

# The Kino Connection

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## The Patagonia Fishing Trip

One of the highlights of the three day camping and fishing trip to Patagonia last week is that everything went smoothly and happily. Jack says "In a just world, Andrew [G] would have caught the most fish because he showed the most persistence in fishing." Andrew won the Birds Nest award for snarling his line. Harrison won the Flipping Burgers award (three into the fire).

Does the boat in the picture to the left look familiar to anyone? The Boatbuilding class started constructing it last year; Charlie recently finished it to the point of being lake-worthy.

Buy your **Kino Kids 2010** CD at the front desk for only \$10! Twenty-three performers, from 5 to 18, twenty-three pieces, from "The Cat Came Back" to "Helter Skelter."

## The CD Release Concert



The grand finale: all the big kids sang "Forever Young" and the audience sang along.

## News and Stuff

Each of our seniors will present and describe their Senior Projects at a special **Senior Project Sharing** night next Wednesday, May 19, starting at 7 pm. The Project Sharing will be preceded at 6:45 by a brief **General Meeting** for the members of Kino Learning Center, Inc., that is, the parents and guardians of our students. We'll have a slide show from the past year.

We have been having lots of visitors and interest in attending Kino next year. Don't forget to turn in your **registration** to hold your place if you plan on being at Kino next year.

Middle level students have been working on their research projects and "loving the computer," says Jennifer. Luka learned about abstruse scientific principles and phobias when he googled "Things that do not exist."

The **Art Auction** total has climbed to \$2,700 and Lisa has contracted for the installation of the automatic front door over the summer. We are planning on making the Art Auction an annual event. Next year we'll have a school wide meeting and let the students decide what the money should be raised towards.

For the culmination of his year long "Dead Things" project (ie "If you want to add something to your Biology collection, it has to be dead before you pick it up"), Anna took Wyatt to a taxidermy studio on Wednesday. Just one more example of how Kino helps students pursue their passions.

Disappointed that the History class did not vote to study The Netherlands back in January, Griffin and Andrew P-S staged a coup Wednesday and taught the class a lightning history of the The Netherlands.

Anna's Chemistry class made pickled watermelon rinds!

**The Yearbooks will arrive the last week of school. They can be pre-ordered starting Monday, May 17. Give your money to Lisa Watmore. Yearbooks cost \$35 if you pre-order and \$40 once they arrive.**

## Michael McClintock

Jack calls Michael “Michaelpedia” because of his encyclopedic knowledge about possibly everything, but especially history, paranormal phenomena, cryptozoology, and superheroes.

Michael came to Kino eleven years ago. From his relatively small start, he has become one of the towering figures in the school, often greeting teachers with an affectionate, bear-like hug.

Some of Michael’s favorite memories from the eleven years he has been at Kino involve sharing his knowledge with others. For example, this year he is teaching a Middle Level class on the history of comics. Over the years he has given many popular lecture slide shows. One that especially sticks in his memory was called History’s Villains. He also contributed a column to the Kino Connection for two years called Wouldja Believe? about oddities of history or science.

Michael also has fond memories of all the Kino animals, especially Fluffy Legs, a long-gone chicken that he named.

For his senior project, Michael has written a whole action / sci fi novel called **The Graveyard Shift**. The story is action packed and draws on his knowledge of both the paranormal and superheroes. He plans to donate a copy of the book to the Kino library so we can all enjoy it.

Michael has already taken summer classes at the Art Institute of Tucson. He plans to continue there, where he will learn about film making.



## Jonna Watmore

Jonna has only been a Kino high school student since the middle of her freshman year, but she goes way back, since her brother Jake has been a student here for ten years.

She was a Kino student her 6<sup>th</sup> grade year (the year Thomas told each of the girls that she was the Hiigaran goddess). She’s been helping her mother, Lisa, with the Kino Silent Auction for as long as Lisa’s been doing it for us. Along with her mother, she is probably

responsible for most of the paint on the Kino walls.

For a long time, Jonna has had the goal of being a lawyer, and this year she has been spending every Monday downtown interning at the Pima County Public Defenders office. They put her right to work doing something real: preparing conflicts memos by going through lists of clients and witnesses and making sure there are no conflicts of interest in taking on a case.

For her senior project, Jonna has been learning all about DNA and how it is used in the justice system. She worked in the DNA lab at the U of A and learned to extract and analyze samples of DNA. She also learned about analyzing shoeprints and fingerprints. And then, for sharing what she has learned, she is creating a crime scene, complete with dead mannequin and baseball bat. The scene contains clues—fingerprints, shoeprints, and DNA samples— which she explains step by step.

Next year Jonna will be living in the dorm and going to U of A. Her goal of becoming a lawyer is now vying with another. A voracious reader, Jonna may be an English major or a political science major; she may become a junior high English teacher or a lawyer. Or she can do both!



## Andrew Pawlicki-Sinclair



Andrew has been our resident political idealist for the seven years he’s been a Kino student. All through high school he has been one of the principal leaders of the weekly student meetings where students discuss and vote on wide ranging matters affecting the whole school. He has been student representative to Kino’s Board of Directors for two out of the four years he has been eligible for that office. In the years when he wasn’t the representative he attended the board meetings anyway, because of the importance he attaches both to supporting Kino and in participating in democratic self-government.

Andrew has been known to whip out a well-thumbed copy of the US Constitution to settle a point, and one year he managed to dress up as both Marx and Engels for Halloween. (In other years, he came as Abbie Hoffman and Allan Ginsburg.) Yet Andrew can also see the charm in demagoguery, because one of his favorite memories is striding through Kino in his cape, back in the early Hiigara years.

Andrew says he has fond memories of the New Mexico trip with Chris and Libby and of computing the square footage of Kino in Chris’ math class when we recarpeted the school. The next year, they computed the volume of jello needed to fill the school, but alas we didn’t do it. He also fondly remembers the ghetto van and the relief of

surviving each of Ed’s Discoveries classes.

Next year Andrew will be going to The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. He and Griffin will be roommates there. He plans to be a Political Science major, with the eventual goal of law school.