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Pigeon Parents By Ben, PISF 5th grader

Remember our one lonely pigeon? Well this year we got 3 more, and 2 eggs are in the nest!! Also, one egg has hatched!! Sadly, the other probably is a dud because the egg is really cold.

Here I will tell you about our pigeons! We have 2 species of pigeons. One species is the rock pigeon, the other ½ of the pigeons are Owl pigeons, and they are white (sometimes with a spot of grey on them). Our new baby pigeon is ½ Rock pigeon and ½ Owl pigeon, so who knows what the baby will look like when he/she is an adult!!

So, since I told you about our pigeons, I might as well tell you about every single living pigeon on planet earth (if there is another planet with pigeons on it!). Did you know that pigeons are one of the most intelligent animals on earth? Yep! They are one of a few that pass the mirror test, a test of self-recognition. Also, they have a remarkable ability to find their home, even across large distances! The most likely theory is that the pigeons use sound waves. Pigeons are also highly social birds. Also, the male and female (boy and girl) sit on the egg and baby! The fastest pigeon recorded flying speed was 92.5 miles per hour!

Please join me the next time I write about amazing birds!!!



<u>Road Trip of a Lifetime</u> By Julianna, PISF freshman

Hello islanders! As you all know, our trip to D.C. was a huge success...with a huge price tag. So, we've decided to do something a little more adventurous and free spirited this year. In the beginning of March, we high school girls (and Jen!) will go on a road trip down the East Coast to Florida! But not to worry, the younger kids will still have a field trip too, on our school camping expedition where we will test our skills that we'll perfect in our survival classes coming up soon. Though we are still in the brainstorming stages, the plan so far is to go inland through Pennsylvania. From there, we'll spend a couple of days travelling through West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia, right into Florida. We'll spend a few days there, and then make our way back up to Rhode Island on the coast, wandering up through The Carolinas, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and Connecticut! Of course, we need to find exciting and educational things to do in every state along the way both there, and back! Since before our trip last year, we have done some very in depth studies on U.S. history, so we thought it would be absolutely amazing to see many of the historical sites and cities we've learned so much about. Of course, we will be doing tons of research to find marvelous things to see, but we don't want to miss out on anything you might have ideas about! We already plan on going to the Battle of Gettysburg memorial grounds to learn more electrifying things about the Civil War. Then we'll move on to Jamestown, Virginia to learn more about our famous friend Jane, whose bones were discovered in an architectural sight there. For science, we are very excited to have a peaceful swim with the manatees in the beautiful Crystal River in Florida for the experience of a lifetime! Clearly, knowing us three "wild childs" and our even wilder teacher, we have some more unconventional school trip plans too- Luke Bryan and Phillip Phillips' hometown (big fans folks, big fans!!!) Leesburg, Georgia. Please e-mail us suggestions on any place to sight-see or learn about between here and Florida at theprudencewave@aol.com.



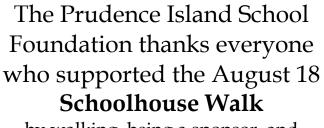
<u>P</u>J Halloween

By Shelby, PISF 3rd grader

Is your favorite holiday Halloween? If it is this is the article for you. On Halloween the islanders go to the P.I.A. Hall and get into Pat Rossi's truck. She drives us around the island to go trick or treating. It is so much fun. Last year there was a black out. It made it even more fun. There is a Halloween party at the P.I.A. Hall. They have a bunch of games like musical chairs, pass the pumpkin, bobbing for apples, and donut on a string eating contest. It is so much fun! I cannot wait for this Halloween. Halloween is the best here on PI. My favorite thing about Halloween is going to the party .It is the best holiday. I hope you come to the island on Halloween!







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Meet Our New Teacher

By Aribella, PISF Kindergartener

Lindsay Post is the new elementary teacher at The Prudence Island School. When I first met Lindsay she was really pretty. When I saw her I didn't know her that well but I got to know her more a little while later. At first I was nervous getting a new teacher, but then I was really glad I got one. I liked her and I thought she was nice. I think she is a fantastic teacher. Lindsay was born in Westerly, Rhode Island and she came to Prudence Island to teach us. Below are the questions I asked her.

1. What's your favorite food?

Buffalo chicken and tacos

2. What's your favorite place in the world?

Any beach!

3. What schools have you taught at?

I taught third grade at the International Academy of Suriname in South America, and at a private school in Connecticut.

4. What's your favorite plant?

Sunflowers, tulips, and roses

5. What's your favorite animal?

The cheetah!

6. What's your favorite jewel?

Amethyst because they're purple.

- She is very nice.
- She loves science.
- She is very pretty.





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<u>POSF Countries</u> By Marina, PISF junior

For our very first project at school all of us students had to create a country. We had to come up with a name, location, climate, laws, major export, type of government, and language. We also had to draw a flag, a labeled map, and write the history of our country. We all had very different ideas for this project; here is a summary of them all.

I named my country Larranis, it's a combination of Darren Criss and Luke Bryan. The type of government is monarchy so that means I need a king! I picked one of my favorite guys ever, the one and only Si Robertson. My major export is Luke Bryan CDs, of course. The history of my country states how it was founded and it was by Si and a group of rednecks. As you can tell my country is all country/southern/redneck related.

Sam created the country Rain Dawn. His country is located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The climate is very hot and the population is 250. Two of his laws are 1: You cannot use bagpipes (good rule) and 2: No killing or stealing.

Tropica is the country Ben created. Tropica is located above Cuba with the population being 1,324,206. Two of his country's laws are 1: No smoking or drinking and 2: No chopping down trees.

Water Way - Shelby is the creator of this country! I would say this one is pretty unique out of all of them. Here is why, this country is one mile long and the population is eleven! Yes you read it right, only eleven people live there. In this country you are not allowed to have cars, it's the first law on her list. It must be pretty serious.

In Forestville, you are NOT allowed to kill or harm any animals, it's against the law. Also, only people with special jobs are allowed to have weapons. The creator of this country is Raya. Forestville is filled with all sorts of things. There are waterfalls, mushrooms, trees, chestnuts and more!

Aribella has created a masterpiece yet again! The country of Sky Scrapers. The people there have tons of money. The blue jewels on her flag represent the money. The green on her map represents a big giant jewel, she calls it guacamole

Mah Gah Reet is a lot like Meg. It's a tropical climate, just like Meg likes. There is a forest called "The Forest Of MAB". The MAB stands for Margaret "Alice" Bearse. There is even Allan's Port. You can definitely tell Meg created this one

Tre Luna Reis is a pretty awesome creation done by Julianna. All of the houses are tree houses with cool bridges leading to each tree! It's like a tree fort village but on her map it's labeled as "subject quarters". Her country is pretty small, its four miles by six miles. It even has an herb shop.

The whole project together took about three days. It also took a lot of creativity! It turned out great in the end. Everyone worked so hard on their country. There is so much more to them than I explained. The maps and flags came out amazing. They look great on the bulletin boards.





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Where is this??



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

The August "Where is this?" was a picture of the face tree located on the West Side of the Island in Prudence Park.

PISF Wish List

- Computer Paper
- 15 Passenger Van
- Guitar/Ukulele teacher
- Elementary music appreciation teacher
- Craft paints
- Folders

An Island Wedding

By Meg, PISF senior

Saturday, September 7th was a beautiful, breezy day. The sun was shining brightly while Jamie Armington and Mitch Baldwin were married. The couple glowed as they gazed at each other and held hands on Stone Dock, their family and friends gathered behind them. We were brought together to celebrate the love and new life as a couple now forever joined. The celebration was joyous and fun, with a DJ and lovely food. There must have been 40 pies, and a cupcake tower topped with the newlywed's small cake (which they smooshed in each other's faces). It was a true Island wedding; relaxed and entirely barefoot by the end of the night. I was teary pretty much the whole time.







By Memphis, PISF kindergartener

A giant man stepped on a tiny woman. The weird worm eats the giant man and the tiny woman. The tiny woman tastes like strawberry. The giant man tastes like spaghetti. The weird worm tastes like strawberry too!



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Journal of the Month

By Julianna, PISF freshman

Prompt: If a group of snowmen were having a conversation, what would they say?

"Order, order! The all snowmen congress is in session... Please!" the snow president said. "Alright men, let's do current concerning events! Britain, you're first"

(Insert thick British accent) "Well Sir, we have gotten much snow fall as of recently and our population has shot through the roof. So, I say we just get us some more hats.... And Bob's your uncle...

"Alright, next... the Carolinas." said the president.

(Insert thick Southern Drawl) "Hey there Mr. President! We've been havin' a little trouble recruitin new young'uns... You see, it's startin' to get warmer and the Mrs. Has already had to tighten her scarf twice! We're startin' to worry sir!"

"I see.... Well we'll get some agents from the Arctic to put a rescue mission together."

"But, sir... What about the kids?? Wouldn't they be upset?? What will we tell them?" asked the lieutenant from the Carolinas.

"We'll do what we've always done, Lieutenant... Play it off like a melt. There just isn't any other way..."

-Collective Gasp-

"Ughh... Moving on.... Africa?"

-Crickets chirp.....-

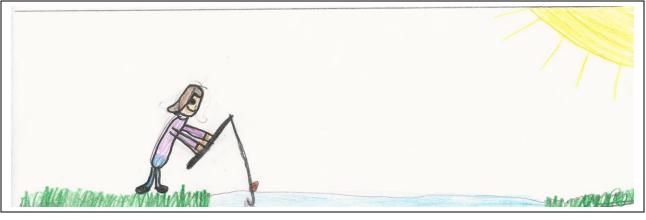
"Let's just call a recess for the rest of the day..." stated the President.

<u>Survival In the Wild</u> By Sam, PISF 5th grader

Hello, Hello! Settle the applause. This year we will be learning different survival skills. So our big trip is, anybody have a guess.....No. Well this year we will be going on a huge camping trip. In my article I will be telling you about the survival skills we will be learning.

There are four main survival skills we will be learning this year. They are how to get food, how to find water, how to make a shelter, and how to make a fire. We will learn how to find water. I think one way to find water is find a fresh water stream and get a hand full of water and if the bubbles pop you can drink it, and if they don't it's bad to drink. We will find out though our studies. We need to make a nice shelter. I hope I'll be good at it. We're going to learn how to start a fire. I know many ways to start a fire, but one way to do it is get small twigs and paper and a match. As the fire gets bigger, add bigger sticks. Another survival skill is finding food like berries, fish, and fruit.

Most importantly, we will have fun! I hope you liked my article about survival skills. If you know anything about survival and would like to be part of our adventure, please e-mail us at theprudencewave@aol.com. Now good night everyone and I'll keep you updated!!! (:



<u>PISF Schoolhouse Walk Photos</u>





lystery Produce By Meg, PISF Senior

This year we are studying nutrition as a school. So each week, Ray Gaudreau will find us a fruit or vegetable that he's never heard of for us to try out. Everyone will have a turn, learning about the produce of that week, and prepare it for lunch on Friday. Our goal in this long term school project is to learn more about more kinds of food in the world and what they do for our body. So far it has been a huge success. Here are the results of this month:

Week 1: Chayote is a South American fruit that is kind of like a water chestnut and a melon combined. Also known as the Veggie-pear, it is high in fiber (regulates blood sugar along with a lot of other things), vitamin C (boosts the immune system), potassium (carries oxygen to the brain), and amino acids (the building blocks of proteins). It can be cooked in a variety of different ways and is relatively tasteless. We sautéed it with garlic and oil, and nobody was completely revolted.

Week2: Yautia Lila (or Malanga) is a South American root vegetable. It is relatively high in Vitamin C and potassium, and a bit like a potato. It is one of the most hypoallergenic foods in the world, and is quite common as a replacement for flour. We mashed ours and added roasted garlic and chicken broth. It was really good and I think I'd even prefer it to mashed potatoes.

Week 3: Star Fruit is a tropical fruit native to Southeast Asia. It is a good source of vitamin c, minerals, dietary fiber, and antioxidants. Interestingly enough, star fruit can reduce the risk of several serious medical conditions except kidney disease. You shouldn't eat star fruit if you have kidney disease! We simply washed our star fruit, sliced it and took out the seeds. It tastes kind of like grapes, but not all of us liked it. As a side note; Lindsay picked star fruit right off the tree when she lived in Surinam!

Those are our produce of the month! Stay tuned for next month's interesting produce!



Chayote Watercolor Painting by Meg



Yautia Lila Watercolor Painting by Meg





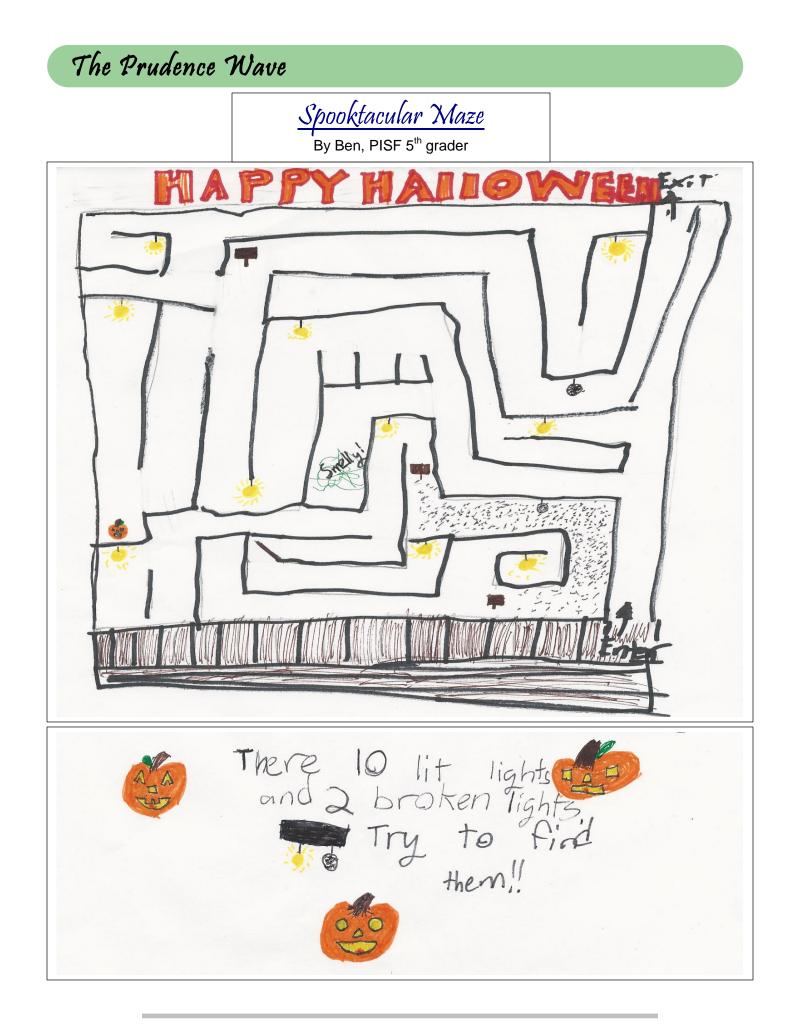




Lindsay and Aribella Dance Party!

A drawing by Aribella,

PISF first grader



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<u>Intriguing Islander</u> of the Month

By Raya, PISF third grader

Have you ever wondered about Donna Bains? Well she's the intriguing islander this month.

Donna Esau Bains grew up in Quincy, Massachusetts. She attended the Adam's School, which was located just a few blocks from where John Quincy Adams watched



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the battle of Bunker Hill. She graduated from Quincy High School and Eastern Nazarene College.

She has been coming to Prudence her whole life because her grandfather and father spent their whole lives coming here too. She met Joe when they were teenagers. They have been married 30 years.

Donna has three horses. Their names are Disco, Angel and Sonata. Sonata is Angel's baby. Disco is an Appaloosa which means he has spots. Angel and Sonata are German riding ponies. She and Joe have three cats, Orion, Sadie and Isabella. They rescued Isabella from the schoolhouse last winter.

Donna worked for the Boston Globe where she worked in the newsroom. She now helps with our newspaper, the Wave. When she worked in the newsroom, she worked with the summer interns and picked the comic strips. She met many famous people when she worked there, like presidential candidates, Ann Landers and Robert Redford.

Her birthday is in April and she has a twin brother, David.

She enjoys gardening. She loves growing veggies and perennial flowers.

Her favorite season is summer because it meant she could come to Prudence. If she could go anywhere in the world, it would be Venice, Italy because the city is so beautiful. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite holiday is Christmas because she loves to decorate and give presents to people. If she could play a professional sport, it would be football.

Donna loves riding horses, hiking, swimming and outdoor things. She also books. She reads at least 3 books a week.

We are so lucky to know Donna Bains.



Scenes from Our Classroom



Whoop... Whoop.... Concert!!

Map Skills with Joe

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Spelling Lesson

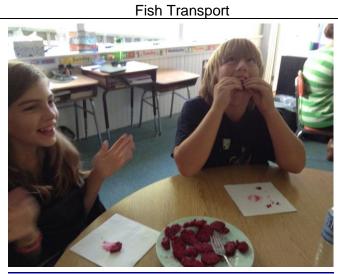


Marina teaching





Ukulele lessons



Cactus Pear Tasting



Hard at work