



# The Prudence Wave

## Mission Accomplished:

### D.C. Here We Come

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

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We're going to D.C!!

Thank you to everyone that helped  
make it possible!!

Thanks to all for your support and donations! We've reached our goal for the Washington D.C. trip this April! Now that we aren't spending all our time finding sponsors, I finally have some time to tell you all about the things we did (with your help!) to get to this point.

We have all been working extremely hard dating all the way back to when we introduced you to our plans in October. We school kids, along with the teachers, have done everything from using our math classes to calculate prices, history time to learn about how our governments run, all the way to making quiches and meat pies in Jen and Raya's kitchen! We've worked through blackouts, snow-days, and even somewhat of a flu epidemic researching and looking for places to visit. I think I can speak for everyone when I say that we are ecstatic about our journey to America's capitol!

You may have been wondering how we'll be getting there and some of the different places that we will see, so this is how it's all going to work. We will be taking a train to the border of D.C. and Virginia to the Lund's house (with whom we'll be staying!) and exploring places like the White House and the Smithsonian Museums. Though it'll be a learning experience, we are also going to have some fun going to the spy museum and grabbing some sweet treats at D.C. Cupcakes. To sum it all up we've got lots of places to be, loads to learn and soon we'll be on our way!



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## Revolutionary War on Prudence

By Marina, PISF 10<sup>th</sup> grader

*In honor of Portsmouth's 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2013, we will be writing a monthly story in honor of our own Prudence Island history. In our American History studies we tie Rhode Island and Prudence Island historical events into what was happening in America during each time period.*

In 1776 the Revolutionary War took place in America against the British. Part of this war took place on this very island!! The reason for the war was because America wanted to be separate from England and have its own rights. Two battles took place on Prudence.

The first battle on Prudence Island took place on January 12, 1776. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon 12 warships with 250 men landed on the south end of Prudence, right about where the boat ramp is today. There were about 40-50 islanders against the 250 Red Coats, but only one islander was wounded and one was taken prisoner until 1779. During the first battle the British burned every house from Baker Farm south.

The second battle on Prudence Island took place the following day, January 13, 1776 at about 9 o'clock in the morning. About 90 men had gathered from Bristol, Warren, and Warwick to reinforce the islanders. This battle only lasted 3 hours, but within that time the British managed to burn every house left on island except for the house that belonged to Thomas Allin. The British took pity on the Allin family because 7 of the 11 children and their mother Rebeckah were blind. By the end of the second battle, that was the only house left on Prudence. Although the British burned the whole island, the Islanders managed to run the British off the Island.

After two long battles on Prudence and countless battles all over the country the Americans got the freedom they wanted. I find it very fascinating that our island is a part of history. I never knew part of the Revolutionary War took place here.

Below is a spontaneous reenactment of the first island battle in the very spot that the British stepped foot on Prudence. Julianna, Meg and Joe are playing the part of the British soldiers while Raya and Shelby represent the island militia.



*Polar Plunge*By Meg, PISF 11<sup>th</sup> grader

This New Year's was cold, windy, and damp; and still there were people taking the plunge into the icy bay. In my opinion, it's a miserable way to start the New Year - wet, frigid and uncomfortable - but for others it is a chance to wash off the old year. It signifies the rebirth of the year that everything will be different, hopefully better. There are also people there who do it for the adrenaline rush, and so they can say they did it. But this year there were other people. This Year's Polar Plunge was in honor of Shannon Cubellis who perished in a house fire in October. Donations can be made in Shannon's name to the PI volunteer Fire Department, who valiantly fought the fire that claimed the life of that loved member of our community. The day was very successful: I stayed dry, those who took the plunge got bragging rights, and the Fire Department received donations for their work.

*Under the Sea with Shelby*By Shelby, PISF 3<sup>rd</sup> grader**THE OARFISH: A POEM**

The Oarfish is an interesting animal.

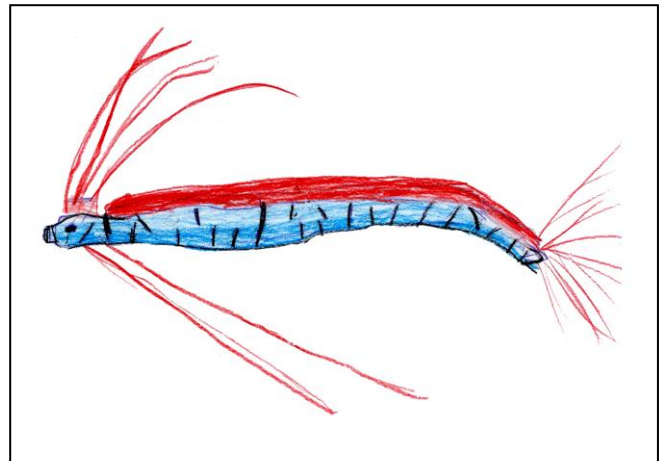
It doesn't have any teeth.

It grows to 56 feet long and it eats shrimp and small fish.

It also, on its head and its tail, has spikes,  
and it sparkles in the deep.

The Oarfish lives in very deep water.

That's why they are rarely seen.





## Greek Goddess of the Month

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

### HESTIA

PRONOUNCED: Hes'-tee-uh

#### SYMBOLS:

- Family meals
- Flowering branch
- Kettle
- Sacred fire
- Veil

Peaceful Sweet



#### FACTS:

1. She gave up her throne to Dionysis.
2. She is an original Olympian.
3. She welcomes everyone at Mount Olympus.
5. She is a sister of Zeus.
6. She never chooses who to side with in arguments and wars.
7. She doesn't like fights or wars.
8. She is the nicest and most gentle of all.
9. She doesn't like to leave the hearth.
10. Family life??

Lovely

Oh, I didn't see you there.  
Would you like a  
roasted marshmallow?

Hearth keeper

Gentle

Do you want to  
help me tend the fire?

welcomer

Loving





**Evildoers descend on Prudence Island this summer. Will there be someone to save us? Stay tuned!**

**e·vil·do·er** Noun. A person who commits profoundly immoral and malevolent deeds.

*2013 PISF  
Feature Film  
in Theater  
this summer*

## Aribella's Dinosaur 'Facts'

By Aribella, PISF kindergartener

### Brachiosaurus

- They have super-duper long necks.
- They have really long tails too.
- They are plant eaters.
- The T-Rex is their worst enemy. He is the king of meat eaters..... He even eats other meat eaters!
- They are really really tall, even taller than the school.... And the school is pretty tall!!



## 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.

Raya:

*Le Docteur mange une pomme.*

Shelby:

*Elle a un poisson.*

Julianna:

*Les filles mangent des sandwiches.*

Marina:

*La flores es amarilla y grande.*

Meg:

*Nadam em janeiro.*





## Where is this??



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

Last month's 'Where is This?'

This was a picture of the damaged private dock near Sand Point after the Hurricane. It shows just how strong the storm was on island.

## PISF Wish List

- Computer Paper
- Poster boards
- Scotch tape
- Cozy Rug
- Sewing needles
- Digital scale
- **\*\*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.)

## Periwinkle Printing

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## Snow Poem

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

### SNOW/WINTER

*Snow*

*The way it falls*

*How it glitters on your porch*

*The intricate designs on snowflakes*

*No two snowflakes are the same*

*I love the winter*

*It's my favorite*

*snow*



*Observing snow crystals*

## Go Green P.I.

By Shelby, PISF 3<sup>rd</sup> grader and Raya, PISF 2<sup>nd</sup> grader

Recycling is the law. There are some new rules for recycling at the Prudence Island transfer station. All small household plastic containers can now be recycled, not just plastic bottles and jugs. Examples of other small household plastic containers include:

- Wide-mouth jars, like peanut butter and mayo jars
- Plastic, deli-style take out containers (also known as "clamshells")
- Plastic egg cartons
- Yogurt cups
- Margarine tubs
- Iced coffee cups



Bottles, cans, drink cartons, paper, and cardboard can now all go in the same container. Some things are NOT allowed in the recycling:

- Keep plastic bags out of the recycling bins (take them back to the supermarket instead)
- Beer and soda packaging is still not recyclable. It's designed to resist breaking apart when wet, which is why paper mills don't want it.
- Frozen food and refrigerated food boxes are still trash for the same reason as the beer and soda packaging.
- No Styrofoam, hot beverage cups, or foil packaging (like chip bags).
- Clothing and textiles should be donated - please keep them out of recycling bins.
- Household hazardous waste needs to go to the Eco-Depot in Portsmouth, never in your recycling bins.

All recyclables really do get recycled!

Reusing things is good for the earth, too. You can reuse egg cartons, if you have chickens or ducks. You can also put paints in old plastic egg cartons when you want to paint a picture. Instead of buying plastic water bottles, you can buy refillable bottles so you can refill them over and over again, so you don't throw them away and you don't pollute the earth.

Compost everything you can. You can compost leftover fruits and vegetables, or you can give them to Rossi Farm for their pigs. Or you can keep them for your garden.



There is a spot at the transfer station for yard waste. These are some examples: grass clippings, leaves, and branches (but they have to be less than 3 feet).

There is no charge for metal items. There is a spot for them at the transfer station. Tires cost \$5.00 to bring them to the transfer station.

Mattresses, box springs, refrigerators and air conditioners cost \$15.00 each to bring them to the transfer station.



There is no oil igloo on Prudence Island, but we hope to get one. Let's help the earth and the environment by recycling, reusing and reducing as much as we can!



## Go Green PI Slogan Contest



WE ARE HAVING A SLOGAN CONTEST!!

to encourage people to RECYCLE on Prudence Island.

We want YOU to enter your best slogan ideas!

You'll find a (reused) jar at Marcy's to put your entry.

or you can e-mail your slogan to [theprudencewave@aol.com](mailto:theprudencewave@aol.com).

The children of the Prudence Island Schoolhouse will choose the best slogan.

The winner will be crowned the Queen or King of Recycling.

And they will be invited to have lunch at the PI Schoolhouse.

## Prudence Picto-Puzzles

Use the pictures to figure out favorite Prudence Island locations



January Pictopuzzle Answers:

1. Marcy's
2. Bacon Farm

## Intriguing Islander of the Month

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

Pat Rossi has been a constant in the life of all islanders. A big believer in Prudence's tight knit community and the spirit that comes with it, Pat grew up here; attending the PI School off and on in her early education. A Portsmouth High School graduate, she then went off to Swains School of Design in Newport for two years. Growing up she often went to Rossi Farm (before she married Matt) and rode the horses. The Rossi Farm had been a horse farm for several years with 16 horses and offered riding lessons, buggy rides, as well as a horse camp. But the business of a horse farm is very seasonal- especially on the Island- and it takes a lot of money to feed, insure and winter-over horses.



Twelve years ago Pat and Matt made the decision to sell half the herd and start raising other animals for food purposes. To avoid the gross and inhumane hormones that are in most store-bought meats, the farm acquired cows, chickens, and pigs. "I know where my food comes from," says Pat, "and the quality of life it has before use." Over the past few years, Pat and her family have also been selling their meat and plan to start selling chicken as well as beef, pork, and goat.

Besides the Farm, Pat is very involved in the community as an EMT for the Fire Department, President of the PIA, and the organizer for the PYO, as well as the bus driver for the school kids. She loves how these organizations embrace all ages, effectively bringing the island together as a community for several occasions.

Patricia loves to work with teens and used to work as assistant manager for the DCF- a 90 day placement shelter for teenage girls. Today Pat keeps the PYO up and running as an involved and friendly organization. The Prudence Youth Organization is a chance for the teens on the island to get together and be involved in the Prudence Community over the summer, including banding up with the PIA for several occasions such as Friday Night Bingo and the Craft Fair.

She became involved with the PIA shortly after the night club fire in Providence. The PIA building was in rough shape, and was a danger if there was ever a fire. To save the building, Pat and several others banded together to bring it up to fire code. Today the PIA is the center for many Island events.

With one of her favorite things being Prudence's community, Pat has contributed both to our Island itself and the people on it. Without her I am almost positive the PYO would have disbanded and the teens here would be bored all summer. Leading an interesting life full of island fun and adventure, Patricia Jean is a truly intriguing islander.



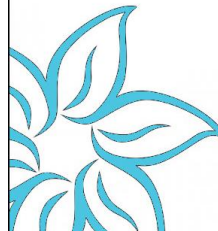
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Artwork of the Month



This is a Monet-inspired piece by Raya, PISF 2<sup>nd</sup> grader

Made by the Bay Jewelry

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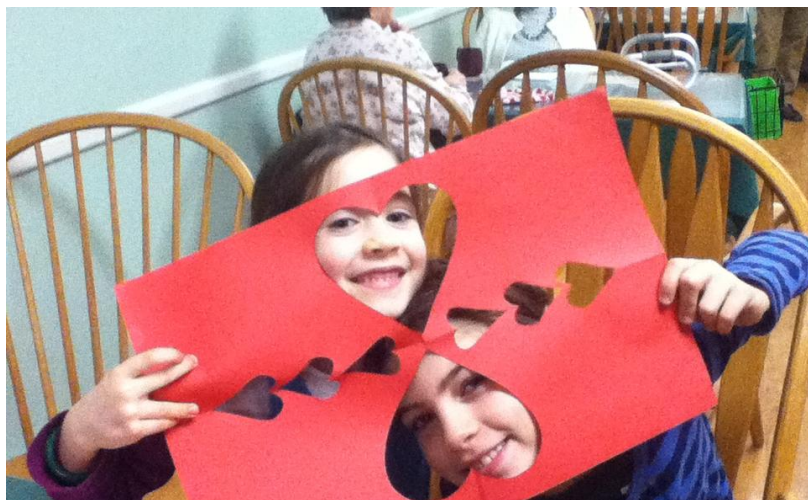
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