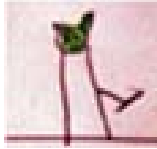


THE GREEN DRAKKOMAN STORY

The drawing that you see at the top of the page is the **Green Drakkoman**. Benjamin has been drawing and creating stories about the **Green Drakkoman** since he could hold a pen. We're not sure which came first the drawings or the stories.



The **Green Drakkoman** is a super hero friend of Benjamin's. The **Green Drakkoman** has many arch enemies. One of those arch enemies is the Evil Alien. It seems that the Evil Alien has found the **Green Drakkoman's** friend Benjamin and is hiding in his arm. It is the Evil Alien that is making him sick. The doctors are working with the Green Drakkoman to defeat the Evil Alien. They are using a strong weapon called chemotherapy to weaken the Evil Alien so the **Green Drakkoman** can defeat him. After the Evil Alien is defeated by the Green Drakkoman, they will remove him and use more chemotherapy to make sure the Evil Alien does not return. Benjamin is not worried because he knows that the **Green Drakkoman** can defeat the Evil Alien and he will be well again.

Benjamin is receiving high dose chemotherapy at Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center. Because of the strength of the chemotherapy, it has to be delivered on an inpatient basis. In January he will be undergoing a surgical procedure to remove the cancerous bone and tissues in his upper arm. It will be replaced with a donor bone and then he will continue chemotherapy.

Benjamin and his twin brother James



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Sunday, January 28, 2007

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The Beginning of Ben's Journey:

Benjamin Stowell is 6 years old and a 1st grader attending Blue Creek Elementary School. On the Wednesday after Labor Day his mother took him to the emergency room because she noticed he had difficulty raising his right arm above his head after his bath. He had fallen out of bed for the previous 8 nights and she thought he must have broken or dislocated something. It was 8 pm. the night before the first day of school and she wanted to make sure he was okay. The doctor in the emergency room sent them home telling his mother, "The X-ray looks fine, no breaks, everything is where it should be. It must be a strained muscle. If it doesn't get better by Friday make an appointment with your pediatrician." Ben went to school all week, played soccer on the weekend, his arm seemed fine. The next Friday, at 10:30 am. they received a call from his pediatrician telling them that Ben needed to get an MRI immediately. The radiologist at the hospital, upon reviewing Ben's X-ray, "saw something." The MRI took a couple of hours after which they went back to the pediatrician's office for the MRI report. The pediatrician had already made an appointment for Ben on the following Monday with an Orthopedic Surgical Oncologist. The next Friday Benjamin had a biopsy and they were told the unofficial diagnosis—**Second Stage Osteogenic Sarcoma**—which was confirmed on the following Monday. The next Friday Benjamin began chemotherapy.

Ben has not fallen out of bed since the night of his X-ray.

For the latest on his journey go to:

www.greendrakkoman.com

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