



# The Prudence Wave

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## Prudence Island Seals

By Aribella, PISF 1<sup>st</sup> grader and Memphis, PISF kindergartener

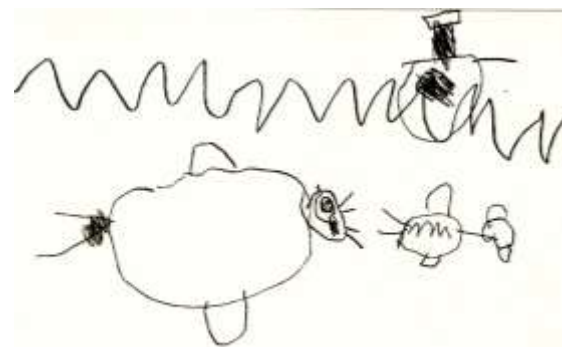
One morning the school went to see the seals at the South End by the T-dock. We looked at them through binoculars. We saw them sitting on rocks. They sit on the rocks in a banana-shape. The banana-shape is when they straighten their muscles and fit their back flippers together. They balance on the rocks this way to bath in the sun and to keep warm. The types of seals that we saw were the Harbor Seal and Gray Seal.

One of our teachers Linda goes to the South End and North End of the island to count the seals on the weekend. She told us that in January there were zero seals. We think that was because it was so cold out and no fish for them to eat. Linda said that now she is seeing about 30 as long as there is no one clamming. The best time to view the seals is between December and April but March is the best month to see a lot. Linda has seen 10 seals consistently up at the North End. The seals come to Narragansett Bay because it's too cold where they usually live on the coast of Maine and Canada. They like the bay because it protects them from sharks, whales and severe weather.

Harbor Seals have little ears and tiny claws on their flippers. They make sounds like a dog. They like to eat fish, shrimp and squid. Seals swallow their food whole. They also have whiskers that help them find their food in the water. All seals are warm blooded like we are, so they are mammals. Seals have fur that they molt when it get warmer out. Seals dive for their food and to do this they push all the air out of their lungs so they can dive down fast to get food.



Seal drawing, by Aribella



Seal Catching a Fish with Boat on Surface,  
By Memphis



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# PISF Summer Program Schedule

The Prudence School will be open for business this summer!

## CAMPS:

DANCE CAMP: July 7-11 from 10 am to 3 pm

This camp is open to children ages 7-13. We will be exploring ballet and jazz focusing on basic technique and choreography. All levels of dance ability are welcome. The week will culminate in a fabulous recital for family and friends.

This Camp costs \$125 for the week.

Science Technology Engineering Math CAMP: July 14-18 from 9 am to 12 pm

This summer take part in a hands-on learning adventure. As a scientist you'll be using technology to explore the world around you in a fun and engaging way. This camp is open to kids ages 9 – 16 and costs \$100 for the week.

ART CAMP: August 11-15 from 10 to 2 pm

Art fun for all ages! Open to ages 6 and up. Take part in a variety of art activities that will challenge all levels of art ability.

This camp costs \$150

PI CHORUS: August 11-15 from 3-5 pm

This camp will focus on creating Prudence Island's very first kids chorus. The kids will learn to sing in harmony with a final performance for friends and family. This camp is open for ages 6 (going into 1<sup>st</sup> grade) through 18. This camp is FREE!

Each camp is limited to a certain number of kids and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Contact Lindsay at [faith.lindsay@gmail.com](mailto:faith.lindsay@gmail.com) or 401-742-1150 to register for the camps.

## TUTORING:

Our certified teachers will be available for individual tutoring or packet assistance upon request. Contact us at 401-742-1150 or [faith.lindsay@gmail.com](mailto:faith.lindsay@gmail.com) for further information.

## OPEN SCHOOL HOURS:

The schoolhouse will be open free of charge on Wednesdays from 8am to 10 am. This is a great time for families to utilize our library, play in the playground and have computer access. Parent supervision is required at this time.

*Prudence Island's Contribution to World War Two*

By Meg, PISF senior

Everyone who's been to Prudence Island knows about the Navy Base at the South End. It's a major hotspot for people of all sorts of hobbies: Fishermen (and women), clammers, swimmers, picnickers, woods walkers, blueberry pickers, and beach combers all visit the area regularly. Anyone who's been there has seen the bunkers where artillery and detonators were kept, the nice smooth paved roads that are so different than the rest of the island, or fished off of the T-Dock. What a few people might not know is that these are all remains left by the Navy from World War II.

The Navy was looking for a place in the Narragansett Bay area to store munitions and assemble Naval bombs. They needed a place close to the mainland base, but not too close to any towns with a high population. They decided Prudence Island was the perfect place for this. Apparently the Islanders were expendable.

In January of 1942, the Navy bought the 600 acres at the southern tip of Prudence from the Charles Hunter Estate. Charles Hunter was a Navy Officer who participated in both the Mexican War and the Civil War. He bought the land from the bank, which got it from Daniel Chase by mortgage default. The Estate went back to the bank after Hunter and his wife were lost at sea.

After it was purchased, the South End was surveyed and construction of the bunkers and Naval buildings began in April, 1942. The Base opened for business in late '43 or early '44. As you read in Marina's article about the Bunkers\*, they were primarily used for storing ammunition. Over 30 magazines (storehouses or stockpiles) were built for this as well as the assembling of nautical bombs (which are those "balloons" in Finding Nemo.)

Alarming, 75 of the 600 acres were used for waste disposal at four known sites. There was also an existing pond that was enlarged to be used to extinguish any fires.

The South End Navy Base wasn't in business continuously; after WWII ended in 1945, the base was put into the hands of a series of caretakers until the Korean and Viet Nam Wars when the Base was reopened. The land and all of its buildings were turned over to the state in 1973, when the base was permanently closed down.

Involvement between islanders and sailors was sporadic, depending on who was the commanding officer. If the CO had a family, they would live on the base with him, and his kids would go to the Prudence Island School. Island youngsters and Navy kids would become friends and in doing so, bring their parents together as well. Joe Bains remembers going over to see movies with his Navy buddy from school at the small theater on the Base. He also remembers sneaking over to that theater when the CO changed to one without kids and restricted interaction with the Islanders.

One CO, Commander Stevenson was put in charge of the Base as caretaker to get the base ready for shutting down. His three children went to the PI School, and made many friends with the Islanders. As a matter of fact, they are still deeply involved with Prudence today!

*See WW2 continued on page 4*

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When the CO was a friendly one, the Sailors would also interact with the islanders. Competitive soft ball games were held; Islanders vs. Sailors: Most of the time the sailors won, but there were a few instances when the Islanders triumphed\*\*. The sailors would be invited to the dances at the dance hall and island parties as well as the soft ball games.

Like all things on Prudence, the base lasted for a while and then evolved into something else. In 1973, the 600 acres of land was turned over to the state and the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, where it is today.

Between the T-Dock, the research reserve, the bunkers, and the sunset bench, people have made memories there, and we will continue to for decades to come.

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\*\*Read Joe Bains': "Games of Softball among Friends on Prudence Island"!



Mountain Watercolor by Aribella, PISF 1<sup>st</sup> grader



Stream Watercolor by Raya, PISF 3<sup>rd</sup> grader





*Our Red, White And Blue*By Aribella, PISF 1<sup>st</sup> grader

In 1776 the flag had 13 stripes and 13 stars because of the 13 colonies. There were 13 colonies in America. Then, later on in 1795 two more states joined and they put 15 stars and stripes on the flag. More and more states joined America. Then they saw they couldn't add any more stripes, so later on in 1818 they went back to 13 stripes and they made sure there was a star for each state. Now they have 50 stars and 13 stripes. We learned about flags in our history class, and how to fold a flag when you're not using it. If you're not flying your flag you should store it in a triangle. This is how you should fold your flag. You fold it in half, from the bottom to the top, and then fold it in half again. Starting from the stripe side, fold it into a triangle. Keep doing this and you should have it in a thick blue starred triangle. This is what I learned I learned about the American flag in school.

*Interesting  
Fact of the  
Month*

By Clare, PISF Junior

Michael Jackson wanted to build a 50 foot robot of himself to roam the deserts of Nevada.

## PYO Ski Trip

By Marina, PISF Junior

The PYO ski trip this year was awesome! Instead of going for just one day we went for the weekend! One Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> we went to Crotched Mountain and on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> we went to Mount Sunapee. We stayed at Mr. and Mrs. Brown's house in Keene, New Hampshire. It was very nice of them to let eleven people stay at their house for two night.

On the first day we all got up bright and early to catch the first boat, when we got to Bristol we went our separate ways in different vehicles. Meg, Julianna, and I were in Linda's car. It took us about three, three and a half hours to get to Crotched Mountain. When we finally got there we got all geared up and hit the slopes. We all had a ton of fun!

The next day we all got up early...again. This time we only had to travel a little more than an hour. When we arrived at Mount Sunapee we got our boots, skis, and helmets and were off to do some more skiing. Mount Sunapee was bigger than Crotched, so it was a little more challenging. Meg and I even went to the very tip top of the mountain with Colleen Donahue. It was soooo pretty up there. We had a blast taking new routes down the mountain. Our very last run was the best route, it was long and pretty.

After two days of skiing I thought I was going to be so sore, but oddly I'm not sore at all. Overall the trip was fantastic. The best part is, no one skied into any trees this year, so that's good. After the weekend I was so exhausted, but it was so much fun and so worth being tired for.





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# U P R I S I N G

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This Film Has Been Rated



## What are These??



What are these?? We found tons of them right here on Prudence in the woods near the “True “Pulpit Rock. We will give you the answer in our April edition of The Prudence Wave.

The March “Where is this?” was an old water tower. It is located in Prudence Park, on the east side of Atlantic Ave.

## PISF Wish List

- Craft clay
- Toilet paper and Paper Towels
- Wall Clock
- White Christmas lights
- Egg Cartons
- Big Cutting Board
- Staplers
- Manila Folders



Watercolor Project  
By Meg, PISF senior



## St. Patrick's Day Party



## Keep Calm and Go to Prom!

By Meg, PISF senior

I've never been a huge fan of high school proms: Too much drama, bad music, and weird smells (sweaty gym smell mixed with overpowering perfume and Axe). Teenage angst plus weird techno strobe music is not my idea of a good time.

That being said, even *I* am excited about the PISF Prom/Father-Daughter coming up on June 7<sup>th</sup>. I'm not sure if it's Julianna's infectious excitement that is getting to me, or the fact that we're putting together the music list ourselves. Let me tell you, we have *great* taste in music. The playlist keeps getting longer and longer with a wide variety between The Beatles *Something* (Clare's first choice) and The Beegees' *Stayin' Alive* (unanimous decision). We will be dancing all night at this rate!

As for the weird smells, the Dance is being held outside at Farnham Farm, so there will only be the sweet smell of spring. I'm pretty psyched for this Dance people. And if I'm excited about a Prom, everyone has to be. So start getting excited, 'cause it's gonna be awesome!!

## Colonial Times

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

Do you wonder what it was like in colonial times? Well, now you can know how it was. Shelby and I just read the American Girl book called *Felicity*. It takes place in colonial times. In the book *Felicity's* father owns a little store sort of like *Marcy's*. It has everything you might need. Colonial girls do lots of sewing and stitching. Girls also have to make sewing samplers that show off their work. Colonial children had lots of chores. Chores like sweeping, feeding chickens, milking cows, picking berries, and running errands. In colonial times women and girls were only allowed to wear dresses. Under their dresses that the rich girls and women wore was a stay. A stay is something you wear it and makes you look thinner. To make it tight you pull the strings. Sometimes it was so tight that some women fainted. Men and boys wore knee length pants that are called breeches. Men also wore wigs. In colonial times people travelled in stage coaches, wagons, and boats. If you want to really see what it's like go to Williamsburg in Virginia.

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## PJ Brush Fire

By Clare, PISF Junior

On Monday, March 24 at 2:30 in the morning Glenn Young was awoken from a peaceful slumber to the call of duty. Rushing to the scene along with the PIVFD gang they arrived to a blazing fire attacking the brush on the shore across from 0654 Narragansett Ave. With their quick instincts and engine, brush truck, and tanker, the group battled the flames in the cold, windy bite of the night. Our volunteers remained on sight until 3:45 that chilly morning. No one was injured and no property damaged occurred, other than the grass. Though the cause of the fire remains unknown, we know one thing: the PIVFD and PI police are the best crew around.



## Joke of the Month

By Julianna, PISF freshman

Q: Where do you take a sick boat?

A: To the doc(k)



*I Spy an Awesome Movie*

By Julianna, PISF freshman

As you all know, every year we create a movie for fundraising! Now, normally this consists of Glenn working his butt off and probably breaking a sweat getting all of us to cooperate during and in-between takes. But, this year we are doing things a bit differently. This movie is written, filmed, and edited solely by the PISF school kids! We've been having a blast getting costumes together, shooting hilarious cameos, and finding as many opportunities as we can to get some Sherlock music onto the soundtrack- much to Clare's liking. With Glenn's help and teaching, Clare and I have taken on the responsibility of editing while Meg slaves away over a dramatic and comical script. It's so good, I'm *already* having trouble keeping in my spoilers, so don't ask me! Of course, with us in charge it hasn't all been smooth sailing. I'm sure our blooper reel will go on for eternity! Anyway, whether you're into **spy** movies- ugh! Whelp, the cat is out of the bag. **Whatever** the movie is about, I'm sure you'll be very impressed.

*Spring is Here*By Shelby, PISF 4<sup>th</sup> grader

Spring is here!!! It's time to play outside and pick flowers. The first day of spring is March 21<sup>st</sup>, which is also my dad's birthday! Spring ends June 21<sup>st</sup>☺. Spring is such a magical and fun season. Don't forget about Easter, when kids find Easter eggs and eat jellybeans. To me; Easter is a Christian holiday when Christians celebrate Jesus rising from the dead. One of the first flowers that bloom in spring is a dandelion. I love flowers because they're so colorful and pretty. My favorite flower is orchids, because they can come in all different colors and are a lot different looking than other flowers. Flowers are one of the best things about spring; and so is the warm weather! You might see some of these animals; rabbits, hawks, woodchucks, hummingbirds, robins, deer, bees, butterflies, and lady bugs. Those are just some of the animals you might see. I hope you love spring as much as I do because spring is here!



Watercolor of our school amaryllis  
by Shelby PISF 4<sup>th</sup> grader



*School Cynquans*

By Meg, PISF senior

Humans  
Greedy, Brilliant  
Burning, Polluting, Slaughtering  
The most dangerous animal of all  
People

By Shelby, PISF 4<sup>th</sup> grader

School  
Awesome, Cool  
Learning, Filming, Playing  
Different from other schools  
PISF

By Aribella, PISF 1<sup>st</sup> grader

Hawk  
Big, Swift  
Flying, Hunting, Eating  
I think they're pretty  
Bird

By Julianna, PISF freshman

Ostrich  
Big, Fast  
Running, Pecking, Attaching  
More powerful than me  
Bird

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

Bee  
Fuzzy, Stripped  
Buzzing, Stinging, Eating  
They pollinate the flowers  
Wasps

By Memphis, PISF kindergartener

Alligator  
Big, Mean  
Jumping, Scaring, Eating  
It eats people  
Scary alligator



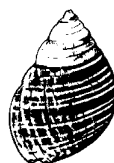
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## *Intriguing Islander of the Month*

By Clare, PISF junior

Though we're sure you've seen him around, introducing Captain Harrison Tug. When asked about memorable events in his life, Harrison was modest in admitting to all of the interesting things he's done. For

example, back in 76' Tug infiltrated the Czechoslovakian Museum of Piracy in an attempt to steal Davy Jones' bottle of rum. He soon realized that the Czech Republic is a landlocked country and therefore did not have a pirate museum.

The captain spends his days hunting the Kraken (pronounced Kra-ken) that stole his beloved hand. You may have seen this man at the store, specifically Marcy's, buying Prudence Island paraphernalia and Swedish fish ("Arg me sweet tooth is never satisfied"). Harrison has never been on land for more than 36 hours at a time. He says it's bad for his sinuses.

He claims he's distantly related to the Loch Ness Monster ("Ay, me mother in law's mother in law").

"So you're married?" we asked.

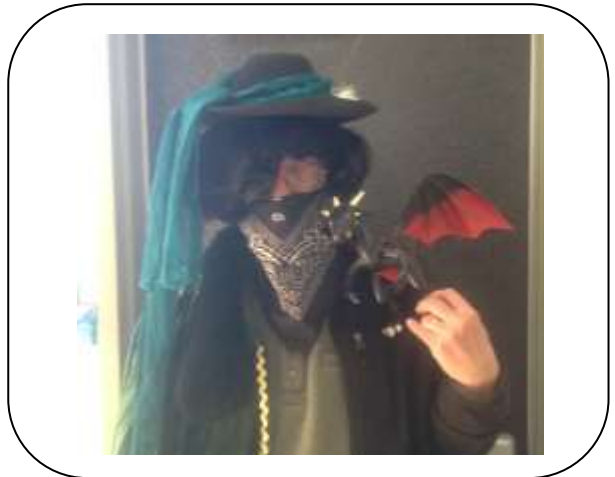
"Yarr, to the sea," he replied.

Tug's favorite type of music is sea shanties and he has been known to sing a mean "Blow the Man Down" with his crew. He's sings an excellent harmony. He wouldn't let you know that though, so don't tell him I said that.

You've probably heard him yelling: "Where's me peg leg?" "A pirate's life for me!" "Avast ye tourist scum!" or "Hey, how are ya?" He's got quite the mouth and you can hear him from all over the island.

People probably wouldn't guess that Captain Tug was actually casted for Johnny Depp's role as Captain Jack Sparrow in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" series, but declined based on the fact that the movies related too much to his own life. He then sued.

Don't forget to wave to the Captain next time you see him, and he'll smile back with his black teeth and a wave of his shiny metal hand.



## *PI Prom*

*June 7 at Farnham Farm*



The Prudence Island School will be hosting the very first island prom!! All islanders are invited and encouraged to attend! Bring snacks to share, dance the night away, and take an authentic prom picture! (Ok, you don't have to dance if that makes you nervous....)

The theme of this soiree is *Embrace Your Decade*, as attendees are encouraged to dress in attire reflecting the styles of their high school graduation year.

Tickets for this one of a kind event will go on sale soon. Stay tuned to future editions of *The Wave* for more information.

*Scenes from Our Classroom*



Physics Wave Lab



Kindergarten Arctic Fox Presentation



Memphis's Arctic Fox Diorama



Elementary Jeopardy with  
Joe



Film Editing Class with Glenn



Vascular Plant Project



Watercolor pencil lesson

