

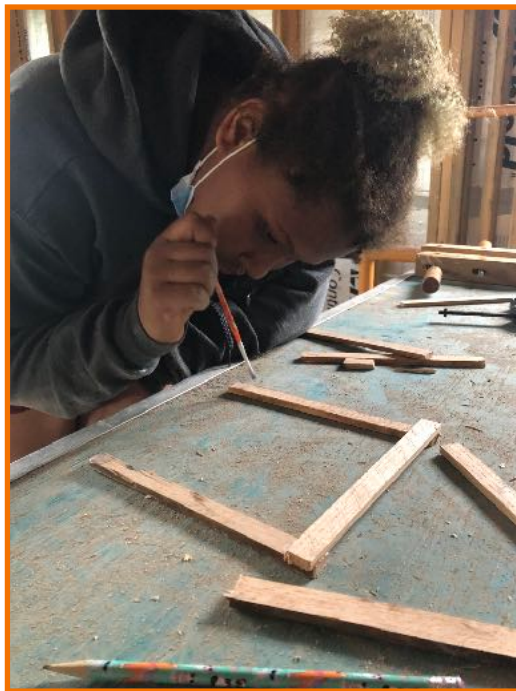


# Mandala School Newsletter

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The middle group of students have been learning about history close to home! Some topics included Fisher Price Toys (by Graham), Roycroft Arts and Crafts Movement (by Sachin), Mambrino King (by Elena; read on page 2), Millard Fillmore, and Elbert and Alice Hubbard (by Charlotte).



*Katie, Omi, and some others started wood working projects this week*

## Student of the Week: Amelia

Amelia's favorite natural explosions are volcanoes. Amelia really, really likes dinosaurs and her top three are kosmocerotops, Incisivosaurus, and spinosaurus aegyptiacus.

Amelia started attending Mandala this year in January. When she came to shadow she noticed it was more open, less regimented.

Dance is a BIG part of Amelia's life. She loves it! "What is the best dance move and why?" Nolan asks. "Shuffle off to Buffalo," was her answer. When Amelia is about to go on stage she gets a major adrenaline rush! She is usually whispering, reminding others what to do, but it's also for herself.

If she could live in a book, it would be "Tuesdays at the Castle," but if she could only read one book for the rest of her life, it would have to be the *Harry Potter* series.

Amelia has been playing the flute since the end of first grade! She makes a lovely sound, after all it has been six years!

If Amelia could take a trip, she would go to Austria. She would also go skiing.

If she could time travel, Amelia would go back to the Roman Empire. She'd like to know if Latin sounds the way we think it does. Amelia studies Latin and hopes to learn Polish someday, too.

If Amelia started a small business, she would start a school similar to Mandala. Of course, she would teach dance. There would also be language classes, especially Portuguese.

If Amelia could have lunch with anyone, dead or alive, fictional or real, it would be Eliza Schuyler Hamilton, Alexander Hamilton's wife.

In ten years, she will be dancing on Broadway! We love having Amelia as a part of our Mandala family!



*a house Amelia built in woodworking*



# Student of the Week: Finn

Finn is our resident pencil hoarder. In fact, if he were the president he would require each citizen to give him one pencil. He is sly, stealthy, energetic, and silly. Finn loves all animals and insects, especially tree frogs and praying mantis. If Finn could claim any continent of his own, he would take over Europe because it has the most different countries. In his spare time he likes to play games, work on stories that are due in five minutes, and sneak around collecting pencils. At home he does cookie heists (which he blames on his dog), plays video games, and looks at memes. If he could choose one type of food to have a lifetime supply of, it would be pizza. Finn's favorite book is *Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulsen because it has a lot of action and takes place in the wilderness. This summer, Finn hopes to finish creating a pond habitat in his grandparents' backyard. Next year will be Finn's fifth year at Mandala!



## MAMBRINO KING

By Elena

Mambrino King was a magnificent horse born in Great Britain who lived 120 years ago. He was a gray thoroughbred racehorse. People came from all over the globe to see him. He was a trotter and a pacer. He had a lot of children, over 250. The East Aurora Advertiser called him the most handsome horse in the world. He was named after a king that lived in Africa and loved horses. Mambrino the horse was so famous that he even gave his name to a chocolate and wine bar in East Aurora, NY. Mambrino king lived at Hamlin stok farm. With chimes, almont, Junior and belle hamlin. In the late 1800s East Aurora was a harness-racing mecca. There was also Henry c. Jewett house. At first it was a dairy farm but then it was a horse training center for over 250 horses. Henry Clay Jewett and Josiah Jewett started the track. They made a covered race track which was the first one in the world. There was a spot that the judges would go to time the trotters and pacers. The horses that would race in the covered race track could not race outside because they were too used to racing in the covered race track.



Millie, Lizzy, & Georgie made these beautiful Mandalas

### Reminders:

- ✱ Monday is the final library day. All materials must be returned!
- ✱ Thursday is the final running club. Pick up at Hamlin Park at 3:30pm
- ✱ We do not have school Friday, May 27th or Monday, May 30th.
- ✱ Our Honors Ceremony is June 6th; please watch for an email for who your child has!



# Our Trip to Boston

Last Week Dr. John and Leah escorted the middle school students to Boston, Massachusetts for a 5-day trip! Here are some comments from the students about their trip:

*We went to Salem and we got to visit an interesting museum about the Salem Witch Trials. That was my favorite part.* -Ria

*My favorite part was going to the cemeteries at Salem. We saw all the stones of the people that were killed during the trials.* -Sarah

*We went to Harvard. We went to a museum on the campus. I really loved downtown Boston.* -Katelyn

*My favorite was Monday. I was just happy to get there. The first thing we did was go to Quincy Market, it had different shops and food from all over the world.* -Kate

*My favorite part of Boston was watching Juan after eating a family-sized, \$50 bucket of KFC. And also when Devin and Ethan missed the subway and almost went to Canada.* -Nolan

*I enjoyed our brief sojourn to Salem where we discovered the architecture from the 17th century and enjoyed numerous sites.* -Juan

*I can't think of a favorite, but everything was wonderfully crazy! My favorite might have been the "Nutella Craze" where we tried to eat a whole tub of Nutella.* - Jackson.

*Trinity Church was my favorite. It is not in its original place. This is the third version. The original stained glass windows (right) were designed by someone named John La Farge. Instead of the typical designs of the time, his were more happy.* -Amelia

*When we first arrived there was a very angry*



*passenger on the bus, he was yelling at the bus driver because there weren't enough seats.* -Devin

