

The Kino Connection

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Congratulations to the Class of 2010!



Top row: Michael McClintock, Asha Shanti, Jenna Watmore, Erik Berrier
Bottom row: Griffin Jackmond, Jake Watmore, Klair Gardner, Andrew Pawlicki-Sinclair, Ariel Varner

And to the Class of 2014!



Junior high graduates: Daniel Stein and Joel Ellis

And Congratulations to Our Middle Level Graduates

We also enjoyed a graduation ceremony this afternoon for Zach Mitchell and Maya Sugameli, who are graduating into junior high!

Graduation Tonight!
7 pm !
Don't Miss It!

So where did we go this year?

There were camping trips to Patagonia Lake and Mount Lemmon and week long retreats in the Chiricahuas. When it snowed on Mount Lemmon, there were impromptu trips to play in the snow.

The music class had a behind the scenes tour at Bookman's to learn about the jobs available there. They had a couple of weekend performances at Bookman's as well.

Jennifer's homeroom went hot air ballooning!

We went to the library, to Harlow Taxidermy, the Fairfax landfill, and Tucson Map and Flag. We went to see lots of plays and movies. Sex Ed students visited Planned Parenthood.

We took regular trips to work at Casa Maria soup kitchen and clean up Children's Memorial Park. We had a special picnic and ceremony at the park to inaugurate our stewardship there.

Virtually everyone went on a pumpkin picking trip before Halloween and some of us also went apple picking.

Marielena took Spanish students to the Dia de los Muertos exhibit at Tohono Chul, the Nacimiento at the Tucson Art Museum, and, with Jennifer's photography students, to the Barrio Viejo to explore and take photographs.

There were two trips to the Renaissance Faire and trips to the Gem and Mineral Show and the Fourth Avenue Street Fair. The Algebra II class studied slope and probability with goofy golf.

Science students of all ages took trips: to see the butterflies at the Tucson Botanical Gardens, to Montrose Canyon ("to stomp around in a riparian habitat," says the trip form). to the DNA sequencing lab at the U of A. They hiked in Pima Canyon and Catalina State Park, had a behind the scenes tour of the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum, explored the Sweetwater Wetlands, and went to the zoo.

Students went to the White Dove retreat, visited Becky at Sabino Canyon where she's a docent, played in Sabino Creek, shopped for books at Bookman's, had a full day at the ostrich farm ("for frivolity" says the trip form), got into the rodeo mood by a day at Old Tucson, and visited the new Miniature Museum.

After getting fired up by a tour of the Sonoran Glass Art Academy, we had a day long workshop to learn to make glass art.

Homerooms traditionally bond and celebrate by eating and having fun together. We did a lot of that this year -- not just at school but also at Robert's, Bobo's, Denny's, Village Inn, Blue Willow, Krispie Kreme, Dairy Queen, Cracker Barrel, and IHOP. Plus homerooms had swim parties, skated, bowled, went to the zoo, and had numerous sleepovers here at school.

We managed to incorporate eating into academics as well. History students ate Edo period food at Yoshimatsu. Primary students ate fresh bread at La Baguette. Spanish students went to the tamale factory and to a southside grocery store to sample fruits from South America. The Japanese students had an end of the year sushi lunch and the geometry class (which had eaten its way through geometry all year with jello, pizza, and cookies) studied spheres and cones at Swensons.



Kino Correction

Anna's fiance Kyle is not working for NOAA, as was reported in last week's Kino Connection, but for NOAA -- the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. Anna says he is in the thick of trying to figure out ways to ameliorate the mess in the gulf, which is reassuring.

Quote of the week:

One of the primary students coming from science, happily: "Pollyanna was doing *dangerous* things."

