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Student of the Week: Finn



Sachin found sap from a
cherry tree at Warren Park!

Finn is an bug-loving, fun and energetic eight year old. He lives in Hamburg and watches YouTube videos in his spare time. His favorite, and the coolest place he has ever been, is his Grandma's house. He calls it *Toad Hollow*. His birthday is in August. August 18th to be exact. Remember what I said about bug-loving? Well he is the school's bug catcher and the coolest one he has caught is a praying mantis. In the picture on the left you can see Finn holding a large grasshopper that he caught at Warren Park. Although he loves bugs his favorite animal is a mute swan. There isn't animal Finn doesn't like.

Left: Finn dressed as a chameleon Jedi for Halloween!

Finn's favorites:

His favorite movie is *Star Wars*!

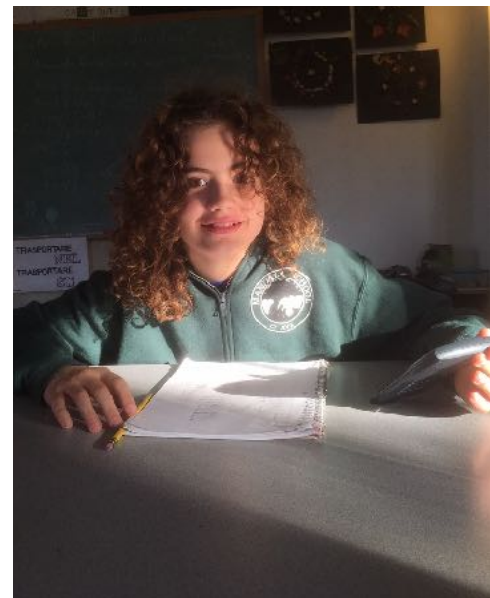
His favorite book is the *Bugopedia*!

His favorite video game is *Starcraft*!

His favorite food is cake, yum!

His favorite color is green

Below: Devin happily solving
trig problems in math





I got a lava lamp and a picture! I really enjoyed the colorful milk experiment. -Charlotte



Science Fair: On Tuesday we went to a science fair at Boston Valley Elementary in Hamburg. It was great! We did a lot of experiments. My favorite was a little piece to test electricity. You had to drive the piece in and not let it touch the rod it was on! -Kate



Fragile

By: Karly

The loud clanking of forks and knives hitting plates. The slurping of someone drinking their last bit of milkshake. The scraping of dried-on ketchup being taken off a plate and the chatter of people discussing weekend plans and their week. Hi, I'm Frankie and this is what I hear everyday, except on some days I hear fights, crying, and one day I heard a crash, and then it all went blank.

It was a normal Sunday morning, during breakfast rush hour. As I was being washed, the soap bubbles were all I could see. While I'm being dried a man calls, "Double pancake at table five with a large coffee!". I have been set down and all of a sudden the beeping noise from the coffee machine goes off. I feel a hot burning liquid being poured inside of me. As I am picked up I hear the click-clocking of the waitresses heels hitting the floor.

Then I hear a high pitched scream as I see a blurry grey object flash across my eyes. The hot coffee is spilled from inside of me as I am dropped, and in that moment I realize just how fragile I am.



The Great Depression

by Nolan

The Depression was started when the U.S. stock market crashed. That means that people put money into stocks because the prices were going up fast. But then the prices went way down and they lost their money. That caused the factories to crash.

If you had work, you were lucky. The companies said, "I can't give everybody pay checks. I'll just have to fire them." When people didn't have money, they couldn't buy normal things like clothes and shoes. The stores started to go bankrupt. The people who worked there would get fired. This kept repeating and the economy collapsed.

They ate cheaper food like beans or other stuff that came in cans. They started getting slimmer and not as healthy.

Many people lived in shacks or tents. They were called "Hoovervilles" named after Hoover the President. They were homeless because they had no money.

The Depression ended mostly because World War II started. The United States was supplying weapons to England. This meant that factories had to hire more people so they got more money. Because the factories were doing well, the stock market went up.



Haunted House: On halloween the oldest kids got together and made a haunted house upstairs in the library, the little kids got to walk through it in pairs and had the option of how scary it could be. We also handed out candy at the end.

- Karly