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Pinellas County Student Named Arts4All Florida  
October 2023 Student of the Month

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Arts4All Florida is pleased to announce 12-year-old Michael K Perkins as October 2023, Student of the Month winner. Michael is homeschooled and enjoys many types of visual, music, and literary arts.

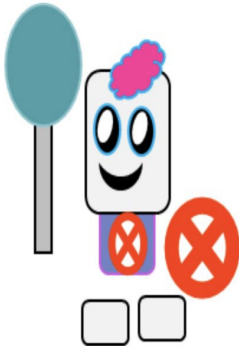
Michael taught himself a software called Unity which most game makers use, to upload his art and music to the game story plots that he writes. Michael uses YouTube videos to find tutorials about how to make games. Michael can play piano with both hands and can read treble and bass clef music. He was playing a video game called Friday Night Funkin, and then used those skills to make his own music for his piano instructor. He recreated the music notes and at the end of each lesson, they would play Michaels' Music. Michael turned his piano lessons and gaming experience into being able to make his own music for video games which seems to be his passion along with reprogramming through the backend of games the character's stats.

HIVEFENDER-B33 the Sticky and Vengeful Hive



Defending Drone

Marshfellow the Sweet and Sticky Arsonist



Josh Vincent one of Michael’s teachers said “Michael exhibits extreme levels of creativity. Pulling from working memory he can construct entire worlds and populate them with his own sense of rules and interactions.” Jessie Hontz another teacher said “Michael’s imagination and creativity shine through in his writing. He is able to create fantastic worlds and characters while developing unique stories and situations.”

Arts4All Florida looks forward to recognizing Michael in our newsletter, highlighting him on our website, and sending him a personalized trophy. The Arts4All Florida Student of the Month Program is designed to increase public awareness and recognize the impact arts make on students with disabilities statewide.

Students who participate in the arts develop creativity, have increased self-confidence, understand teamwork, have increased language and math skills and are generally more engaged. For more information about the Student of the Month program and others, please visit [www.arts4allflorida.org](http://www.arts4allflorida.org) .

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