

# Mandala School Newsletter

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## Winter Open House

*for new families*

Tuesday, February 6th

2:00 - 4:00 pm

grades K - 4

Interested in improving your child's education?  
Prospective families, please join us for our open house  
or call us for a private tour and meet and greet!



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*Please help us spread the word about our upcoming open house. Flyers are available if you're willing to pass some out!*



Congratulations to Katie, Georgie, Inti, & Ama on your winning entries for the Aurora Women's Club writing contest!



On Wednesday, several schools in the area closed for high winds and a winter weather advisory. Thankfully, Mandala was able to open their doors to anyone willing to come! We had eight students and three teachers spend their windy day "off" at the schoolhouse. We started a toasty fire and discussed how best to spend our time.

Some of us worked on art projects with Ms. Jeannet, painting snowy landscapes. Farrah and Dr. John baked a sweet buttercream cake and, of course, Mandala's famous French bread. The rest of us played board games, read, did a gymnastics competition, and started a 3D puzzle of Binnenhof Den Haag from the Netherlands! At the end of the day, Stella exclaimed, "I never want to go home!" What a great way to spend our midweek recess. - Ms. Leah

## Student of the Week: Bryce

Bryce is a smart and creative Mandalian. He is eight years old. This is Bryce's fourth year at Mandala, he started here in kindergarten. Bryce likes to watch football. It is obvious who his favorite team is. Bryce has been to three Bills games: one at home, one in Jacksonville, and most recently, he traveled to London for the game. Bryce loves the Buffalo Bills because they are amazing. His favorite player is Josh Allen. When Bryce grows up he wants to be a football player!

His favorite subject is, "RECESS!! But for real, it's science." In his free time, Bryce likes to play video games like Super Mario Brothers. Sachin is his favorite person at Mandala because he likes all the sports that Bryce likes and they can play them together. Bryce plays basketball, soccer, swimming, and tennis.

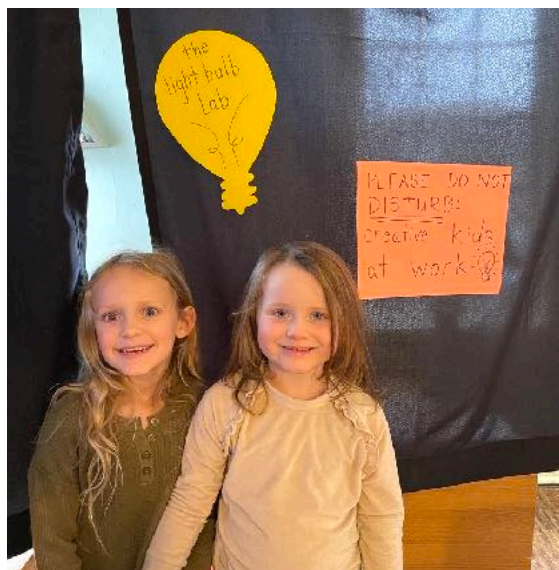
Over the years Bryce has learned French and Spanish, and now he is learning German. He has also learned guitar and piano. He still takes lessons and practices both instruments.

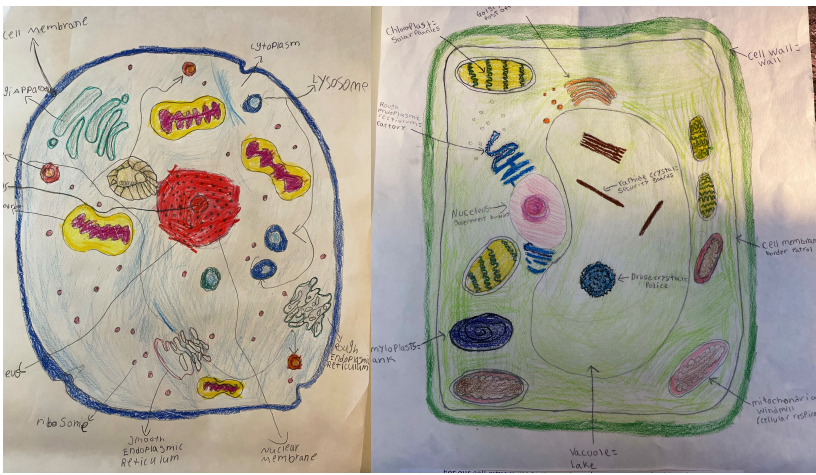
Bryce's favorite holiday is Christmas. Bryce is an iconic staple at Mandala, when you come to visit you just have to check him out!

*Interview by Miss Kelsey, Katie, Stella, Farrah, & Sarah*

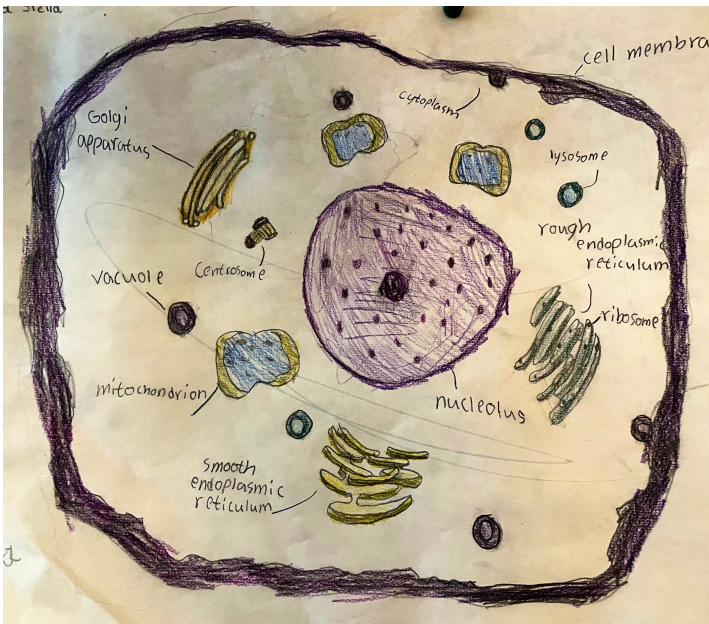


The youngest group has started an author study of author and illustrator Kevin Henkes. This week we read *Chrysanthemum*, *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*, and *Owen*. We read a biography about Kevin Henkes, watched a video about what inspires him, and set up a Lightbulb Lab in our classroom!





The middle group is learning about plant and animal cells. With a partner, we made a poster of a cell and had to compare it to a city. The mitochondria in our cell city was the nuclear power plant because it provides energy for the cell.  
By Stella



On Wednesday evening, Mandala hosted poetry night for ages twelve to college. Almost everyone who attended shared poetry with the group. I liked listening to everyone's ideas and hearing all the different types of poetry. I was kind of expecting to hear some bad poetry but most of it was really good. A lot of it was about real life and relatable. The next poetry night will be held sometime in February. - Kody & Johnny

I am learning German (*Ich lerne Deutsch*). This week we learned the names of some foods and the days of the week. Coffee is *der Kaffee*, banana is *die Banane*, and strawberry is *die Erdbeere* (earth berry). Notice that all nouns are capitalized- Clara

In French we started a project. We have to make a puppet show using verbs in French. One line in my play is *J'ai besoin de manger de la pizza*, which means I need to eat some pizza! - Katie

For our cell city we made the nucleus the government building because it controls the cell. The chloroplasts would be the solar panels because they take energy from the sun. The endoplasmic reticulum would be a factory because it makes proteins and lipids. The vacuole would be a lake because it stores salts and water. The raphide crystal would be the security guards because it helps protect the cell. The druse crystal would be the police because it also helps to protect the cell. The cell wall would be a wall around the city. The cell membrane would be a border patrol that helps decide what can go in and out of the city. The golgi apparatus would be the post office because it receives proteins and packages them to be sent somewhere else. Mitochondria would be the windmills because it provides energy through cellular respiration. Amyloplasts would be the bank because it stores things. By Katie & Ama

