldtrip.



Drawing by Christy

## MUSICAL GUESTS

Lisa Otey brought in two friends recently to share their music with us.

Week before last, we enjoyed a visit from Haley Vaughan, a gifted singer. Haley was one of the top 20 finalists on American Idol. Everyone was enraptured by her singing. During question and answer time after she sang, Wyatt asked hopefully, "Are you a three-day visitor?"

Today, awesome rock drummer Chip Ritter demonstrated his monster drumming techniques as well as his stick juggling abilities. After his demonstration, he gave a talk about the importance of discipline and practice in learning skills like drumming or, for example, karate. Wyatt said, "It's funny that he mentioned karate, because I'm a ninja."

Aiden: Spring is lizards playing in the sun.

