



# The Prudence Wave

## Voting on Prudence

By Julianna, PISF 8<sup>th</sup> grader

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Did you know that we can vote right here on Prudence? Well now you do! On November 6<sup>th</sup> Meg, Marina, and I went to the fire station to watch Jen vote and learn how to vote for ourselves in the future! We learned all about how voting isn't only for the president, but actually has a lot of choices for local, state, and federal government. (We even got to wear "I Voted" stickers!)

On the inside of the station there were poll workers (A.K.A. Frank Jurnak, Cynthia Ives, Joan Ferreira, and Barbara Pezza) who supervised the voting and were in charge of making sure you were registered. Frank kindly showed us how to fill in the sample copies of the ballots and showed us what it would be like to really vote! It was seriously awesome! Something that was really funny is that even all us islanders know each other Jen still had to show her driver's license to confirm her identity; It's a new rule throughout Rhode Island that you must have photo identification present in order to vote such as a U.S. passport or an employee I.D. card.

All together on Prudence the amount of people who voted for president was 78 votes including two under votes (when the marking by a voter is unclear). In the end Obama came out with a whopping 59 votes sweeping out the popular vote on Prudence.

Curious on how the island voted on other parts of the election? Here are some other candidates that hold the popular vote on Prudence Island:

Senator in Congress- Sheldon Whitehouse

Representative in Congress- Brendan P. Doherty

Senator in General Assembly- Christopher Scott Ottiano

Town Clerk of Portsmouth- Kathleen M. Viera-Beaudoin



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*Our Historic Island*By Meg, PISF 11<sup>th</sup> grader

This coming year is Portsmouth's 375<sup>th</sup> birthday, and they are having events all year to celebrate. Even though Prudence is part of Portsmouth, Prudence's 375<sup>th</sup> birthday was actually *this* year. To celebrate, the Prudence Wave will print an article about Prudence's history through the years as America grows around it. Obviously, we will start at the beginning.

Picture a small island in the middle of a bay. This island is very quiet and peaceful; the only civilization it sees are the Native Americans, who visit it to hunt in the warmer months of the year. Trees grow that have been growing for centuries and animals follow the circle of life as they always have. The year is 1637 and Roger Williams is coming to visit. Williams was what most people back then considered a heretic for his belief in religious freedom. He was intolerable to the citizens of the successful Massachusetts Bay Colony and was banished for his blasphemy.

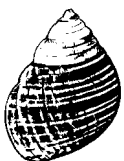
Back then religion was something the government decided and anyone who didn't believe what the government told them to was either persecuted or kept quiet. But Williams was a talkative fellow, and couldn't keep his beliefs inside. He was cast out of society and left to his own devices. He survived with the help of a friendly tribe of Native Americans, the Wampanoags. Chief of this tribe was Massasoit, father of Metacom who was later known to the English as King Phillip.

Williams preached to the natives on this small island and later he bought it from the Narragansett Indian Sachems, Canonicus, and Miantanomi, with the help of John Winthrop. Winthrop was actually the governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and ordered Williams banishment.

Local historian Joe Bains explained why these two men- who were presumed enemies due to past events- would pair up to buy a seemingly insignificant plot of land to some confused students. Basically they were trying to mend fences. Williams knew he would need help from England in the coming years as he grew his colony. John Winthrop wasn't necessarily against Williams when he banished him, but he needed to keep his people happy. So with twenty fathoms of Wampum and two coats, Winthrop and Williams bought the island and Williams named her Prudence.

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*Proceeds from both the Christmas tree sale and the pie sale will go towards the*

*PISF class trip to Washington DC*

*(for more info about the trip, see the article in this Prudence Wave)*

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## Our Washington Trip Update

By Meg, PISF 11<sup>th</sup> grader

Preparations continue as we plan our big trip to DC that will hopefully be taking place the first week of April. We have raised enough money **for three and a half kids** to go. We are very grateful to all of you who have donated; your help means a lot to us. But we're only halfway there, so we have planned another wonderful opportunity for anyone to help our cause. A generous Islander who owns Pinecrest Tree Farm of Westport Mass has offered us fresh cut Christmas trees at a reduced rate to support the trip. Any Islander can call and place an order for a choice of Balsam Fir, Fraser Fir, Meyer Spruce, White Pine, or Douglas fir and we will deliver it to your door. We are also making Ray's famous meat pies and vegetarian quiche ourselves from scratch- with Ray's assistance of course- as another opportunity to support the trip. Sign up for a pie using order forms at Marcy's store, stop by school to order or call the school at 683-1857. We hope we will have enough money by the end of this month to go on our trip and relax for a couple weeks. Once again, thank you to all of those who have helped!

## December Events on PI

**Dec. 1** - Movie Night "Moonrise Kingdom" 7:00 p.m.  
At the Farnham Farm

**Dec. 2** - Santa visit - Sand Point Light 2pm  
\*Come see Santa fly in on a helicopter!

**Dec. 14** - NBNERR Open House Noon-2:00

**Dec. 15** - Dining Around the World - Christmas celebration 6:00  
Farnham Farm  
\*Come join us for a holiday pot luck dinner and festive Christmas music  
(including the very first performance by the PI school guitar students)

## **New Year's Day Activities**

First Day Walk - 11:00 (meet at the Farm)

Polar Plunge - 12:00 noon at Sand Point Beach

Pot Luck Lunch - 1:00 Farnham Farm.  
Seats are limited so please make reservations.  
Contact Rose Giarusso for tickets.  
[egro5@msn.com](mailto:egro5@msn.com) or 683-2940.

*Squishy Brain* *by Memphis, PJSF pre-schooler*

My brain rolled in my sleep.  
 It rolled away.  
 I couldn't couldn't get it.  
 I don't have to get it back.  
 Look squishy! Look squishy!  
 I poked my eye and it fell on the ground and bounced.  
 It was squishy and a truck ran it over!!

*PIA Game Dinner**By Marina, PJSF 10<sup>th</sup> grader*

On Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> the game dinner was held at the PIA. Amazing master chef Ray and all who volunteered deserve big thanks for making the game dinner happen. These guys worked their tails off, especially Ray who cooked all the fancy dishes with only one stove. The PIA usually has two stoves but one was broken. He managed to make all those crazy meats with no power and one stove! It sounds impossible to me, but Ray can make anything possible especially when it comes to meat. He served 5 meat, venison, moose, bear, and antelope. There was supposed to be rabbit, but unfortunately it went bad due to no refrigeration. Luckily the power came back on Friday, it was perfect timing! I would say about 75 people came. I would also say that all 75 people loved everything. I mean who doesn't love Rays cooking? Overall the game dinner went well even though there was no power most of the time.



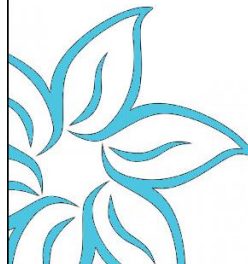
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## Aribella's Dinosaur 'Facts'

By Aribella, PISF kindergartener

My favorite dinosaur is a T-Rex. That's Tyrannosaurus Rex. It is a meat eater. I just love them so much! They roar so loud that they could break 100 windows at the same time. They are 100 times as big as the schoolhouse, so they have gigantic mouths.



## Favorite Language Sentences and Words of the Month

This year our students are each studying a foreign language. Each month the students will be sharing some of their favorite expressions that they have learned in their language classes. The following is their first installment. Can you translate them?

Raya's favorite French word this month is 'un journal.'

Shelby's favorite French phrase this month is: "Un fille mange un pomme."

Julianna's favorite French phrase is: "J'aime travailler sur le journal de l'ecole."

Marina's favorite Spanish phrase is: "El gato nadan."

Meg's favorite Portuguese phrase is: "As criances leem na escola."

Dear Raya!

Every month we will continue to do a Dear Raya Advice Column, where islanders submit anonymous questions and Raya will give her best second grade advice. Please submit your questions to the Dear Raya box inside of the Prudence Variety Store or E-mail them to ThePrudenceWave@aol.com.

Dear Raya,

*Where do Santa and Mrs. Clause go on vacation? Do they bring the elves and the reindeer?*

*"Just Wondering"*

Dear Just Wondering,

I think they go on short vacations and on Christmas Eve for Santa I think it is a big vacation for them. But when they come here they might bring one or two elves because they come in a helicopter, you never know.

Love,

Raya

Dear Raya,

*Every time I see Santa, he's wearing the same red, wool suit. Doesn't he have any other suits to wear?*

*Yours Truly,*

*Frustrated Fashionista*

Dear Frustrated Fashionista,

Well, I bet he does but I bet he just likes his red suit much better than the others. I bet he has other clothes, like a purple sweater and a white sweater. But, who knows he might have an orange jumpsuit that he wears for preparations for Christmas.

Love,

Dava

Where is this??



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

Last month's 'Who is This?' was a picture of Ray Gaudreau's baldish head

## PISF Wish List

- Computer Paper
- **\*\*VOLUNTEER TO CLEAN THE SCHOOL\*\***
- (The kids do an amazing job with all of their chores, but we need an adult to deep clean once a week.)
- garden gate builder
- A new printer
- Cozy Rug
- Sewing needles
- Mixer
- Chemistry Glass Ware (Graduated cylinders, Beakers, Erlenmeyer Flasks...)

## Under the Sea with Shelby

By Shelby, PISF 3<sup>rd</sup> grader

### NAUTILUS

This article is about the nautilus. It is a shellfish and a cephalopod. It is related to the octopus, cuttlefish and squid. It is about the size of an orange and it has a triangle shaped head. It has 90 tentacles. It has stripes on its shell. They live in the South Pacific and Indian Oceans. It eats algae, crabs, and shrimp. It makes a gas in its shell so it can float. It can make about thirty chambers as it gets older. The nautilus's chamber is the part of the shell where he lives. Today we have 6 species of nautilus. It has almost 2000 prehistoric cousins that we know of. I made a picture in our hallway mural at school of one prehistoric cousin. He has a pointy shell.



Nautilus

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## Thanksgiving Word Scramble Answers

FTFIGUNS - STUFFING

REYNBRCAR CASUE - CRANBERRY SAUCE

PLAEP SRCIP - APPLE CRISP

YREUTK - TURKEY

YGIPNRA - PRAYING

MLIYFA - FAMILY

YTAST DOFO - TASTY FOOD

DSMHEA ESOTPAOT - MASHED POTATOES

VRYGA - GRAVY

NGVIGI TKNAHS - GIVING THANKS

IKUPNMP EPI - PUMPKIN PIE

ABLFOLTO - FOOTBALL

## Prudence Picto-Puzzle

By Meg, PISF 11<sup>th</sup> grader

Use the pictures to figure out a favorite Prudence Island location



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## Intriguing Islander of the Month

By Raya, PISF 2<sup>nd</sup> grader

Priscilla came to the island when she was 8 months old. She told us it was Millie Farnham's first trip too. She was born in the month of the stock market crash. At least *something* wonderful happened that month. She has come to the Island every year since she was born. She's been coming for 84 years!

She's lived on the mainland in Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, but every year she loves coming back to the Island. Her dad was a pilot in the first World War. He loved coming to Prudence! There were horses on the Island at that time. He used to own a sailboat and he loved to sail and he did lots of sailing around Bristol Colony, where he stayed with his aunt and uncle.

Priscilla likes having friends over and she enjoys meeting new people. Her favorite animals are dogs. She likes to get to know people. She has nine grandchildren! She has four children – two boys and two girls – David, Debbie, Ricky and Sue Beck (she used to be my teacher on Prudence Island!). Her favorite spot on Prudence is her home in Bristol Colony. She loves, just loves to go to church and talk with friends.

She told me stories of old-time Prudence. The Anna M. docked down at Sand Point for the night in the winter. Manny was the pilot and he always slept on board.

Back in that day there were wagon roads. Unlike us, they shopped for most of their food on the island. Those concrete stairs that you see down at Sand Point are the stairs from the store that they used to shop for most of their foods. In the 1954 hurricane, the store was washed out and they lost all their food. So the ferryboat came over with lots of food – boxes of cereal and canned fruit cocktail. They waited in line to get their food. There were no telephones like now, but she said there were party lines. If the party line was crowded, she'd wait a minute then picked the phone up again.

We asked this question: "Tell us something special about yourself that most people don't know." This is what she said: "Many people know this. I love the Lord. He is worthy of all praise. I thank God that he has made it possible for me to live here."



*Scenes from Our Classroom*



Our Cultural Celebration Feast



Ariella playing cards with some residents at Silver Creek Manor.



Marina studying Spanish



Exploring physical and chemical changes



Julianna prep vaulting at gymnastics





Meditating during the our hurricane class



Our Thanksgiving play



Shelby's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday party at school



Advanced pumpkin carving



Chemistry color experiment