

## **ALEC'S STORY**

Alec Kramer, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Fort Meigs Elementary, lives here in Perrysburg with his family, mom Beth, dad Mark, brothers Kyle and Cory and sister Keri. Alec is an excellent student, enjoys participating in sports and playing video games. Alec was your typical 5<sup>th</sup> grader until Labor Day Weekend 2007. On Sat. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, Alec and his family's world changed forever when Alec was exhibiting some issues with one of his eyes.

Alec's eye just didn't look right, so his mom took him to the pediatrician; they ordered a head CT and found he had a brain tumor. At this point they didn't know if it was malignant or not but surgery was scheduled 2 days later on Labor Day. After the agonizing wait, unfortunately the diagnosis of the tumor proved to be malignant and Alec was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma. Most of the tumor was removed and Alec is currently in treatment to take care of any residual. He has completed 6 weeks of radiation and will receive chemotherapy through December 2008, at least. Upon completion of treatment he will continue to have doctor's visits, blood work and scans. He and his family have a long road ahead of them in dealing with not only the physical aspects of the side effects from treatment but also the emotional aspects as well.

Alec attends school as often as he can and receives tutoring at home when he can't. He is doing well and is determined to keep his grades up. Despite the frequent lab visits, blood transfusions, doctor's visits, physical therapy appointments and the nasty side effects of radiation and chemotherapy Alec is determined to make the most of life and lick this thing.