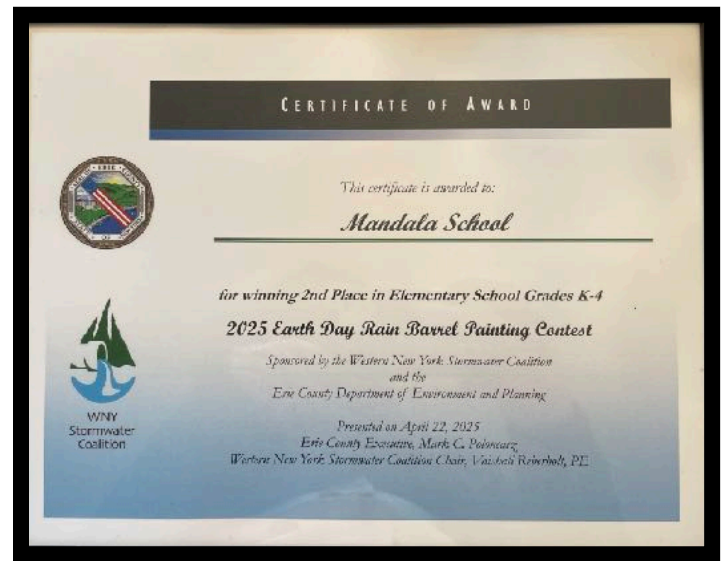


Rubber Ducky
By: Sophie K



I am a rubber ducky
Here to tell a tale
So gather round tightly
As I ring this bell

I went on a hike to
Hunter's Creek
In someone's
Hand I sat in
on the trail
When we got to the
Creek I was set free
I slipped
Down the water as some
People let me free
And others caught me
I thought it was the end
Of my story
It was scary



Congratulations to Petey, Hazel, Juniper,
Amelia, & Mealla for winning 2nd place in the
Rain Barrel Painting Contest!

Student of the Week: Weston

Weston is an intelligent 10 year-old fifth grader. He never fails to tell a story with extreme detail and is sure to bring up compelling questions while in group discussions. He wants the world to know that his favorite foods are rice and soy sauce, blueberries, raisins, and plain lettuce and that he does not like loud noises. His hobbies are animating, playing games, and playing the piano. He has two pets; a dog named Abbot and his sister has a fish which has gone through many names, both common and quite unique, but the name they decided to address the fish as is Mermaid.

If he could go anywhere he would go to Yokohama, Japan. And if he could have any superpower in the world, it would be perfect stealth, meaning the ability to be completely silent.

One thing he really wants people to know about him is that he hates loud noises. And lastly, some of his best friends are Finn, Bryce, and an online friend, Faze, which is his username.

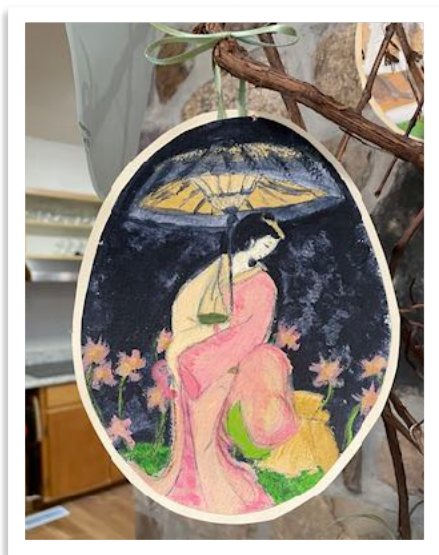
We love having Weston here and we all learn something new from him everyday!

By Brooklyn and Zach

In art this week we are finishing up our egg paintings. I just finished my watercolor water lilies painting (right). The middle group had to do two eggs, the older group had to do three. For my group you had to do one modern artist and one from the 1800s or older.

Ms. Jeanette picked this project because she thought it would be like having “breakfast” with the artists you chose. Personally I think this was the most fun project yet because you had the freedom to pick what artist you wanted to do.

By: Stella



Julia's egg



Jasper's egg



Mira's egg

Math

By: Vienna

In math this week we are learning about maximum, minimum, set, mean, median, mode, and range. We were given a sheet of paper with random numbers out of order, the first thing we had to do was put them in order from least to greatest to find the maximum and the minimum. The mode in the numbers is the one that shows up the most. The mean is found by adding all the numbers together then dividing it by the amount of numbers there are. The median is the middle number, you can only find it if the set of numbers is in order, you can find it just by picking the middle number or you can count starting from both sides with your fingers and counting in until you get to the middle. The range is the difference between the maximum and the minimums values, you can find it by subtracting the greatest number from the smallest number.



Hunters Creek

By: Ama and Sophie

On Earth Day the whole school went to Hunters Creek, and we stopped at a little creek before we had lunch and sketched. We had lunch on the ground or on a log and some people put leeks in their food.

Then went down to the big creek and did experiments. We built a boat, put it in the water and tested how fast it went. And we did the same with a rubber duck in the water and timed it, too. Some people went in the creek, someone floated on their backs!

Then we went back to school for the end of the day, and got picked up. **The end**



If you have not RSVPd to our End-of-the-Year Camping Trip to Herkimer please send Kelsey an email **ASAP** with:

1. the total number of attendees
2. lodging site number
3. transportation to and from Herkimer (with family or with Mandala teachers)

*We cannot book a reservation at the diamond mines until we have a headcount

Thomas Pafk's Workshop
By Juniper, Petey, Hazel, and Amelia

We went to a workshop with Ms. Kelsey and Ms. Erin. The guy who owned it was Thomas Pafk. He is a woodworker. He is a Roycroft Artisan. He was making a throne for a contest. The throne will have a raven on it when it's done. He was making a table where you can spread it out and put pieces in to make it bigger. Then he showed us the sander and all of the tools. He was drawing his ideas for new projects. He had pictures of a bunch of tables, a bunch of chairs, beds, and more things he made in the past.



The gallery used to be a school for children! There were pictures of the children when they were at the school 90 years ago! The gallery had some toy animals and there were chairs and tables that Thomas made. There was jewelry that a different artist made. He made a chair that spins around. He was a really, really, really, really good woodworker. It was an amazing day!



This field trip was the first of a series in our Local Artist Study. The youngest group will meet five local artists and learn about their creations as an artist!