

# Mandala School Newsletter

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## The Leprechaun Dilemma

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Once, in a far away land, there was a leprechaun with a problem; he wanted to be a basketball star, but he was too short. Every day on his leprechaun T.V. he'd watch NBA games. He would spy on the humans who played in the park and think to himself, "Why oh why can't I grow taller?"

He thought of flattening himself, but decided not to because he would look like a piece of paper. "Hmm, maybe I can buy super tall shoes", he said.

He went to the leprechaun Shoe and Outfit store and saw these amazing tall shoes. He stopped and looked at the price. He said shocked, "Jeez! These shoes cost me my whole entire gold pot!"

He decided to hold a meeting with the other leprechauns and fairies to brainstorm how to make enough money. "Ok, so welcome all of my shorties. I have decided I'll play on the men's basketball team."

After many hours of arguing, the leprechauns realized there could be no way for one of their kind to play in a human game. "Hey, what if we started our own league?" shouted a tiny leprechaun from the back.

"Ok! Let's get this started."

As the weather warms and we enter mud season we will be going outside for recess more. Please send appropriate footwear and gear for rain & mud! Thank you.

As we continue our space unit, students are surprising us with how much they are learning and how excited they are to be learning it! The youngest students learned about constellations this week and built their own out of marshmallows & toothpicks.





# Student of the Week: Ted

How old are you? 14  
Are you a rookie or a vet? vet  
Who is in your family? Jack, Mia, Thomas, and Tracy  
Do yo have any pets? 3 cats: 2 Siberian & 1 Siamese  
Who is your role model? Jello Biafra  
if you had one wish what would it be? the first libertarian president  
if you could do anything what would it be? Go back in time and experience music from 1977 - 1984  
if you could have any job what would it be? an audio engineer  
If you could have a super power what would it be? telekinesis  
What's your favorite food: lobster ravioli  
What's your favorite movie: Dr. Strangelove  
What's your favorite book: *Get in the Van*  
What's your favorite country: United States  
What's your favorite video game: *HOI4*  
What's your favorite activity: playing music with my band  
What's your favorite class: Music in Our Lives  
Do you have a hobby: riding my bike  
What's your favorite animal: porcupine  
What's your favorite place: Brugge



Above: Ted playing guitar during morning meeting

Below: Under the Eiffel Tower last April!



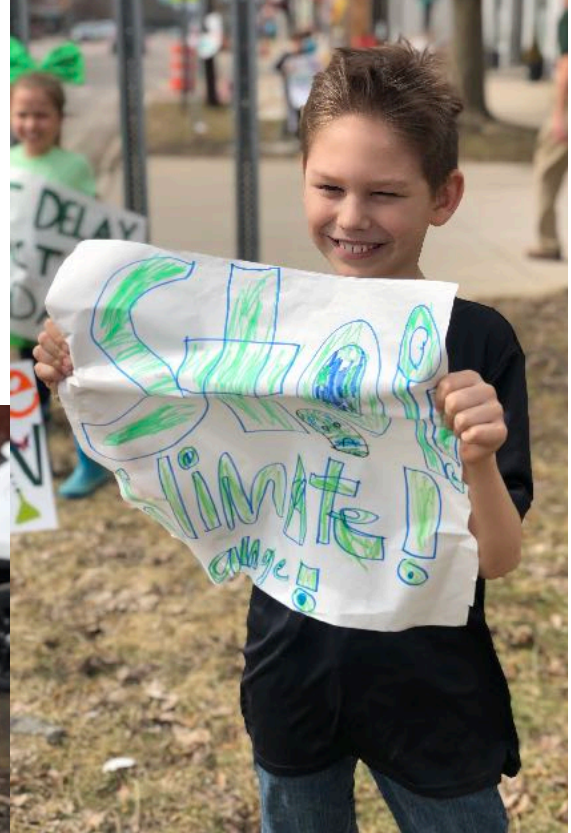
When we constantly fill up all our "empty" time with stimulation in the form of electronic devices, games, and distractions, our brains become disengaged and the thinking process is effectively halted. We never get to hear our own inner voice-we don't develop a relationship with ourselves and our minds. We don't get to know who we are because we're not listening.

Keri Smith, The Wander Society





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