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Get Well Mary Jane!

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As you may know by now, Mary Jane got into a car accident this past week. She was making a left turn on First Avenue and a car smashed into the passenger side of her car. She was in the hospital for about five days and got home just last night. She thinks that she may have broken her right arm and she broke her right leg and three of her ribs on her right side. She says that she hopes to be back at school within the next week and is recovering fast, because she can't wait to come back to school.

New Year, New Plans

Nancy McCallion is teaching in the Primary Language Arts center while Mary Jane is recuperating. Once Mary Jane is back, Nancy will be staying as a part time teacher. She is offering a singing class next semester and hopes to get together an ensemble of musicians to play with the singers. Year before last, when Nancy was a full time teacher here, the Kino band and singing group recorded two CDs and were the high point of the project sharing nights, so this prospect is very exciting! Nancy also hopes to be available to teach language arts to older students.

Maloo has plans for a couple of projects that will be open to Middle Level students and older: a Movement/Music/Poetry workshop and a community service group that will knit or crochet squares and make blankets to give away.

David is offering a high school American History class focussing on the post-Reconstruction era.

Jen is reorganizing the Algebra II group so it will now meet as a regular class. She's also stirring up interest in a state-wide stock market investment competition.

These are just a few of the new projects and classes that are being dreamed up. It's a good time to think about what else you want to do this year - and see if you can do it!

Good-bye Dov...

Dov Diamond has completed his semester of student teaching -- giving us far more of his time than his own student teaching class required. He taught five semester-long literature classes aimed at high school, which both high school students and junior high students enjoyed. Thank you!

The Drama Group performed "The Angel's Monologue" from **The War in Heaven** before Christmas. Julie made a cameo appearance

First Semester Conferences

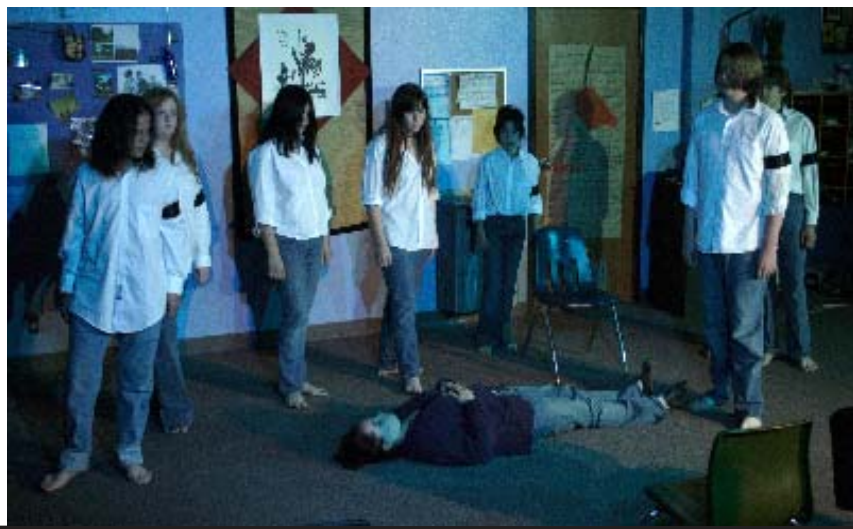
The end of the first semester is coming up, which means students should be wrapping up projects or classes that they've been working on for the past 4 1/2 months.

For the high school students it means writing evaluations. For both junior high and high school students, it means that their Autobiography and Mission Statements should be done, or very close to being finished. It also means that half of the student's community service should be done; 7 1/2 for junior high students, and 15 for the high school students.

Conferences are a big part of Kino. They tell parents how their child is doing in school in a more personal way than grades.

Conferences have changed a little bit since last year. Instead of the first conferences being in November, they were changed to October, giving the students a chance to catch up if they were behind or catching up and fixing problems early on.

The next conferences are scheduled for February 2 and 3. For these conferences, all the teachers will have written evaluations for all of the students they work with. It will be a chance to assess the whole first semester and make plans for the rest of the year.



We need your help! Recycle!

Did you know there's an environmental science class for high school students? Well, there is and they want you to get involved! They've started a recycling project and will soon be putting bright blue trash containers around the school.

The blue cans will be meant for paper only: white paper, opened mail, pamphlets, booklets, sticky notes, manilla folders, shredded paper, paper board, and brown bags. We'll be fined \$200 if we put non-paper in the bins, so it is important that everyone help with this. We're starting simple, with just paper, but may expand to recycling other materials based on our success.

The class has done a lot of research and each student has had to write a proposal on an assigned material such as glass, aluminum, paper and plastic. They'll be making presentations to younger students so they will know why recycling is important.

Kino has attempted to recycle a couple of times in the past and hopefully this time it'll be a continuous activity.

What's the most interesting gift you gave over the holidays?

Jordan-A bottle of olive oil.

Cassidy-Carspray to refresh the car and make it shiny.

Adela-A wallet with lots of cool pockets.

Kristina M.-Made Heather a build-a-bear named Wesley that is wearing red heart boxers.

Asha- A wooden toolbox.

Julia P.- Shirts that she made.

Judy-A stuffed monkey for her mom.

Nathan-Made his dad a clay dolphin sculpture with a place for a picture and a fish purse for his diver mom.

Jonathan Green- A short story collection by Murakami called The Elephant Vanishes.

Erik- Gave Gavin an eyebrow and his cousin a tub of butter.

Leta- A pig whistle.

Stefani- A really cute, cool shirt.

Tana- A little baggie and called it "the essentials of the season" with many different objects in it, attaching a note that had metaphors related to the objects written on it.

Colin- A really nice Japanese teacup.

Rio- Gave his brother a Darth Maul double lifesaber.

Lewis- A cell phone pocket and some bubble gum.

Brendan and Henry- Three large Christmas trees.

Gavin- Made a treasure hunt for his mom which in the end was "a really nice picture of the universe."

Andrew D.-A whoopee cushion for his sister.

Felice- Gave a rubber eyeball to her brother who had eye surgery.

David- A gift in someone else's name to Habitat For Humanity.

The Twelve Days Before Christmas

- a Kino Carol by Sophia Rubin

(To be sung with gusto)

The 12th day before Christmas my KK gave to me
Some stupid action figures

The 11th day before Christmas my KK gave to me: 11 whoopie cushions and some stupid action figures

The 10th day before Christmas my KK gave to me: 10 dorky dolls, 11 whoopie cushions, and some stupid action figures.

The 9th day before Christmas my KK gave to me: 9 rubber chickens, 10 dorky dolls, 11 whoopie cushions, and some stupid action figures

The 8th day before Christmas my KK gave to me: 8 rotting carrots, 9 rubber chickens, 10 dorky dolls, 11 whoopie cushions, and some stupid action figures.

The 7th day before Christmas my KK gave to me: (*sung like 5 golden rings*) 7 pieces of paper, 8 rotting carrots, 9 rubber chickens, 10 dorky dolls, 11 whoopie cushions, and some stupid action figures.

The 6th day before Christmas my KK gave to me: 6 smelly socks, 7 pieces of paper, 8 rotting carrots, 9 rubber chickens, 10 dorky dolls, 11 whoopie cushions, and some stupid action figures.

The 5th day before Christmas my KK gave to me: 5 chocolates, 6 smelly socks, 7 pieces of paper, 8 rotting carrots, 9 rubber chickens, 10 dorky dolls, 11 whoopie cushions, and some stupid action figures.

The 4th day before Christmas my KK gave to me; 4 stinky flarps, 5 chocolates, 6 smelly socks, 7 pieces of paper, 8 rotting carrots, 9 rubber chickens, 10 dorky dolls, 11 whoopie cushions, and some stupid action figures.

The 3rd day before Christmas my KK gave to me: 3 mouse traps, 4 stinky flarps, 5 chocolates, 6 smelly socks, 7 pieces of paper, 8 rotting carrots, 9 rubber chickens, 10 dorky dolls, 11 whoopie cushions, and some stupid action figures.

The 2nd day before Christmas my KK gave to me: 2 3.11 computers, 3 mouse traps, 4 stinky flarps, 5 chocolates, 6 smelly socks, 7 pieces of paper, 8 rotting carrots, 9 rubber chickens, 10 dorky dolls, 11 whoopie cushions, and some stupid action figures.

The 1st day before Christmas my KK gave to me: An old dude, 2 3.11 computers, 3 mouse traps, 4 stinky flarps, 5 chocolates, 6 smelly socks, 7 pieces of paper, 8 rotting carrots, 9 rubber chickens, 10 dorky dolls, 11 whoopie cushions, and some stupid action figures.