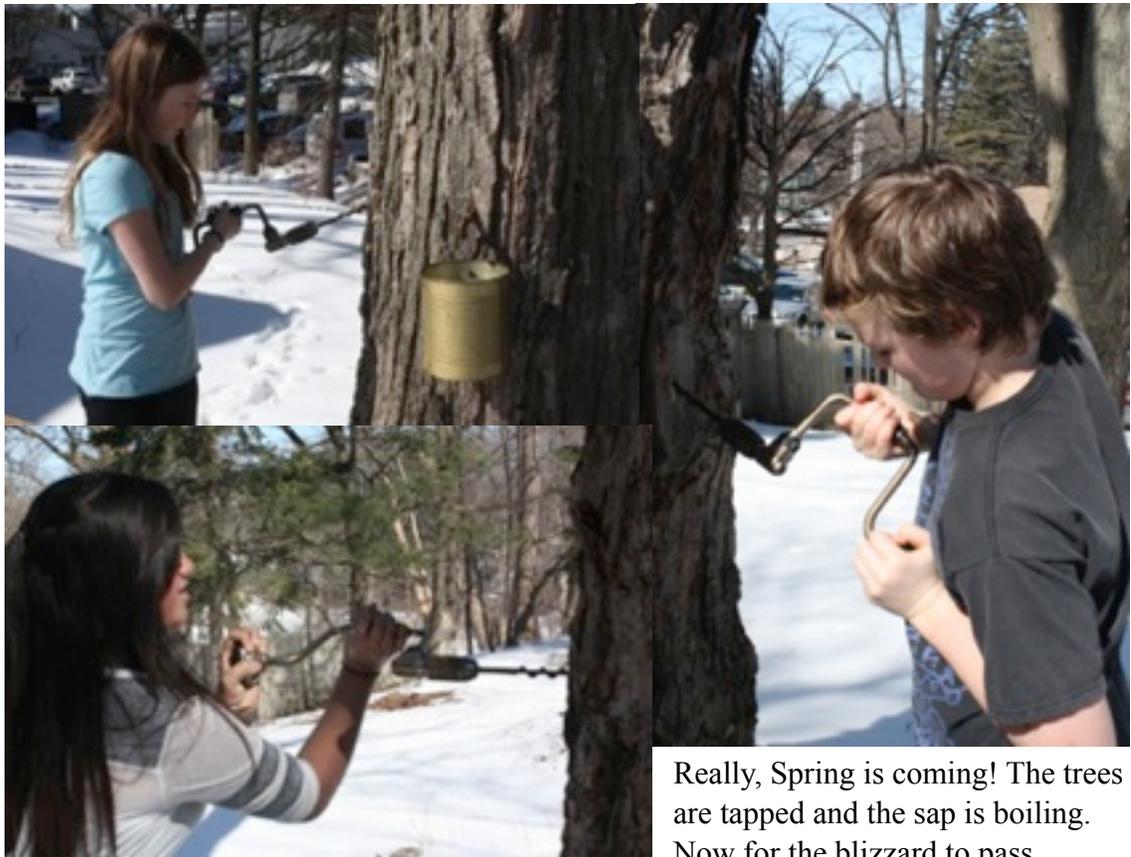


# MANDALA SCHOOL

MARCH 12, 2014



Really, Spring is coming! The trees are tapped and the sap is boiling. Now for the blizzard to pass...

## Mandala Primary??

We have six different families who have expressed an interest in Mandala for their six- to nine-year-old children. If you know of others, please contact us. We would like to have a meeting of all interested families to encourage them to design the school they want.

## School Calendar

No school Friday, March 14  
Yes, school on Monday, March 17  
Woodworking Wednesday, March 19  
tai chi Tuesday & Thursday  
Spring Equinox March 20  
Community lunch Friday, March 21  
Study of optics all week

## Recruitment & Scholarships

Let's get to our maximum enrollment of 20 for next year! Encourage your friends and contacts to seek out the best education for their children.

Apply for financial aid through the Bison Fund. Deadline is April 30.

Go to: <http://www.bisonfund.com/apply.html>



Designing

Woodworking with Doug Parker  
*Aurora Custom Cabinets*



Selecting wood



Squaring with joiner

We are lucky to have a parent offering an internship to our students. They are building two harvest tables for our dining room from red oak. Students have used a chop saw, sander, planer, traditional joiner, and biscuit joiner.



Assembling trestle



Chris did this interpretation of Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Night* using charcoal.

#### What to ask your child

- *How did your sonnet turn out?*
- *What was your favorite short story about?*
- *Why do you think tai chi is good to do?*
- *What have you worked on in math?*
- *Why were there icicles on the white part of Vidler's awning but not the red?*

#### National Engineers' Week...or two

Hot air balloons, wheeled vehicles, sling-shot plane launchers, balloon rockets, and rubber-band driven cars were built and tested. Many have learned that the path to success means trying, failing, trying again, failing but getting better, and to keep on trying.

Much of problem solving is the creation of interesting problems. This is especially powerful when the students are developing the problems.

After that, character is needed for its diligence, acceptance of failure, and long-term optimism. No need to get upset; just think of another solution.

Welcome to our new student, Allie!

When fire broke out a block away from school, parents and teachers debated whether we should go watch it. We decided that we would learn from it but we had to be very careful about our safety. Despite many firefighters, two tower hoses, and gallons of water, the fire took four hours to extinguish. Some of us stayed for over an hour in the bitter cold weather which gave us the chance to meet the fire chief and the mayor.

