

The Kino Connection

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First-Day-of-School Positive Feedback (literally)!

Teachers' second-favorite thing may be gifts of food, but by far their first favorite thing is a happy student who is enjoying school. On Wednesday Kino teachers enjoyed both!

Liya arrive for the second day of school with a big enchilada casserole and this note from her folks:

"Liya was very thrilled with her first day of kindergarten!!! She wanted to make her favorite dinner, "Enchilada Pie," — a made-up casserole variety of some version of enchiladas. :o)

. . . . Thanks so much for making her feel so proud, excited, and ready to join the community; after her first day! ~ It certainly makes us as parents know that she is, and will be, spending her days in such a wonderful and magical place!"

Lines Of Communication

If you ever have any questions about what's up at school, just ask! Homeroom teachers are usually the best people to talk to when you or your child has a question or problem, but everyone here is happy to help.

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Note the announcement in the masthead that this is the "Final Issue (?)" of the Kino Connection. Also note that this is the *twenty-second* year of the Kino Connection. "That is a long time for meeting a weekly deadline," says long time Kino volunteer Ann Davis (me).

So how can you expect to get your news about what's going on at Kino this year? Nancy sends e-mail reminders and announcements about all Kino events, so be sure she has your correct e-mail address. Also, check our website, where we'll continue to post news and photos on our blog. The link to the blog is on the front page.

Look later this year for Kino magazines, which will have longer articles, more student contributions, and a more varied format!

And about that question mark: the Kino Connection can always be revived, if anyone out there wants to take on the job of editor.



Kolton and Jacob built a tower taller than the cubbies! Alexander and Luka helped by building a protective wall. They said, "Take a picture of us and put it in the Kino Connection!"

The National Association for the Education of Young Children would be the first to tell you how block play is valuable intellectually, physically, and creatively. (Block play: Building a child's mind. National Association for the Education of Young Children. <http://www.woodentoy.com/html/BlocksGoodToy.html>) We can see for ourselves its benefits in learning about co-operation and friendship!

Annual Parking Lot Test

- (1) Entrance on ____; exit on ____
- (2) While in the parking lot, drive (a) slowly and carefully; (b) with one eye closed; (c) with your radio turned up to 11.
- (3) True or false: Some of our students are so short, you may not see them in your rear view mirror or over your hood.
- (4) Don't park (a) right in front of the school, because it's a fire lane; (b) in front of the mailbox, because the mailperson may not deliver the mail; (c) blocking the driveway down to the corral; (d) all of the above.
- (5) There is plenty of extra parking _____.

Playground Monitors! Always Needed, Always Appreciated!

"Going outside" is an integral part of the Kino curriculum, but students can only go outside when there is a monitor. If you have a free hour or two in the course of the week, please sign up to monitor. It's a great way to get to know the school and fulfill your parent participation hours. Call Nancy if you are interested.

We welcome Christy Severn-Martinez as the new After School teacher!

Answers to Parking Lot Test

- (1) North, South
- (2) a
- (3) True
- (4) d
- (5) In the corral. The road to the corral is on your right as you exit the school.

Book Breakfast September 17

The Book Breakfast is a great beginning-of-the-year time to visit and get to know each other while enjoying a pancake breakfast cooked up by the teachers. In exchange for the breakfast, everyone brings a book.

Don't know what book to donate? If you bring us something you think we'll like, a book you or your child would love to share, or a book on a topic your child is interested in, chances are we'll love to have it. Or you can donate money and let the teachers pick something out.

We encourage everyone who is interested to come join us, from friends and family members to old students who want to stay in touch. If you know someone who would like to join us, bring them along (with a book).



Welcome Bob !

Bob is our new music teacher. He's got incredibly eclectic musical interests and background, and is coming to Kino ready to do all kinds of music with all ages of kids.

A third generation Tucsonan, Bob went to University High and to U of A, where he studied classical voice, choir, conducting, and composing. He was the assistant director for the top undergraduate choir at U of A.

This summer he toured the west coast with his band Boreas (he plays bass and guitar and is one of the lead singers), self-described as "situated at the crossroads between classical and pop music, with a folk background and a strong tendency to ROCK."

He also likes to bake bread. He and his wife Elise have a two year old daughter.

Bob's working with all ages of students. In addition to choir, rock band, and music theory classes for the older students, he is working with students individually. And how about a Kino marching (or samba'ing?) band for Dia de los Muertos parade and the Parade of Lights?



Teachers were thrilled with the help they received in the weeks before school started from students and parents. We won't try to thank everyone, but two of the students up here a lot were Eli and Christine. Special thanks too to Ali, who did a fantastic job looking after the garden all summer.