

THE KINO CONNECTION

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HOORAY FOR THE NEW VAN

We bought a 2007, 12-passenger van and had the Kino logo installed over spring break, so when we got back to school on April 1, it was ready to roll.

Jim Click gave us a great deal, so we were able to buy the van for only \$21,000. The money raised by the Silent Auction is earmarked to pay for it and we have also received some generous donations!

AND HOORAY FOR FIELD TRIPS

The pace picks up as we get closer to the end of the school year and we realize how much we still want to do.

Johnny's and Judy's homerooms had a weekend trip to the Chiricahuas last weekend. On Saturday they drove over the top of the mountain and visited the National Monument and hiked Echo Canyon Loop trail.

This week, Heather and Neill are leading a three day, 17 mile back packing trip up Romero trail, over Romero Pass, and down into Sabino Canyon.

Heather and Johnny are planning a one week trip to Nevada at the end of the month. It will be a trip on contrasts - from the alpine lakes and forests of the Great Basin national Park to the Las Vegas strip at night. They plan to visit hot springs and ghost towns, look for UFOs near Area 51, visit ground zero of an underground nuclear test, and see the buffalo herds on Antelope Island in the Great Salt Lake.

AUCTION TALK!

The Silent Auction is coming up on April 26. If you have not already sent in your RSVP, it is not too late. Please let Lisa Watmore know how many will be in your party so she can firm up numbers with the caterers.

We have lots of great items—but we also need lots of people to bid on them in order to make the auction a great success!

ASHA and FRANKIE: GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY

Asha and Frankie spend their Monday afternoons each week volunteering at the Veterans' Hospital. They transport patients, patients' files, and specimens, and are going to be helping the occupational therapist with special programs.

They decided to volunteer at a hospital for several reasons. They are both interested in eventually having medical careers; they are doing it as part of their science class with Pollyanna; and they had decided that they wanted to become more involved in things that were outside of school. They researched the volunteer opportunities at several hospitals and picked the Veterans' Hospital because it needs volunteers the most. After a day of training and an orientation seminar, they shadowed another volunteer and then were given their own responsibilities.

Among the things they have learned? They are figuring out the Veterans' Hospital complicated design, "like, Building 59 is next to Building 2." They've learned lots of acronyms, and that you can be surprised by which patients want to talk. Since they started volunteering, they have both also started working substantial jobs at restaurants, Asha at Pastiche and Frankie at Ginza, so they've also learned more about what they are capable of: "When I get home from work at midnight, I can still do a load of laundry," Frankie said.

Both Frankie and Asha have found working at the hospital to be meaningful and rewarding. When I talked to him this Monday, Frankie said, "I was actually just thinking about how I was looking forward to this afternoon." Asha said, "When you start going, then you want to do more." They are hoping that their summer job will allow them to fit in more hours of volunteering.

SPRING CLEANING DAY!

Monday was Spring Cleaning Day. Everyone pitched in after morning homeroom and by lunchtime nearly everything had been dusted, washed, swept, or wiped down. A spot check among students as to what they did revealed:

A large group spent the morning at the Animal Center/Woodshop and nearly filled a roll off with trash and scrap. The group included Austin B., Diego, and Brie.

As the tallest person in school, Luke took on the job of dusting almost all of the highest places.

Faye and Mia cleaned all the ceiling vents and Jamie caught the tops of the door frames.

Harry helped Heather the teacher with all her jobs and then helped Judy.

Rebekah, along with Manuel and Josh, dusted in the shuttle, wiped tables, and swept.

Aneesa and Maia shoveled trash into the roll off and cleaned the darkroom.

Mark B. and Casey thoroughly cleaned the plastic chairs.

Jake dusted behind all the books in the library.

Jamie and Jonna cleaned the library loft. Jamie also washed dishes and windows.

Jordan spent part of the morning carrying tools from the Animal Center up to Libby.

Ian B. alphabetized cards for new books for the library's card catalog.

Kevin C. helped Libby down at the Animal Center.

Mirabelle collected trash around the school.

Josh B. helped clean up the big playground.

RESULTS OF PARENT POLL

The Junior High American History class decided to conduct a poll on Project Night to see which important person the United States of America should celebrate on Columbus Day. The controversy surrounding Christopher Columbus' relevance to the United States, and his conduct during his conquests, prompted our class to think about an alternative person for the United States to celebrate. Here is what you decided!

Results from the American History class's poll of parents:

7 votes: Jerryd Bayless
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5 votes: Explorers' Day
2 votes: John Cabot
1 vote: Christopher Columbus
0 votes: Amerigo Vespucci

We (well the Canadians do) celebrate Leif Ericksson Day already, so we'll probably give a bigger celebration for Jerryd Bayless. So Jerryd Day will be celebrated over Christopher Columbus Day (we know that we spelled Christopher wrong).

----Levi, Jasper, Josef, and Johnny



Kino students, teachers, and parents pose with teachers and students from Conversa in Santa Ana on their recent trip to Costa Rica.