

Mandala School Newsletter

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happy
birthday
Ms. Leah!

Reminders:

- Our next book report project is an author study! Part 1 will be due Friday, April 14th. See attachment for details.
- Summer camp registration is open and filling fast. Grab your spot before it is too late! Registration and payment available on our website.
- No school on Friday, March 17th.
- On Thursday, March 16th we will have a pancake breakfast to celebrate entering the final trimester and what a wonderful group of people we have here.



Above: Katie's loaf

Top: Will using his new fountain pen to write a poem

Middle: ukulele performance in music class

Bottom: a happy Ama practicing a tune

History Class at Mandala

On Friday, March 3rd we had our Alice Paul guest speaker come in and they were awesome. March 3rd is an important date because on that day in 1913 was one of the biggest processions in U.S. history. Alice Paul would do peaceful protests which meant that she did not hurt anyone and did not damage any public property. Alice Paul is, for some reason, not very well known, she is skipped over at times even though she was the one who gave Martin Luther King Jr. inspiration to help fight for civil rights. As you can see Alice Paul was a very great person.



Photojournalism by Omi



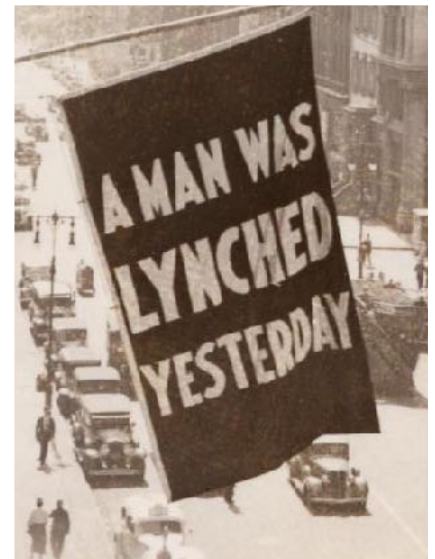
In Dr. John's History class we had to pick a topic and present it only using pictures. Some of the projects we did were Lynching, Civil War, and KKK. The point of this was to teach other kids and adults that we should have equal rights no matter what race you are.

One thing that I learned was that back in the 1860s after the slaves were freed people got angry and started to lynch them. The KKK took part in this as well.

There was a flag (photo below) people made that said, "A Man Was Lynched Yesterday." People started to hang that flag everywhere and eventually people started to notice and it made others aware of the problem.

One of the most important people that I talked about was Emmett Till (photo left). He was killed because he winked and whistled at his coworker, a white female. Someone called the police on him and he was lynched.

Another thing that I learned in that class was the Tuskegee Experiment and what it was. The Tuskegee Experiment was when white males would inject Syphilis into black males to see how they would react. Eventually it led to death. These were disturbing to watch but we need to learn about them so we can make sure history doesn't repeat itself!



Student of the Week: Ria

By: Sarah and Kyle

Ria has been a student at Mandala for three years. She joined in 2020 when she was in 6th grade and she is now in 8th. We describe Ria to be humble, hardworking, reliable, creative, and funny. The best part of her day at school is when she gets to have productivity because she loves to read her books. Right now she is reading *Girls of Paper and Fire*. But her favorite book to read is Harry Potter, and if she had the chance to go to Hogwarts she would. She would like to visit London and Scotland because they have good sites to see.

In her free time she loves to work on her book series. She started it when she was 12 and she is on her third book now. She wants to write at least one or two more. After she completes the series she wants to write more stand-alone books. When she grows up she wants to be an author and a pharmacist. She finds those jobs inspiring. Ria says that if she could go back in time and change something she would go back to second grade and get her rainbow kitty from the auction.



In math class we're learning about the Fibonacci sequence and creating art following this pattern. This sequence is a pattern of numbers that follow a ratio of 1.6 and we figured this out by dividing two consecutive numbers from the pattern.

To create the Fibonacci sequence you start with zero and one and you add those numbers to get one again. Then you add both ones to get two and then continuously add the two most recent numbers over and over and now you have the Fibonacci sequence. But be careful the numbers increase very quickly. Overall the Fibonacci sequence is one of my favorite types of math. A lot of artists use this ratio because it is pleasing to the eye. Artists also use the rule of thirds. You can find it in nature too. By: Ella N.

