

## Mandala School Newsletter

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The student of the week is Nolan! Nolan is a clever, silly, entertaining twelve year old veteran at Mandala. He is very interested in history, politics, and stocks. If Nolan could meet anyone from history it would be Malcom X, because he was one of the heads of the civil rights movement. He used methods that were different from Dr. King to achieve his goal of equal rights for black people. Nolan feels peaceful protests don't provide enough pressure.

"It was a hobby I started during the pandemic when I was getting bored", says Nolan in his explanation of why he likes to study history. He likes all types of history. Usually he listens to the news and then bases his research on what he hears. Nolan agrees most with Mao Zedong

ideology because Vietnam and China were able to overcome their oppressors using their government ideologies. They align with Marxism. When Nolan is not studying history he likes to ride his bike to the rose garden at Delaware Park in Buffalo.

If Nolan could go anywhere in the world he would go to Cuba for the beaches, architecture, and old cars. So far, he has traveled to Florida, Japan, Canada, New York City, Cleveland, Akron, Utica, Albany, and Boston. New York City and Japan were similar because there were too many people and not enough nature. His favorite trip was to Boston because he went with Mandala. He liked being with lots of students and doing lots of walking.

"I am ending my campaign for school president in support of Frankie. Frankie 2022 Get the Chicken in the Coop!" - Nolan

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During a building challenge, on Halloween, students worked in teams to build a structure that would hold a miniature pumpkin at least six inches off the table. They used straws, cardboard, tape, popsicle sticks, and of course, their problem solving skills! Below is Mira, & Frankie's group.



## Congratulations to our wonderfully talented art teacher: Ms. Jeannet!

Jeannet has been awarded the Mary & Gil Stott Award! This is a local award given by the Stott family, descendants of Roycroft Artisan Elbert Hubbard. The award recognizes local artists, musicians, and writers.



Bryce, Frankie, and Millie working on their spider reports

Today we walked to Sinking Ponds. The earth science class worked on topography maps. Topo maps show elevation. Other students sketched landscapes, did observational writing, and made musical rhythms using natural materials as instruments. It was a sunny, beautiful November day. The highest temperature was 72!





Ella began a wood burning workshop today. She practices 3 different techniques







