

Mandala Events

October 22-27, 2012



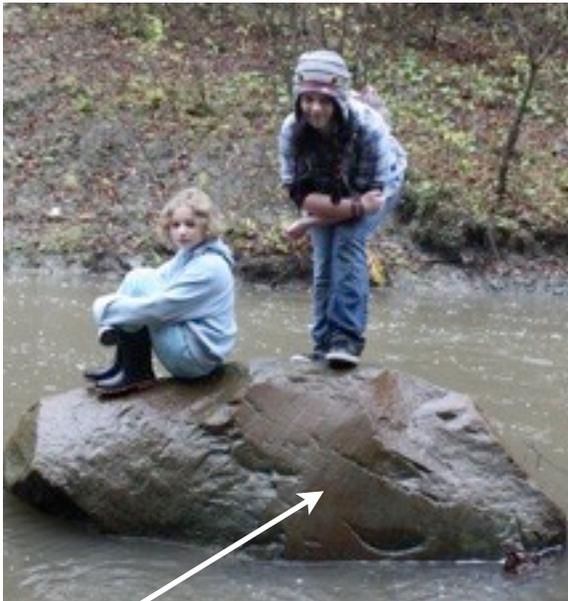
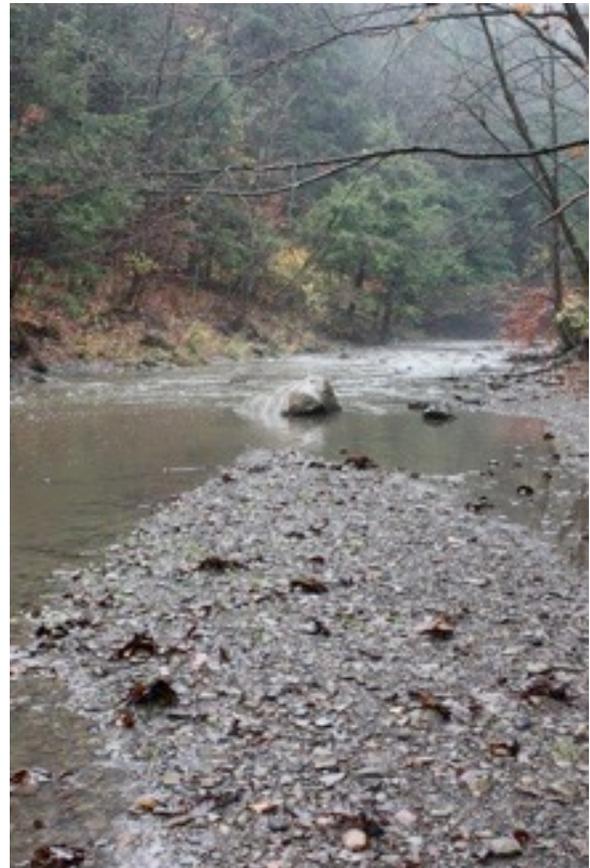
Hike At Hunters Creek

Wednesday morning it was rainy and wet but we got in the cars and drove to Hunters Creek anyway. We started hiking into the orange, yellow, and red forest, trees shaking water from the leaves onto our heads.

After hiking for a while we stood at the top of a hill and saw how the creek had moved from where we were standing to where it flows now. (stream terraces)

After that we kept hiking and finally got to the creek. We stopped to eat lunch there. We learned how the water moves (by gravity) and how it moves the rocks. Then we started the hike back to the cars.

Erin Cocca



Glacial Striations: Lines on the rock were made when the boulder was in a glacier and scraped along the bedrock.

The same boulder interrupted stream flow to cause the depositing of this gravel bar.



photo by Kim Dees

Trees:

*Is this on
the test?*



photo by Kim Dees



If only it was them

Left out, don't care,
 If they don't want me, I won't share.
 Make them jealous, make them cry,
 Make them feel like they want to die.
 They think they know it,
 That they play it right,
 But they don't see the things at night.
 They can't hear it calling out their names,
 If they could, then they, too,
 Would be in shame.
 The words it shrieks like it's in pain,
 There's nothing from me that it could gain.
 The smile from me has no reaction,
 The smile from it has satisfaction.
 I want them to feel it, to be almost dead,
 The made-up terror that's all in your head,
 Why can't they feel it instead.

Elyse Biscaro





Fredonia Science Fair

Mandala students were treated to a variety of science activities prepared by SUNY-Fredonia students in the award-winning Fredonia-Hamburg Internship Program. They liked all the projects especially because they were “all activities with very little to read.”

The Fredonia students also practiced one-on-one interviews to learn about a student’s knowledge of math and science. The Mandala students said they were all very nice and interesting.

We finished the day with a rousing game of “Oh, Deer!”



Barbara Carr, director of the SPCA and Ms. Barb’s aunt, gave us a thorough tour of the facility in Tonawanda. There were so many beautiful animals to adopt! We saw puppies, kittens, goats, roosters, and even pigs. Support the SPCA if you can.

The best part was that we adopted a rabbit now known as Dusty. She is very friendly and great fun to have. Lizzy is beginning a project to train Dusty to come when her name is called.

Lead, Follow, or be Dragged

Mandala School exhibits a dynamic eclecticism of learning opportunities. We have directed lessons in science and math, student-initiated projects, open-ended writing, visitor presentations, and spontaneous activities.

We practically guarantee that something going on with appeal to someone and, conversely, not appeal to others.

Good learners find ways to follow their interests, are willing to follow the interests of others to see what they are about, or at least not get in the way of those learning.

Poor learners wait for things to happen, sometimes just so they can complain. They find excuses for not being ready.

Positive and negative energy are both contagious. Encourage your child be a leader in curiosity, kindness, and commitment.