



# The Prudence Wave

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## Prudence Island Historical Museum

By Raya, PISF third grader

Did you know that there is a museum on the island? The school went there on a history fieldtrip. There are many wonderful exhibits. One of the highlights is on hurricanes. One of the worst hurricanes on Prudence was the hurricane 1938 in September. Many people died in this hurricane. The most recent hurricane was Sandy. They also have exhibits about all of the old ferries that came to Prudence. They even have a model of one.

The museum was built in the same spot as the old coffee shop. Yes, there was a coffee shop on Prudence. In fact they still have the original cash register. The coffee shop functioned from 1955-1979. There are many amazing exhibits and these were some of my favorites. Go see the museum. I bet you will learn something.



See how excited we were to visit the museum on island???

See page 8 for more pictures from our trip.



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## Operation Christmas Child

By Shelby, PISF fourth grader

My grandma, mom, and I have been doing Operation Christmas Child for a few years. It is so much fun! Operation Christmas Child is a program where you fill shoe boxes with stuff to give to kids all around the world that don't have many possessions. The program has been running since 1993. Over 100 million kids have been getting boxes. The boxes have been sent to over 130 countries. This is what you should pack in the box: school supplies, toys, socks, hats, flip flops, and other small things they can use like tooth brushes and tooth paste. You should not pack breakable or broken toys, army toys, or stuff that could melt, like chocolate.

The school kids did it at the church. My grandma Cheryl Jenness organized the program on PI. We went off island to get more stuff for the boxes. We packed 36 boxes. That means that we helped 36 kids. I have so much fun doing Operation Christmas Child because I know that I am helping other kids have a better Christmas!



## Periwinkle Printing

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*All Aboard*

By Sam, PISF fifth grader

All aboard the Prudence ferry! I wonder what the ferry was like a long time ago like in the 1900'S. Hmmmmm?..... (insert dream sounds). They used a basin where home stead is, where you went to get on the boat. The basin began where the cop car parks today and went as far as the bay and he dug it all by hand. It was made by Darius Chase around 1822. It was used for 20 to 30 years, but it fell into disrepair. They placed stones around the basin to keep it from eroding. They used a row boat to bring people ashore at Prudence Island in 1904 (SOOO 100 years ago). Then in 1909 they built a new ferry landing and the dock was where you all stand to get on the ferry now. Just imagine (insert dream sound), people gathering to get on the ferry in the PAST. The T dock was used by US navy to build navy bases and stopped in 1974. Did you know sandy point dock was used as a dock for a ferry? Have you ever heard of Allen's wharf? It was built in the 1700's. Allen used it to market things in the Revolutionary War. So that's what it was like back then. If you have any further questions ask me –or- Joe Baines.



Location of 1909 wharf at Homestead



Location of the basin built in 1822



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**Made by the Bay Jewelry**

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**Made by sea glass found on Prudence**

Projects of the Month



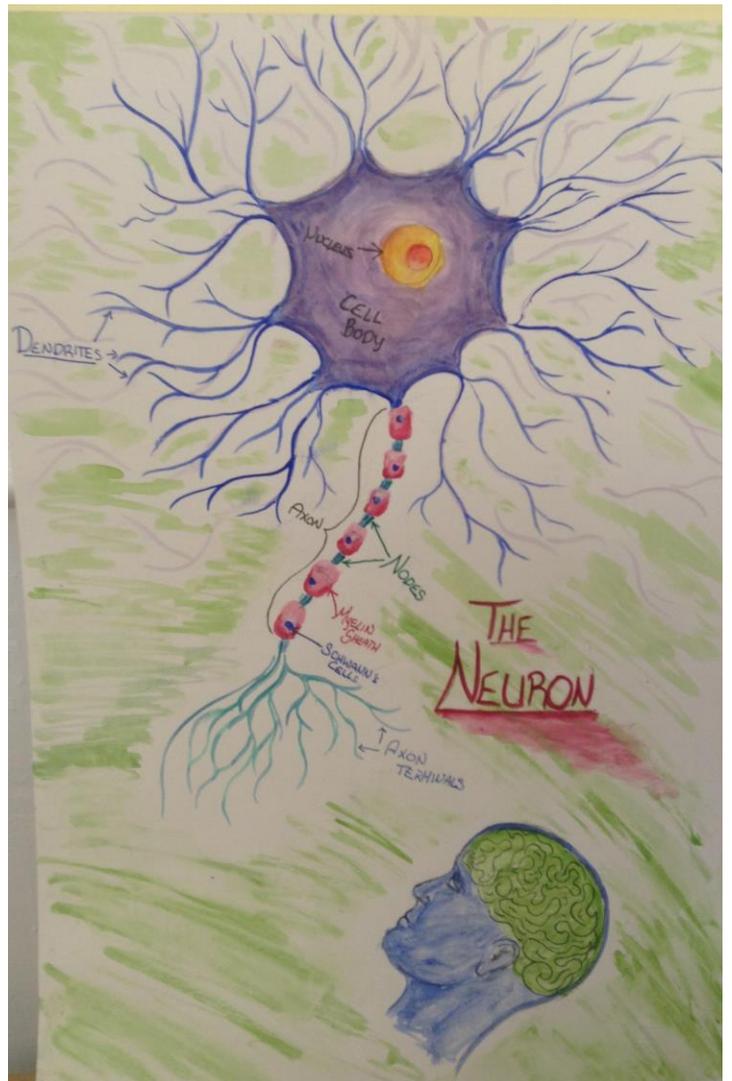
Sam and Raya's Incan Civilization



Shelby and Aribella's Amazing Mayan Chichen Itza Temple



Ben's Aztec City



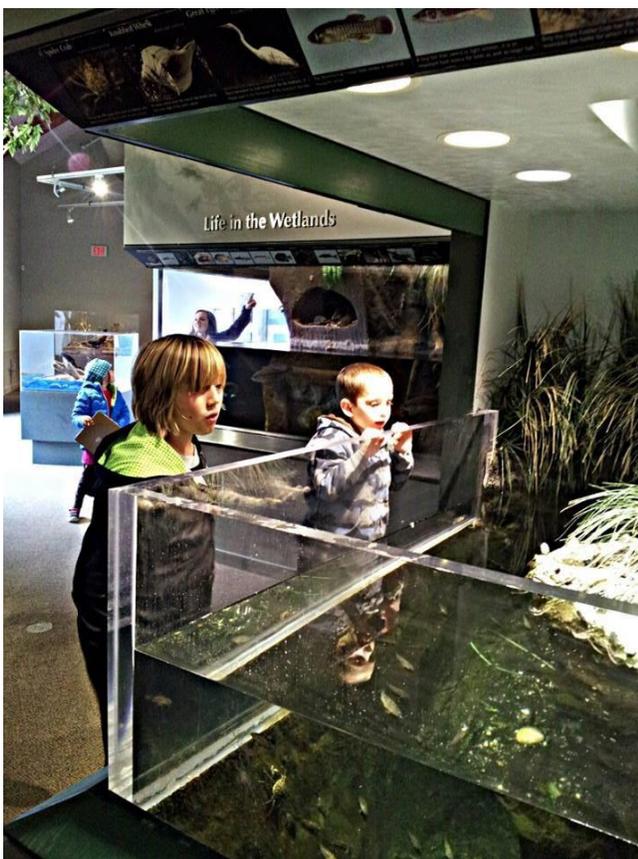
Meg's Neuron Watercolor



*Our Trip the Audubon Museum*

By Julianna, PISF Freshman

Recently, on an off-island Wednesday, the entire school (excluding Margaret- she was swimming) took an adventurous and educational trip to the Audubon Society in Bristol, RI. While there, we learned all about various habitats in our area such as fields, marshes, etc. Us older girls and adults watched the younger students open their minds to new concepts about the circle of life and marine existence in every depth of the bay- from the forests edge to the bottom of the sea. During our visit we all got to partake in a scavenger hunt of different plants and animals we spotted in each exhibit. My personal favorite and easiest item to find on my list of things to scavenge was the colossal plastic whale in the middle of the room. In fact, he was SO huge that Marina and I found it appropriate to give him a name. He is now known as Flynn. We also briefly discussed making a bed and sleeping in his stomach- due to the fact that he was hollowed out and cut in half for scholastic purposes. Other attractions in the building were an artificial tide pool and several videos on marine life which our tour guide at the museum so kindly taught us all about. After our time in the actual museum, we all went outside for some crisp fresh air and a beautiful stroll on their board walk under the luminously colored trees in shades of yellow, red, and orange. For sure, by the point in time where we needed to head back home, we all learned a little something new.



## What is this??



This stone structure is located at the beach on the east side of Prudence. What is it? It may not be what you think! Hint: the girls are doing a reenactment that should help you guess. We will give you the answer in the January edition of The Prudence Wave!

The November “Where is this?” was a little deer statue located at various locations on Daniels Ave. Keep your eye out for him, he tends to move around!

## PISF Wish List

- 15 Passenger Van
- Elementary music appreciation teacher
- Large stainless steel cooking pot
- Craft clay
- Measuring spoons
- Binder Dividers
- 3 inch binders
- Apple slicer



Have you noticed our shiny new light house? It has a beautiful new paint job!!

PJ Halloween Saviors

By Aribella, PISF 1<sup>st</sup> grader and Meg, PISF senior



A super special huge Thank You to Pat and Matt Rossi for all their help and support in Trick-or-Treating!!! Every year they weld a set of stairs on the back of the old fire-truck and plan the trip to a tee. With abundant joy and good humor, Pat and Matt really make this night special and exponentially more fun for the whole Island!!

Winter Wish

By Memphis, PISF Kindergartener

Topic: "If it could snow anything other than snow it would be....."

Candy canes and lollipops. If I were a lollipop I would eat myself. I dreamed about snow and ate a worm my brother tried to squeeze the worm out of me. The sun is hot made all the snowflakes go away. The sunlight hit the ground. I was so happy the snow went away and we went to the beach. The End.



## PJ Movie Surprise

By Ben, PISF fifth grader

Do you know what time it is? New movie time! This contains all of the hints and features you will need to know!

This year we will be doing, (Drum roll please) a spy movie! Since we are finished learning about government, we decided that the spies have to start a revolution against the dictator. We have no idea what to call it, but don't worry. We will probably have the name next month. On the bright side, we have the costumes and the storyline ready! I'm not telling you who is going to be who, but it's really funny!!!

That what's going on behind the scenes of our movie! Stay tuned for more sneak peeks!!

## PJ Museum Pictures



## Riddle of the Month

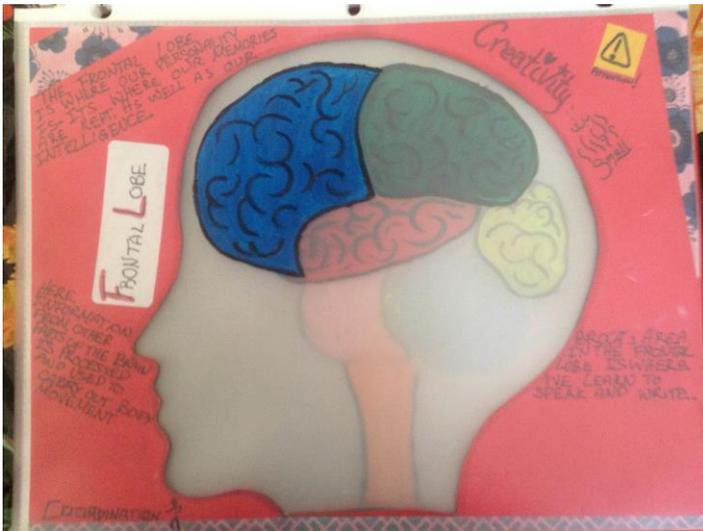
By Julianna, PISF freshman

What do you call it  
when a mollusk  
makes a lot of noise?

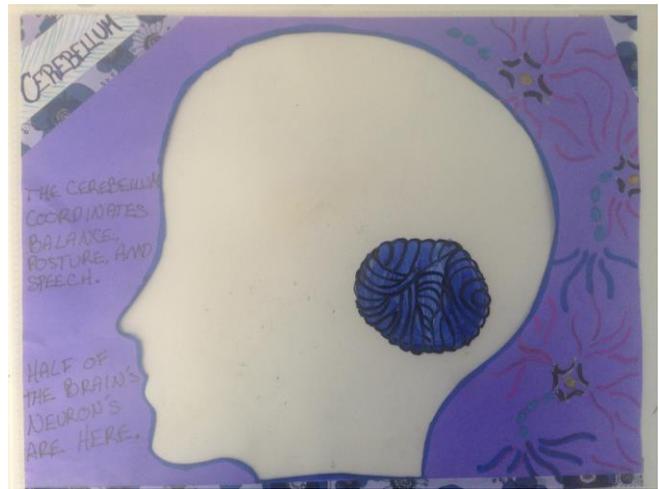


## Brain Study

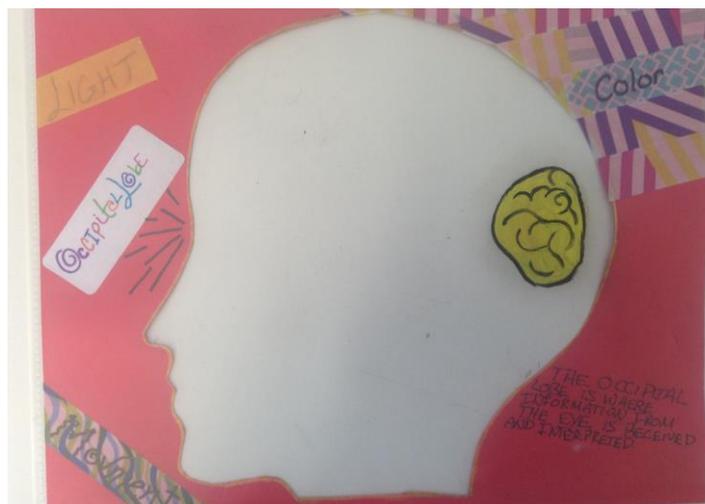
By Meg, PISF senior



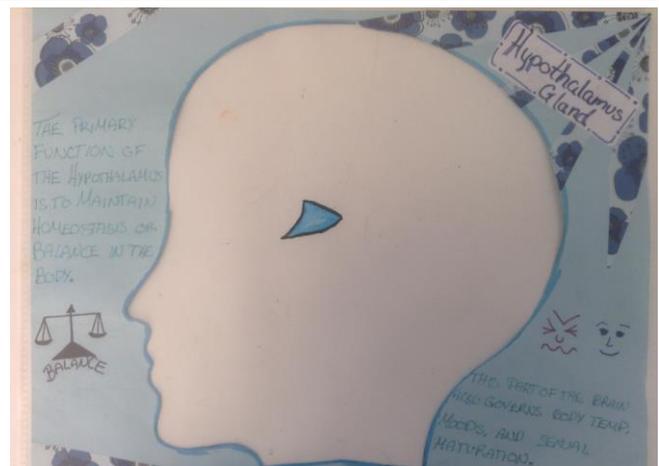
The Frontal Lobe is located in the front of the brain (you don't even need a brain to figure that one out). It is where our personality is determined and where memories are kept. Attention, creativity, and intelligence are all found in the frontal lobe. We learn to speak and write in the Broca's area, which is a part of the frontal lobe. Damage to the frontal lobe could result in personality alterations, difficulty moving, and memory loss as well as many other effects.



The Cerebellum is at the base of the skull, below the occipital lobe. A sort of cauliflower shaped mass, it is where half of the brain's neurons reside, and is the second largest part of the brain. In here, commands from the cerebral cortex (which decides body movement) are distributed to the other parts of the body so it moves gracefully and efficiently. I imagine that dancers or actors have very efficient cerebellums.



The occipital lobe is located in the back of the head. Here is where the information gathered by the eyes is processed and interpreted. Color, movement, and light seen by the eye is used to form a picture. At this very moment, as you read this, your optic nerve is sending impulses whizzing through the brain to the occipital lobe. The information passed by the neurons is converted to a picture and then sent to other parts of the brain to process and use to carry out body movements and thoughts.



The hypothalamus is a small gland located in the very center of the brain. It coordinates homeostasis (or balance) in the body and its functions. It governs body temperature, moods, and the maturation of sex glands. The hypothalamus also excretes powerful hormones based on thought-life. This means that thinking negative and Debby-Downer thoughts about you will cause disorder in the body. Disorder, in turn, will cause illness because when the body is not in order, the immune system is compromised.

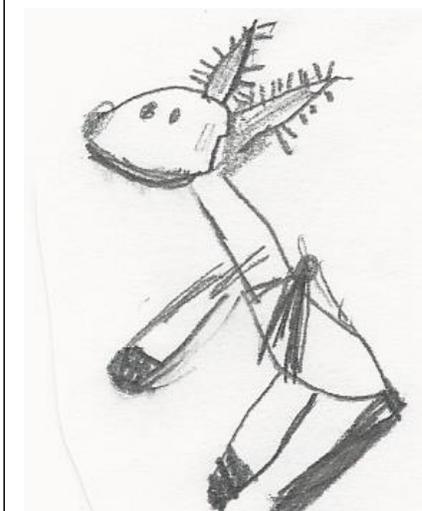
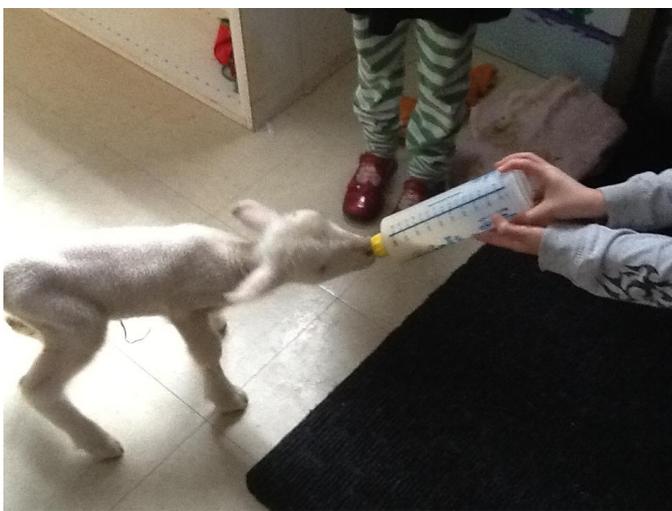
*Meet Rod*

By Ben, PISF fifth grader

Pat Rossi brought one of the most adorable things I have ever seen to my school!!!

This animal was white as snow and 5 days old. He was an adorable baby sheep! He was so small. It looked like less than half the size of Memphis! Well, I know that because he was there as well. The goats name was Rod, perhaps for his horns? Then, all of us wanted to pet him. When I pet him, he felt softer than silk, yet shorter than a baby chick's new fluff!!

I will probably never know if Rod was the softest and cutest thing I have ever seen.



Sketch by Aribella,  
PISF 1<sup>st</sup> grader

## Our Famous Holiday Meat Pies and Quiches for Sale

**\$20 each (You must order by December 12)**

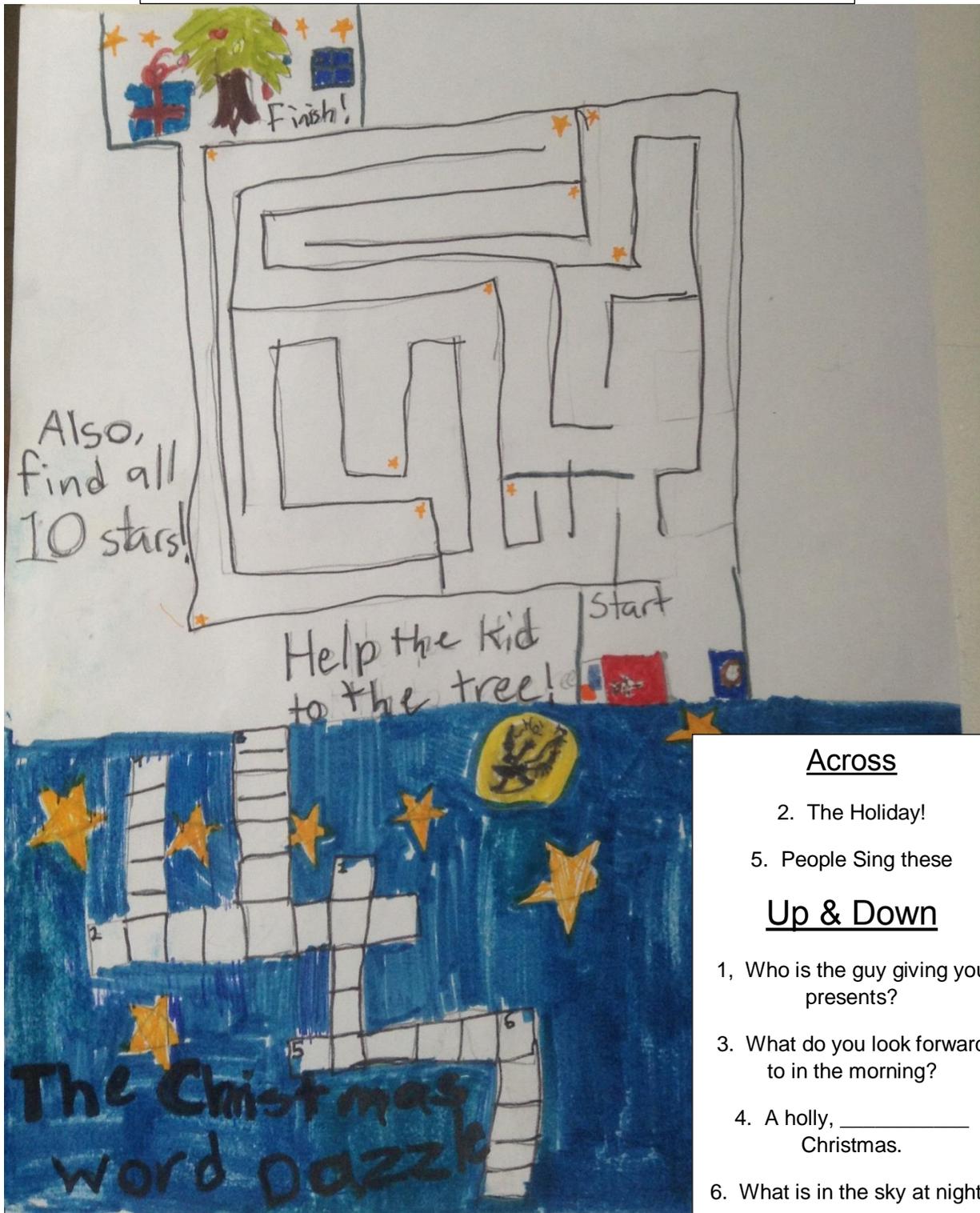
Delivered Frozen to your door on December 22 or 23

Ready to bake and Extremely Tasty

The proceeds will benefit The Prudence Island School Foundation

To place your orders call or e-mail Linda : 683-2059 or [lmosher278@verizon.net](mailto:lmosher278@verizon.net)

Your order must have your name, number of pies you would like, your on island address and if you prefer delivery on December 22 or 23

Holiday Puzzle

## Journal of the Month By Julianna, PISF freshman

Prompt: I was sightseeing at the waterfall, when all of a sudden.....

### MY JOURNAL ENTRY:

I was sightseeing at the waterfall, when all of a sudden... Johnny Depp\* tripped out of the bushes and straight into the water! "Johnny NOO!!!" Meg, Marina, Jen, and I all screeched with terror. He was about to fall straight down! It sure was lucky that all four of us were classically trained ninja spies. Unfortunately, we were all kicked out of the academy for our...ahh....err...undying **quirks** that we just couldn't kick. For instance, Meg -like the true writer she is- constantly narrated **in detail** everything she was doing! This is very bad for stake-outs and the like. So it begins. "Margaret crept forward in the water that chilled her to her very bones al-""Cut it out Meg!" We all shouted. We'd had enough of that at the academy. As for the rest of us, Marina was a complete and utter baby. She was constantly scared of everything- I remember an undercover mission in the middle of a thunderstorm....let's not rehash on that. Jen has tremendous balance. That sounds great right? Too bad we literally get not get her to stop hopping on everything. All the while whispering "*chocolat, chocolat, chocolat*"\* while showing off her remarkable balancing skills. The woman can never just walk like a normal person. As for me...well right before I go in to save someone, I feel the need to go into a dramatic monologue about my heroic actions...but sometimes I go on for just a *little* too long, and may or may not have been responsible for several other students' injuries when their fingers couldn't hold onto the ledge *quite* long enough. Any who, in the end we saved Johnny. After our heated argument about who would marry him, he ran away as fast as he could. Maybe we aren't cut out for this spy thing after all.

\*Before journal time, we had been having a fan-girl fest...I couldn't resist.

\*\*Chocolat as in, choc-oh-lot. A movie Johnny starred in...

## Mystery Journal

You have been reading our newspaper for years now and have come to know our students quite well. Can you guess which student wrote the following journal entry? E-mail your guess to [theprudencewave@aol.com](mailto:theprudencewave@aol.com).

I was watching Sponge Bob and then I noticed that Sponge Bob was talking to me. I got closer and closer and then I was sucked into the T.V.

Sponge Bob said, "Hello."

I said "Am I dreaming?"

Sponge Bob pinched me.

"Oww!"

"Did it hurt?" he said.

"Yes!"

"Well, then you are not dreaming." said Sponge Bob.

"Where are we?" I said. "We are in Jelly fish fields. Do you want to go jelly fishing?"

"Ok!"

"Here's your net. Come with me."

"Where are we going?"

"I am going to get Patrick. Let's go!"

We got to Patrick's house and when we went in Patrick said, "Do you want to go to Sandy's?"

"Ya, let's go."

"What are you doing?," said Patrick.

"Hey Sandy do you have an invention to bring me back home?" I said.

"I think so. Here you go. This will take you home."

"Bye Everybody!"

## Intriguing Islander of the Month

By Julianna, PISF ninth grader



Linda Mosher is definitely one of a kind. She is one of the funniest people I know, has the best laugh I have ever heard, and is the world's greatest math teacher. Linda was made to be a math teacher; she was born on March 14<sup>th</sup> which is PI day. In math you use 3.14 for many things, like to find the circumference of a circle, see? She was made to be a math teacher.

She grew up in Long Island New York and spent summers on island. For college she attended the State University of New York at Fredonia. There, she did an exchange program and got to go to school in Poland for two years. She then went to Rhode Island College and received her Master's Degree in English as a Second Language. The last college she attended was WPI and got a second masters in math education. She taught math at Central Falls High School and was a teacher for 29 years.

When asked about being a good student in high school, Linda quickly replied with "of course, I was perfect!" It seemed a little shady to me but who knows, maybe she was. Linda's father grew up on island, he came for summers. That's how she was introduced to the island and how she met Jimmy. She was about 16 when they met. Jimmy was from the Colony and she was from Homestead. But when she and her friends started to hang out at the coffee shop near Sand Point, that's where they met.

On her free time, Linda likes to read, go for walks, work in the garden, and sew. Here is an interesting fact about Linda, in high school and in college Linda played field hockey. I would have never guessed that. She is just full of surprises! I would like to think I am her favorite student, but unfortunately she wouldn't answer when I asked her. All she had to say was, "I am not answering that on the grounds that it might incriminate me." What does that even mean? I don't know but the point is Linda is in fact, intriguing.

## Are you looking for fabulous island themed holiday gifts this season?

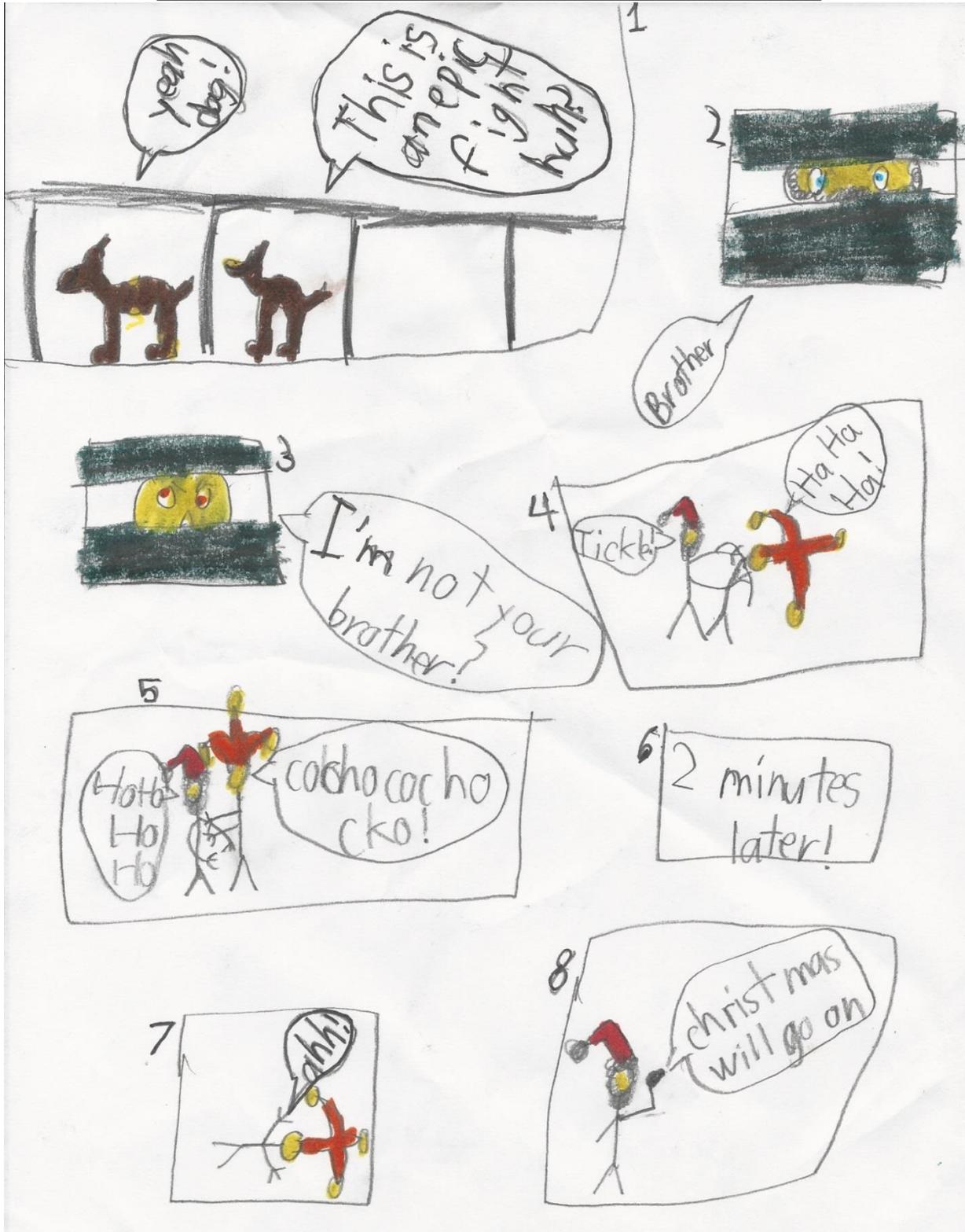
Well...If you make a \$40 donation to the Prudence Island School Foundation, you will receive a copy of one of the PI School original movies masterpieces! You can choose between: The Defenders: An Island in Peril, CSI: PI (The Incident at Sand Point), Once Upon a Mattress, or Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat.

If you make a \$60 donation we will give your choice of two.

\*Please e-mail us @ [theprudencewave@aol.com](mailto:theprudencewave@aol.com) to order

Fluffy and Coco Comics

By Sam, PISF 5<sup>th</sup> grader



*Scenes from Our Classroom*



Explorer knot tying in history class with Joe



Early Chemistry



Fire pit building



Leaf Party!!



Ivory Soap Chemistry Project



Lord of the Flies conch blowing practice



DNA building



Hammy's vacation house building project (on costume day.....)