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A Chiricahua Trip for the High Schoolers

Everyone gets a little stressed sometimes and lately a lot of the high school students have been wanting to get away from Tucson; to clear their head, relax and just be in a completely different environment. Felice and Chris are planning to take a High School trip up to the Chiricahuas and decided not to call it a high school retreat, seeing as it isn't mandatory. They will be going during the first week of December. To express their excitement, here's some things that the students and teachers have been saying about it.

Jonathan-"I'm looking forward to getting away from school with all of the people that I like hanging out with, without the restrictions of a school environment. Quiet natural environment is perfect for concentrating on work."

Ian Wheeler- "It's the atmosphere...it's so relaxing, with the chaos of Tucson gone, we can recenter ourselves."

Chris Shultz-"it's gonna be a lot of fun because it's a great group of people that get to spend a week together in a beautiful place."

Felice Espinoza-"I think that trips are the most valuable part of Kino. And the most valuable part of education you can get as a human being is in taking trips together and learning to have to deal with one another"

If we only had . . . **\$9,000**

We Could Get Everyone on the Road!

Last month we announced that Jim Click offered to make our van wheelchair accessible, so Mary Jane and Rio can go on any field trip without having to go piggy back. (Rio has actually been willing to do this so as not to miss out on any fun.)

When they looked at our van though, they found that they would have to remove one of the rows of seats, meaning we could only take eight students on any trip.

We asked if there was some other way they could help -- and now Jim Click has made us an even more generous offer:

He has a 2002 12-passenger van. He's offering not only to fully equip it for wheelchair accessibility, but also he will donate half of the purchase price of the van. All we need to do is come up with our half -- only \$9,000.

We are now cheerfully accepting donations! Field trips are an integral part of Kino . We have some big trips planned-- the Chiricahuas, northern Arizona, and California-- and with a new van we can go far afield and at the same time keep up our nearly daily trips.

Thanksgiving Breakfast!

On Tuesday, November 22nd, at 9am there will be a Thanksgiving breakfast for the whole community. The teachers will provide pancakes and sausage and the parents are asked to provide;fruits, juices, toppings and/or other favorite breakfast items. Come eat a yummy breakfast and have a good time.

Thanks to the car washers and car washees!

A big thanks to all of the students that came to help out with the car wash this past Sunday. Also thanks to all of the Kino parents and students that came to support the car wash, A total of \$200 was raised! The purpose of these car washes is primarily to help the high school seniors go on a variety of trips around Arizona, to visit the colleges of their choice. There are plans of another car wash soon, the date is still to be announced, but hopefully we'll see you there!



OOPS! Last week we failed to mention that A.J. was wearing the most amazing black wings on Halloween -- he was a Fallen Angel (picture above), Also, Klair was Riff Raff, but we didn't get a picture of her.

Project Night TONIGHT!

Some of the things to look for at Project Sharing tonight:

Mary Jane will start the evening with a homeroom. Come join in the homeroom activities, listen to the daily and announcements, and model good behavior for the younger home room members.

You can see the Wall of Heroes -- the Early Childhood superheros, that is. Back in Maloo's area you can also read pumpkin stories, see sculptures from Shop, and Maloo hopes, see some photographs of Early Childhood science. Primary students will be displaying their work. They will also be offering parents samples from their tea party: tea and pumpkin bread they baked themselves.

Judy says kids have been working on a huge range of art projects in the Humanities Center, but they often take them home before Project Sharing. Come see the latest pottery from the kiln, craft stick sculptures, hats, fabric projects, and jewelry.

Chris thinks his junior high biology students may be up for taking their parent's vital signs tonight. Some of the students in the History of Weapons and Civilizations will have their own civilizations that they've been creating on display tonight. And parents are always invited to come talk to him about classes or about students' work. "This is often the best way to share what students have been doing, especially in math," he says.

The Middle Level Language arts edition of James and Giant Peach is on display. Julie says students have written books and spooky stories, Jordan has been working on her Egyptian Project, and Matt and Matt have built Pandora's Box (open it at your peril). And there's all the Beanie Baby stuff -- houses, books, drawings.

Ed says All the Gizmo students will have their Gizmos (or Gizmos in progress?) ready to share. Rio's been welding a trailer hitch for hauling stuff with his wheelchair; Elliot is ready to share some of his music project; Andrew D will have a theodolite set up, and there will be a telescope so you can see what the astronomy students have been seeing.

On top of all that, the Ethno-Botany unit of the Environmental Science class will be on display; the first issue of Virtus: The Magazine That Shows Why We're So Great, the History class's Roman magazine, will be available, and, As always, Kino teachers will be happy to talk and talk about what they're doing, what students are doing, and answer all your questions.

What's Happening in Jen's Math?

by Jamie Cera-Griffith

Have you noticed that there is something new in math this year? If so, then you are right. Or at least for geometry and up.

"There is a more independent class this year," says Jen. Students can come and work for a minimum of four hours a week. Students will check up with Jen once a week to make sure they are on track. So far this year they have gone down to the sand soccer field and found pi the way the Egyptians did. They also have to attend two seminars a semester, which is a workshop / class that is not scheduled at a regular class time. Mostly on a day to day basis, people will be working on a packet or out of a book.

When I asked Jen why math changed this year, she said that with field trips and everyone's different schedules, it would be too hard to put together one math class. This way the students can go on field trips and work at their own pace.

When I asked Jen what age group this was aimed for, she said that it was geared for high school. "But we do get early childhood kids every now and then (though they don't work on the same stuff as high school students.)"

Thanksgiving Giving

We are collecting Thanksgiving donations of food for Casa Maria. You may start bringing canned goods or other nonperishable foods now. We'll collect them until the day before Thanksgiving vacation.

We need a volunteer to conduct the hearing testing. This requires taking a training workshop and then doing the testing here at Kino. If you'd like more information, just ask Sandy.

CALENDAR

November 9	Project Night
November 11	Veterans Day-No School
November 22	Thanksgiving Breakfast
November 23-25	Thanksgiving break

Early Childhood Snacks-Oct. 10-14

Monday	apple sauce, raisins w/ cinnamon
Tuesday	tomatoes and cottage cheese
Wednesday-	tea party
Thursday-	yogurt and berry smoothies
Friday-	cookie cutter pb&j
Milk & juice served every day.	