



The Prudence Wave

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PJ Light House by Meg, PJSF 10th grader

To me, at least, the lighthouse has always just been there. It wasn't especially fascinating, it was just there. It blinks, never moves, you aren't allowed to climb on it, sometimes it makes noises, blinks some more. Not much there for a kid to do except contract ticks and hurt their feet on the scrub grass and broken glass. But the more I looked at it, or maybe the more bored I got, the more the lighthouse seemed to speak to me.

So I decided it was a good time to write about it. Turns out it was actually built on Goat Island, and then moved here later. You've probably noticed the name and number on the side; David Melville, 1823. That was a long time ago almost... *calculating*... 189 years ago. Crazy to think that the Lighthouse was here on this earth before John Quincy Adams was elected President, before electricity was a commodity, before Thomas Edison was even born! Mind = Blown.

Anyhow, the lighthouse has stood on Sandy Point, since it was relocated here in 1851, through multiple Hurricanes and tropical storms, flooding, drought, market crashes, at least two major wars, and it's still there. A total of eleven lighthouse keepers lived in the small cottage built for the keepers to live in.

Time went on, and things changed. The keeper's cottage was totaled in the hurricane of 1869 and rebuilt. The fog bells were added in 1885 and improved over the years to make it louder and more efficient.

See LIGHT HOUSE on p 9



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1906 light with the Keeper at the top with a pal. Fog bell tower still attached with walkway going to the keepers cottage.



Later, around 1916, keepers Cottage and boathouse visible in background. Sand Point Pavilion Dance Hall in foreground

*Reasons Why Our School is Awesome:
Our Favorite Parts of the 2011 -2012 School Year*



By Aribella PISF pre-schooler

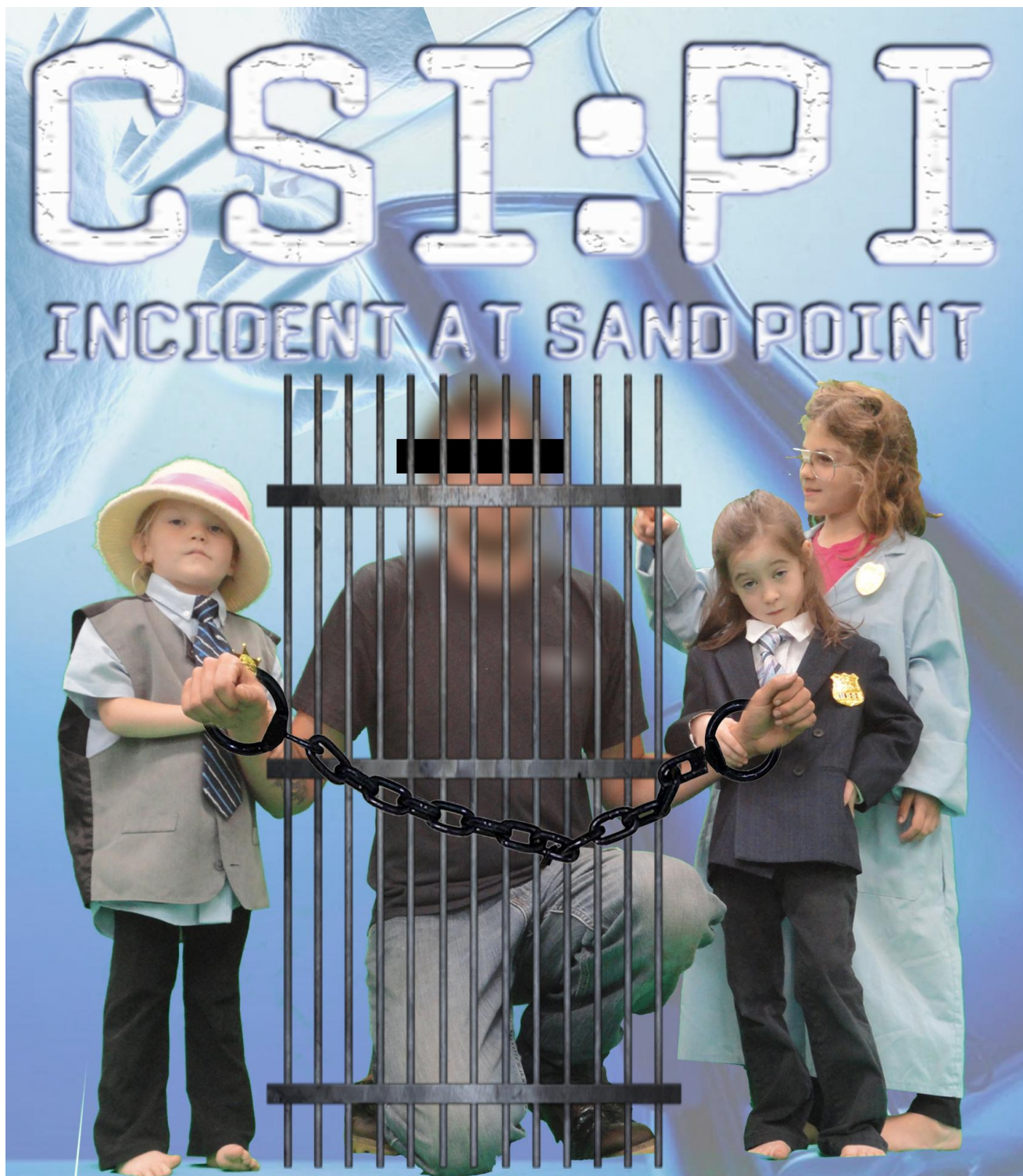
My favorite part of school are new friends and teacher friends, including Steph. Because I got new friends. My favorite things to do with my friends is play games and do puzzles. My new pet friends too, Coconut the guinea pig and Belle the dove.



By Raya ^{1st} grade PISF student

These are some of my favorite parts of school. I like math because of Linda. I also love it because I think it's my thing! I also like that I know everybody in the school. If this is your first time reading this paper, these are the names of the students: Raya (that's me), Shelby, Aribella, Marina, and Meggy. My favorite animals in the school are a dove whose name is Belle, and a guinea pig whose name is Coconut. I take Belle home, and my teacher, Eliza takes Coconut home. These are the reasons I love school.





The Premiere Red Carpet Showing will be August 16 at Farnham Farm at 7pm.

There will be two additional showings on August 17 at 7pm and 8 pm.

Tickets are free, but donations are gladly accepted

Call Jen Young at 683-5756 or jenyoung2526@gmail.com to reserve your seats



By Shelby, PISF 2st grader

Some of my favorite things in school are: I like math, because we get to play math games with Linda; spelling, because spelling can be cursive or printing; and reading, because I get to learn bigger words and then I feel proud of myself. I like our pets because I like to snuggle with the guinea pig. I like gardening, because I get to work with Ray and I get to pull weeds. I like swimming class, because I get to go swimming in the winter. I like all these things, and I like this school – it's different from all the other schools in the world!

By Marina, PISF 9th grader

I have many favorite parts of school but I'm only going to say a few. Well my absolute favorite part about school is that I get to go here. That's an obvious one. My next favorite part is cop class. One of my many favorite parts is our super fascinating lessons with Joe.

Cop class is one of my favorites because I get to do so many cool things. I got to do really cool projects, likes blood spatter, photo notebook, and the crime scene. The stuff I get to do is so amazing. Thanks to Glenn for teaching me all the cool stuff and thanks to Jen for letting me have this class.

I love our lessons with Joe because I get to learn so many things I never would have known, and the cool thing about it is that it is all island related. Instead of learning out of a text book we actually get to go for cool walks and he will tell us all about it. It's definitely the best way to learn history, in my opinion. I'm so happy I get to learn that way. Joe is amazing and makes learning so much more fun and interesting.

These are just a few of my favorite parts about going to the Prudence Island School. There are many more I could list and tell you about. Which is pretty much everything I get to do. But that's all for now.



By Meg, PISF 10th grader

My favorite part of this school year was either Wednesday's or Newspaper, I can't decide so I'll write about both. Wednesday's are our off-island days and it's always nice to go off-island just to remind myself why I'm lucky to live on the island. First, the bigger kids (Me, Marina, and my mother as Chaperone) go off on the eight o'clock boat to volunteer at Bristol Good Neighbors, the soup kitchen in the old church building. But before we even go there, we have to go to Sip'n'Dip for breakfast, where Marina and Mom order, and then Marina orders for me because I can never decide what to get, and she gets impatient with me. Then we meet up with Jen and Raya and Shelby and Linda at the library and we hang out in the young adult section before going downstairs to the children's section to play with the robots. Then comes my favorite part of Wednesday; we head down to Roger Williams University to swim class, and for a blissful hour, we swim and frolic in the water and the hot tub and the sauna. Then we all go out to lunch (either Jackie's Galaxy or the Beehive Café) and then take the four o'clock boat home, and my muscles get that jello-y feeling that only swimming laps can do and I sleep like a rock.

But on the other hand, the newspaper is a lot of fun to create. I never really know how any of my articles will come out; everything is different depending on my mood. The sassy stuff is usually written after lunch, when I'm tired and can't think of anything, so I just let go and see what comes out. Like this one. I actually sat here in front of our computer, "Chuck", for a good hour, procrastinating mostly. But after a cup of tea, and a stress relieving dance party in the kitchen, this is the product. Not my best, but it'll do. It's always fun to see what the little ones come up with, and to read Marina's awesome style. And I'm really excited to see who will write this summer, and what will come of it. It has been a really great year from all aspects, and looking back I can't believe it went by so fast, and so much fun.



Children's Theater Camp

The 2012 Josie Avery Theater Camp at Farnham

Farm will take place this summer from

July 30- August 3.

The camp is open to children that are six years old

(entering first grade this fall) and older.

Camp is now full, but you may still sign up for the waiting list.

Please come see the performance on August 3.

For more info please contact Jen Young:

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Prudence Island Market
Saturdays, 8:30-11
on the PIA lawn



Under the Sea with Shelby

Our resident Marine Biologist will be writing a monthly sea life column. This month she will be informing her readers about the fascinating world of sunfish.

The Fish with No Tail

- Ocean sunfish are very fascinating creatures. That's why I picked them for this column.
- Another name for ocean sunfish is mola mola.
- They live in every ocean in the world, but they have to be in warmer water. This is how they stay warm in cold oceans: they stay in the currents of warmer water.
- There are three kinds of sunfish.
- Sunfishes weigh about 2200 pounds and they are 6 feet long and 8 feet tall.
- They are the biggest bony fish in the world
- The sunfish lays more eggs than any animal.
- They have lots of parasites on them. Sometimes sunfish go to the top of the water and the seagulls eat the parasites off them.
- There's another reason they go to the top of the water – to recharge and get themselves warm.
- Sunfishes eat mostly jellyfish, but also squid, crustaceans, small fish and eel grass.
- Sea lions are a predator of the sunfish – also sharks, orcas and people.
- Sometimes sunfish die from eating plastic bags, because they think they are jellyfish, so be careful with your trash when you're on beaches. Clean it up and save some sunfish.



A Final Open Casting Call for CSI:PI Movie

Come be a part of island history

We need star extras for the PI school movie that is currently being filmed.

Come one come all to the Prudence Island School House

Sunday
July 15
1 pm

Dear Raya!

Every month we are doing a Dear Raya advice column, where islanders submit anonymous questions and Raya will give her best first grade advice. Please submit your questions to the Dear Raya box inside of Prudence Variety or E-mail them to ThePrudenceWave@Aol.com.

Dear Raya:

I hear that you're an Elvis fan. What's your favorite Elvis song? What is your favorite Elvis movie?

Rising Sun Fan

Dear Rising Sun Fan:

My favorite Elvis movie is Blue Hawaii, because I have it. My favorite Elvis song is Blue Suede Shoes, because of the way he performs it.

Love,

Raya

Dear Raya:

What is your favorite spot to watch the sunset?

PI Country Boy

Dear PI Country Boy,

My favorite place to watch the sunset is on Sunset Trail because the trees are extra magical there. I can also make fairy houses in the trees there, in the holes or in the roots.

Love,

Raya

Where is this??



Where is this????

We will give you the answer in the August edition of The Prudence Wave!

Last month's 'Where is This?' :

This bathroom is located at the South End near the T-dock. It is run by solar power.... Very cool.....

Wish list

• Volunteer to clean the school

- garden gate builder
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Humming bird feeder
- Hand soap
- Sea Monkeys !!!!!



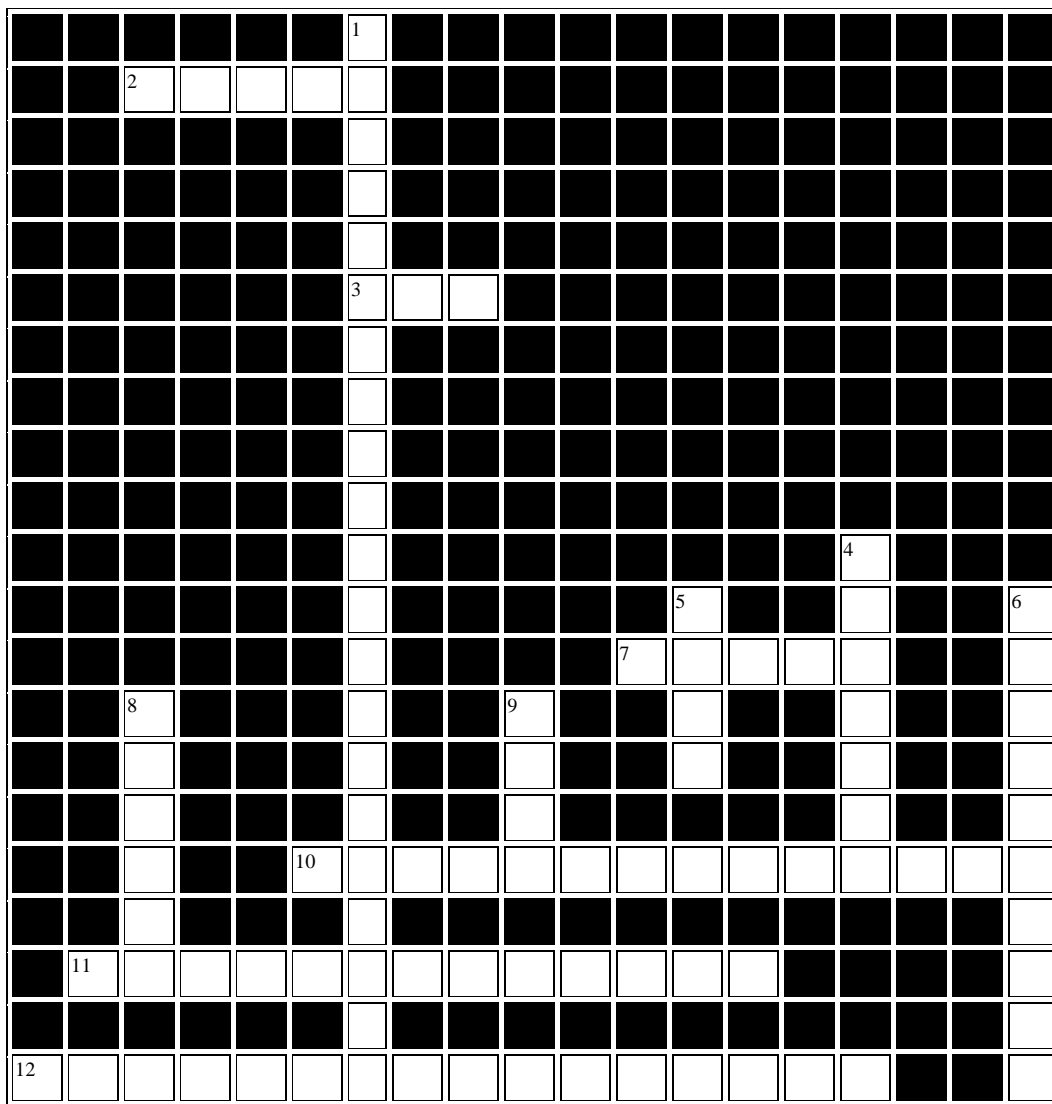
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Summer Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. There was a farmer who had a dog and _____ was his name-o
3. _____ and bean supper
7. Wednesday _____ night at the PIA
10. Find fresh produce at this new PIA event
11. Touch a fire truck at the _____ fair
12. free ice cream this year at _____

Down

1. The only time you can throw objects and water balloons at people on the side of the street
4. Bring out your child's inner thespian at _____ camp
5. Find your inner zen at _____ with Nanda
6. Labor day _____ tournament
8. Most exciting Island event EVER!!!! (include hyphen in your answer)
9. Tuesday is _____ night at the PIA

July Island Events

Island Events that occur every week in July

- ***Bingo**-Friday nights 8:15pm at PIA
- ***Island Market**-PIA lawn, Saturdays 8:30-11:00am
- ***PYO game night**-Tuesdays 6:30-9:30pm @ PIA
- ***PYO movie night**-Wednesdays 7:00pm (G movie) & 8:30pm(PG movie) @ PIA
- ***Farnham Farm Day Camp** Mondays (see details below)
- ***Yoga** Sundays 4pm @ Farnham Farm
- ***Stitch and Chat** Monday 10:30-12pm @ HBC
- ***Movie** Monday 1pm @ HBC
- ***Internet Café**- Monday, Thursday & Saturday 10 – 12 @ HBC
- ***Union Church Services**- Sundays 9:15 @ Union Church
- ***Our Lady of Prudence Sunday Mass**- Sundays 9 am

July Special Events

- ***Independence Day Parade on July 4** : leaves from Alice Avenue & Daniel Avenue @10:45am
- ***Potluck-Movie Night July 7**@ 7pm Hope Brown Center
- ***PIA Chowder & Stuffy Cook-Off plus Corn-Hole Tournament on July 14**: 3pm Corn Hole Tournament and 5pm Chowder & Stuffy Cook-Off
- ***Music at the Farm on July 15** @ 1 pm at the HBC
- ***Craft Fair on July 21**: 9am @ PIA
- ***NBNERR Block Party on July 21**: 12-3pm @ NBNERR building
- ***International Dining on July 21**: 6pm Hope Brown Center
- ***Historical Society Annual Meeting on July 28**- 11am @ Union Church
- ***Ham & Bean Supper on July 28**- 5pm @ PIA
- ***Theater Camp on Monday July 30th to Friday August 3rd** 9am-3pm @ Farnham Farm; public performance @1pm Friday August 3rd

Farnham Farm Day Camp

- ***July 9th: Plant Pressing/Leaf Rubbings** (9-11 AM)
- ***July 16th: Seining** (9-11 AM): Be prepared to get wet!
- ***July 23rd: Plankton Tow** (9-11 AM)
- ***August 6th: Night Hike** (7:30 PM - 9:30 PM)
- ***August 13th: Salt Marsh Exploration** (9-11 AM) Be prepared to get wet and muddy!

Contact Katey Bearse @ 633-5628 for further information and to reserve your spot.



Open
Monday – Saturday 10am - Noon

Light House (cont. from page 1)

Then in the '38 hurricane the cottage was swept away with the six people taking shelter inside. The Keeper at the time, George Gustavus was the only survivor. His wife, youngest son, two others and a retired lighthouse keeper, Martin Thomson, all drowned. How painful it must have been for the citizens of our tight-knit community for five people, five neighbors, five sons and daughters, five friends to be lost so suddenly. But life for the Lighthouse went on.

Shortly after that fateful day, it was converted to electricity. The keeper's cottage was never rebuilt. Instead, Neighbors to the lighthouse, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Chase took over management. The time of the keepers was over; the age of lamplighters had come. Technology, as it has a lot of things these days, over took the need for lamplighters in the early sixties, and the last lamplighter was our very own Marcy Dunbar.

The U.S. Coast Guard took up management of the lighthouse, and has kept it in 'ship-shape' over the years. Our Lighthouse is in fact the only lighthouse of its kind (octagonal stone tower with bird-cage style light chamber) in Rhode Island. While numerous things have faded throughout time (white bee hive wigs, passenger pigeons, bell bottoms (thank goodness), Rock and Roll (☺), Disco (sigh of relief), cool old westerns (something witty), to name a few) the lighthouse continues to flash and make noise on Sandy Point, as it has for 161 years. It has guided sailors home to safe harbors, as well as guided our Island through times of hardship and woe, standing tall, and strong, and constant.

Saturdays at the Homestead Library

Book Reviews With Joe Bains

June 23, 2012 through September 1, 2012

10:30 AM – Noon

6/23/12 – Maytum's Paragraphs on Early Prudence Island

6/30/12 – The Unpublished Works of Charles Maytum

7/07/12 – The Unpublished Writings of Halsey Chase

7/14/12 – Other Authors of Prudence Island Related Books

7/21/12 – Books with a Prudence Island Connection

8/04/12 – Prudence Island Poets & Poems

8/11/12 – Prudence Island Newspapers & Journalism – I

8/18/12 – Prudence Island Newspapers & Journalism – II

8/25/12 – Academic Papers & Theses about Prudence Island

9/01/12 – Technical Reports on Prudence Island

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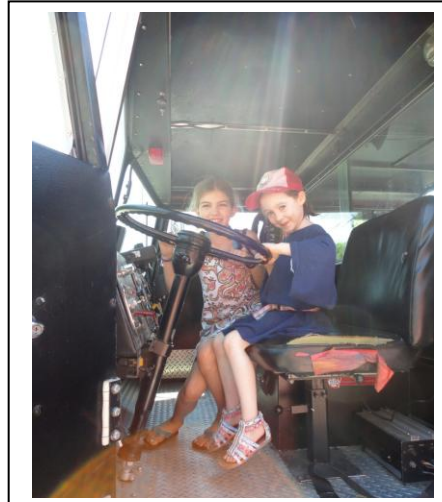
PIA Island Market June - October

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The Fire Department's 70th Anniversary By Raya, PISF 1st grader and Shelby, PISF 2nd grader

The Prudence Island Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 70th anniversary on Sunday, June 10th. There were displays of firefighter stuff and pictures of people who have participated in helping with the Fire Department. They used old fire hoses to hold up some of the pictures. There were lots of treats and some fruit. Shelby had fruit and Raya had treats. They were very tasty. We got free coloring books, and they were fun. The thing that was the most exciting to me (Raya) was that they had a display of the South End dock fire. They also had the old plans of how the fire station would be built. A lot of the children went on the fire trucks, and so did we. We all liked it because we got to look at what they had on the trucks. My Gramma and I (Shelby) found out that her uncle was a fire fighter in the Prudence Island Fire Department. That was really cool to know. I (Raya) saw baby Charlie there. She was so cute! She waved at us and blew us a kiss. We loved it at the 70th anniversary celebration, and we can't wait for the next one.



PISF SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Prudence Island School Foundation will be offering the following programs this July and August.

- **Tutoring:** Reading, Math, and Math packet
- **Newspaper Club:** Thursdays from 10 - 12.
We invite all island children, ages 5-18 to join us in writing articles for the PISF newspaper.
*All children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Toddler Group:** Thursdays from 9-12
We invite children and their parents to come play in the schoolyard.

If you have questions about any of the programs or would like to sign up for reading / math help, please e-mail us at: theprudencewave@aol.com. You can also call Jen or Eliza at the school: 683-1857.

Intriguing Islander of the Month

By Marina, PISF 9th grader

Everybody must know Melanie. She is funny, throws amazing parties, and makes outrageous brownies. Melanie is always happy. I always see her smiling, I think that why everybody enjoys being around her. She is just so fun to be around.

Melanie was born on January 13th and grew up in New Hampshire. She went to a parochial school and attended Manchester memorial high school. For work Melanie runs a call center at Jamestown distributors that is for boating supplies. Before working at Jamestown distributors, Melanie worked at Sears. She met Gene while working at Sears and that's how she was introduced to the island.

Melanie can bake amazingly. She can bake the tastiest brownies you'll ever eat. Even though she can't tell us what makes her brownies so good, she did tell us that the key to her brownies is emulsification. I'm sure she can bake many other tasty treats but her brownies are my favorite. On her free time, Melanie loves to work in her garden and likes to do counted cross stitching. She stitched well over one hundred pieces!! That's pretty cool. We even got to see her gallery of all her amazing work. She stitched several pieces for each holiday to decorate her house with. I think we can all agree that Melanie is very talented.

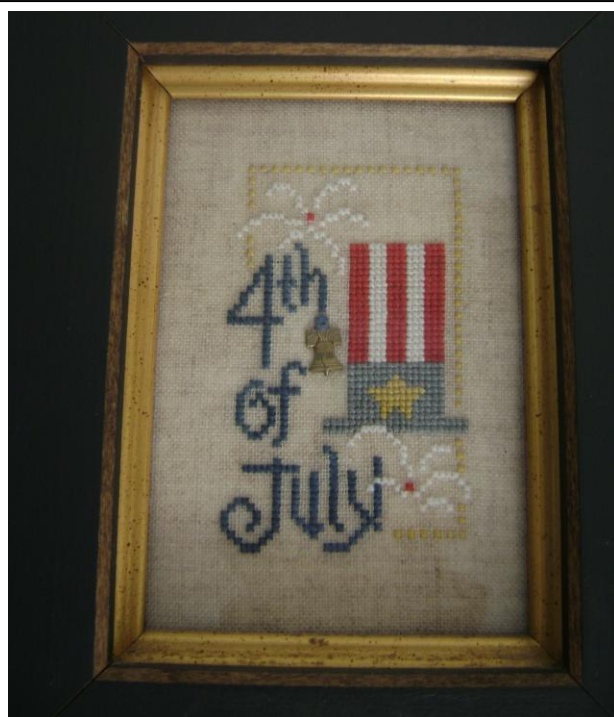
If you don't know Melanie, I highly suggest you get to know her. It will be worth it, I promise.



Prudence School Fundraiser

The Homestead Plat Improvement Association will be sponsoring a used cookbook sale to benefit the restoration of the Prudence Island School building.

Please look through your cookbook collection over the Winter and donate any you no longer use. Bring them to the Homestead Plat Improvement Association building (the Library) next Spring and Summer. You can drop them through the book return slot or stop by during Library hours (M-F 10:00 to Noon June, July and August) We will be selling them at the Farnham Farm Harvest Fair Yard Sale in August. The students will also be decorating and selling cupcakes at the event.



One of Melanie's Masterpieces

Snapshots of Our Year in Review!



Beach investigation



Gardening with Ray



Messy Oobleck Observation



Exploring with Joe



Bubble Party



School Pets



Pigeon training



Marina trained Henrietta to give kisses



Marina's final crime scene for cop class



Invasive Plant Project



Mushroom Studies



Studying with Joe



Cooking



Party!!



Culturing a chicken's beak for Meg's Bio class



Math with Linda

Journals of the Month

By Raya, PISF 1st grader

This creature lives in a cave. It eats special kinds of leaves. The leaf is called love. There is only one tree in the entire world. My creature was a bat until an evil queen cast a spell on it. If it finds the key to its love, it will be free of the curse. And it gets its water from stalagmites.

By Shelby, PISF 2nd grader

Once upon a time there was a caterpillar named Leaf. One day he was walking on Sunset Trail and when he was walking, he stepped in gum. When he saw it, he said, "eww," then he walked away with gum on his foot. He went to Hawaii and it was still on his foot. Then he went to China and it was still on his foot. Then he finally wiped it off and threw it away.

By Marina, PISF 9th grader

Well it all started on a Wednesday. I was surrounded by this weird plastic type wrapper thingy. I spent my whole life in here and it's all about to change. I can hear the little kids doing their challenges, and I just know one of these days they're going to challenge themselves to try me! Being in this wrapper has made my body all stiff and sore. I need to get out so I can loosen up a bit! Just as I finished my thought I could feel little fingers getting grip on my wrapper to take me with them, oh this little one keeps talking about how sour I could be but, I'm not that sour. I think she can handle me.. Now here comes the test! She opens the wrapper and starts chewing on me.... I thought I was going to go on this great adventure but I didn't make it very far. Once she threw me on the ground I was thinking of all the places I could go.... But then I hear some adult tell her to put me in the trash! I guess gum being on the ground is littering, but it's ok in the lovely trash can outside of Jacky's Galaxie. I have made a bunch of friends. There is minty gum, fruity gum, and gum with two flavors. It's a sticky dream come true! I love it. Although it's a little stinky in here, it's much better than that tiny little wrapper I was in.



Raya's Creature

The Penny Jar Band Concert

A fundraiser for the PISF
August 4 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Union Church

They are a fantastic band that plays
international folk music.

The Prudence community is invited to join
the band in one song called "Come on up to
the House."

Contact Grace McEntee
(gmcente@aol.com or 683-0298) if you
would like to learn the song — to sing or to
play along with The Penny Jar Band.