



# The Prudence Wave

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## Half My Life

By Meg, PISF graduate



I have been going to the Prudence Island School for nine years; that's half of my life! For the beginning of my childhood education and the end I have been here.

When I first came to school here, Mrs. Flaherty was our teacher. She was the one who infused me with a love for reading and writing. She was a wonderful and enthusiastic woman, who loved us as much as she loved teaching. My earliest memories of this school are with her, Owen and Arden Morris, and my younger brother Matt. I remember intense games of girls verses boys soccer. I remember Arden and I competing for the longest hair. I remember that I could always write the best, but Arden would beat me every time we had a math relay. I remember being crowned the coveted position of Show and Tell Queen when I brought in a Monarch Butterfly chrysalis, and we watched it hatch into a butterfly.

We grew up together, in this school.

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PIHPS Board  
Members Support  
Young Historians

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After our little graduation ceremony from the fourth grade, I homeschooled with my mother for two years, and then spent 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades in the Portsmouth Public School system.

In 9<sup>th</sup> grade, my grades were not their brightest. I had trouble doing my homework and refused to take responsibility for it. My report cards came home with comments like “doesn’t try her hardest” and “little to no effort applied”. I figured I already gave up 10 hours of my day (on the 6 boat to the 4) and that would have to be enough because I didn’t care.

That year, the Prudence Island School Foundation had won the battle against closing the school. It was open to all grades, and Marina was enrolled to attend, as well as Raya. My parents more or less left the decision up to me; I could continue going to Portsmouth where I would never live up to my full potential, or I could try something new at the little school.

After debating for a long time, I decided to try out the PISF. I haven’t regretted my decision for one second since.

It was not an easy road to take; I hadn’t expected it to be so intensive and difficult. Suddenly instead of progress reports on an indifferent piece of paper, we had parent meetings, where we would sit around the table and discuss my strengths and my weaknesses. My inability to get my work in on time still plagued me, but instead of a piece of paper telling me this, Jen would look me straight in the eye and tell me she knew I could do better; that I was hurting myself and others by not trying my hardest. It took a while for me to really understand this and apply it to my life, but I know it would never have happened without this school or Jen in my corner.

I’ve written in over 30 editions of *The Prudence Wave*, and completed a full-length novel. I wrote the scripts for 2 of our movies, and acted in both. I was accepted to every college I applied to, and that’s a testament to this school and this community as much as to me.

It is my firm belief that you become who you are because of the people around you. If it hadn’t been for my teachers and friends here at PISF, as well as this community, I would not be the person I am today. I would never finish a project, consider working in movie production, or have any work in on time. I wouldn’t know patience, generosity, neighborliness, or be able to see the beauty that is all around us.

Pat Rossi set the example of what a leader should be, and gave me the opportunity to be a leader in the PYO, as well as taught me how to use an epi-pen. Allison Newsome showed me what an artist can do in the community, how to be inspired by everything around me. Joe and Donna Bains have demonstrated time and time again how generous they can be, and how good it feels for them and us when they give up their time and funds so our little school can thrive. We wouldn’t have nearly as much glitter without them☺. Linda Mosher hasn’t only taught me math and swimming, but been a glorious friend and encouraging force in my life. Glenn Young has been inspirational and exceedingly generous with his time and knowledge as our movie director and teacher; I would never have considered a career in the movie business without his example. There are so many other people that have taught me and influenced me as I’ve grown up here: Cynthia Ives, Bob and Ann Marshall, Cheryl Jenness, Robin Weber, Kelly and Ryan January, Bob and Anne Lund, Ray Gaudreau, Frank Jurnak, and the Benevides.

*See Meg, continued on page 6*

*Our Favorite Parts of the School Year**Memphis's Favorite*

I like you (Mrs. Stephanie) and me. I like the games we play on the tablet and what games we do together. I like journal and play dough. We have fun all the time together like we are friends, friends forever. I like to do all the things we do together. You are the best thing at school because I like you and love you. I like when Mrs. Ginny and you read to me. I like oobleck and legos. I like doing oobleck in the kitchen where the counter is. Oobleck is cornstarch and water. Makes my hands turn a different color. Filming at the lighthouse was fun and I like all the things I did with the older girls.

*Aribella's Favorite*

I like math because I like to learn fractions and measurement. I like history because I got to learn about Sacajawea. I think oobleck is a fun science experiment. It's part liquid and part solid.

*Raya's Favorite*

My favorite parts of school are music lessons and art lessons. I like music because I like to sing and I've always wanted to play piano. We are learning keyboard and music notes. My favorite part of music is learning songs on the keyboard. I also love art. We've got to do a lot of really cool projects like when we go to Allison Newsome's studio. Last time we made clay heads. Here at school we did art too. We did lots of watercolor pencils and ebony pencils. This has been an awesome year!





## Shelby's Favorite

When its summer I will miss science because it's so fun! I get to learn so many things like inherited traits, eubacteria, and food webs. One of my favorite experiments was when we put a peep candy on a plate, then we put baking soda on it. Next we put vinegar on it, and it got foamy. I will also miss gardening. It's so fun and the garden is really coming along. I love being in 4<sup>th</sup> grade!



## Marina's Favorite

It's hard to pick one favorite thing about this year, so here are a few of my favorite parts. One of them, of course, is going to the nursing home and getting to hang out with my buddy Keyday. Another one of my favorite parts is going to gymnastics. I can do some pretty cool stuff now. One of my favorite classes that I had this year was biology. I just love it! It's so cool and so much fun. Even though I like all my classes, it's easy to say bio is my number one. It's been a great year filled with so many awesome things. Going to New Hampshire, getting to learn how to use a fire extinguisher, shadowing Sue Beck for a week, it was all so much fun. I can't wait to see what next year brings.



*Made by the Bay  
Jewelry  
Made with island sea glass*



*401-450-5342  
By Susan Mazur*



# PISF Summer Program Schedule

The Prudence School will be open for business this summer!

**DANCE CAMP:** July 7-11 from 9-9:45 am for Budding Ballerinas,  
10 am to 3 pm for Dazzling Dancers

The Budding Ballerina camp will be open to children ages 3-5 and focus solely on ballet basics. Children ages 6-13 are invited to join our Dazzling Dancer camp, where we will be exploring ballet and jazz, focusing on technique and choreography. All levels of dance ability are welcome. The week will culminate in all campers performing in a fabulous recital for family and friends, which will feature music from Frozen and Rio 2.  
This Camp costs: Budding Ballerinas: \$40 and Dazzling Dancers: \$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. You will build your own seismograph, build a one-of-a-kind functional robot, explore the fun of chemistry and more! Kids will be able to take home all completed projects. 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

Learn to paint! Landscapes & Seascapes; Still lifes based on the nature of PI; Fantasy Self-Portraits; Painting 'found objects' from the shore Watercolors, Acrylics, Oil Pastels  
Open to ages 6 and up  
This camp costs \$150

**PIC 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.

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At school I have been given a leadership role among the kids, but more than that I have made lifelong friends. My classmates I regard as my sisters, and we have all grown together in so many ways. Marina has been my shoulder to nap on, as well as an example of how a loyal, kind friend should be; in many ways, she was my inspiration as a leader. Clare has been my best friend in the world since we were infants; since we were kids playing Survivor in my yard eating onion grass and lemon clover, to now when so much around us and about us is changing. Julianna, with her remarkably quick wit and natural beauty, as well as her strength of character has shown me that it's okay to laugh at ridiculous things, and that its okay to be a girly girl every once and a while. The little girls have astounded me every day with their ability to play together, laugh together, and grow together. They see the world as it should be, and understand things that go way over my head. They let me boss them around, and I learn from them as much as they do from me.

But most of all, Jen was the driving force behind me. She was hard on me when she knew I needed pushing, and gave me a break when I was feeling stressed. In the last year we've been having problem after problem with applying to colleges and the common app. She was the one who called the schools and explained our situation and got the information we needed. She was the one who got me to finish writing my book, something I had never considered possible. Both my teacher and friend, she has juggled four high school girls, raising a terrific daughter, being our education coordinator, all while waking up before ten every morning! She is someone who I hold in the highest admiration, and regard as one of the biggest reasons that I now have this diploma on my wall.

I am nervous about going out into the world. College is certainly a nerve wracking, yet exciting thing. I have no doubt that with all of this knowledge I have acquired from my friends, parents, and teachers on this island, lessons in kindness, fun, leadership, grace, and even tolerance. Armed with this knowledge, I have no doubt that I am ready to share it with the rest of the world. I hope that I get the chance to touch someone's life as all of you have touched mine.



Meg, PISF's first graduate. We are so proud!



*Juliana's Favorite*

My favorite academic part of the year happens once every week. Of course, this would happen to be Lit circle. I love Lit class because... One: I love to read ..... And Two: I love to share my insight and opinions on what I read.

We kicked Lit circle off at the beginning of the year with *The Lord of the Flies*. Although it ended up being savage and absolutely insane, it was actually a pretty enjoyable read. I especially loved the 10 year old boy humor- It was extremely enlightening. Yet, my favorite part of reading the book was the project that came afterwards. I decided to take 3 main characters (Ralph, Jack, and Piggy) and decide for myself- based on evidence from the book- what their astrological sign was. Ralph was a Libra, Jack an Aries, and Piggy turned out to be a Cancer (Piggy's was extremely obvious).

Next up was *Romeo and Juliet* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Both were very entertaining... If *Romeo and Juliet* had had instant messaging everything would have gone a **lot** smoother. As for *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the southern culture was new and interesting. However, some of their morals were more than questionable!

Our latest read is *The Catcher in The Rye*. I actually view Holden Caulfield as an onion. Not literally, but figuratively. At first introduction Holden is a rude, judgmental, anti-social rich kid with a bad attitude. Actually, that's still him at the end, too. But, the difference is that now we know *why*. It's that '*why*' that really lets you see him in a better light. Although I wasn't a fan at first, this book turned out to be -perhaps- my favorite Lit book of all. In fact, I'm working on my final project for the novel right now!

The project is split into half's. The entire point of our assignment is to write from a professional's perspective if we think Holden is healthy enough to leave the hospital or not (sorry for the end of the book spoiler!). The first part is independent, and the second is a piece that involves the rest of the group. For my independent portion of the assignment, I've decided to write letters between Holden and Jane (a not-so-love interest). The second portion is a collage of Holden's life since his brother's death. I have the section of him while he's in NYC- it's going to be amazing.

While English and reading is something I enjoy, I also love to perform! In fact, music has always been really important to me- whether it be listening in or dancing to the beat, it's always a great way to have fun! So, of course, when Joe Baines brought in his ukulele to play us a few songs, I was immediately eager to learn. Luckily, because Joe is such a generous History teacher ( and also a Prom King! ) I was able to borrow one of his beautiful ukuleles, AND get the chance to learn how to play it!

At first it was actually surprisingly hard, but I (eventually) got the hang of things. I learned lots of different melodies, strumming patterns, and songs- it's been quite the learning experience. Honestly, there is a true feeling of accomplishment when you know you can make your own music instead of turning on the radio.

However, although everything else has been great, my favorite part of learning to play the ukulele was being able learn alongside Meg, Marina, and Jen. We even have rival bands! Take note- Meg and I are recruiting! We call ourselves 'The Ukeladies'.... we stole the name. Jen and Marina's band name has something to do with tractors though, so I think we're okay.

Besides that, the ukulele is an instrument that no matter whom you are, where you are, or how you are, the tropically delightful plucking will always make you feel at home.



## Clare's Favorite

Before I became a student here I had already been relatively involved with the school. I had written for the newspaper, been to art camp, and seen all the movies. At each movie premiere I watched in envy wishing I could have done something similar at my own school. I've always been fascinated with the production of movies, especially the editing aspect. I used to make mini-films with my friends in my backyard with nothing but a primitive camcorder and our imagination. When I got my own editing software and a new digital camera I was so full of ideas I was filming everything around me. I made movies out of family Christmas gatherings and anything I recorded, testing my editing abilities. When I arrived at the Prudence School I was exposed to my first semi-professional movie production. I have access to newer editing software and the wealth of information Glenn holds on techniques, a green screen, a scriptwriter, and (sometimes) willing actors. Editing this movie has been the highlight of my year. Jen stopped assigning me editing homework a long time ago because as soon as I get new footage I can't wait to start editing it. Even better than editing is watching the reactions of the school as they watch and see what I've done with it. I love seeing the little girls light up as they watch themselves on the screen transformed from bits and pieces of film to a coherent scene. When the film is over I admit I'll feel a bit bored, though very accomplished. We've all put so much time and effort into it and I can't wait for it to be unveiled. I also can't believe how they've done this every year for so long. Most of all I can't wait for next year to make a new film with my new abilities and the grant we received from the Rhode Island Foundation for new movie equipment. With these new materials expect an even more extravagant and outrageous cinematic event next year.







**UPRISING**  
In Theater Summer 2014.

From the Makers of CSI PI and The Defenders.  
Written and produced by the P.I.S.F. students.

Reserve your seats now:  
**WORLD PREMIERE:** August 1 at 7:00 P.M.

Guests at the world premiere will attend the 1st ever Prudence Island Thespian awards (The PITs).  
They are sure to be Bigger and better than the Oscars or Golden Globes.  
PITs will be awarded for great performances in the 1st four PISF films.  
YOU may be nominated!

**Other Showings:**  
August 2nd matinee at 1:00 pm  
August 3rd at 6:30 pm.

Showings are held at the Hope Brown Center. Admission is free but donations to the Prudence Island School Foundation are gladly accepted.  
Seating is limited, Call Lindsay to reserve seats: 401-742-1150

**This Film Has Been Rated**  
**AI** ALL ISLANDERS  
MAINLANDERS REQUIRE ACCOMPANYING PARENT OR ADULT GUARDIAN

# Island Summer Calendar

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## Summer 2014 Events Calendar

### June 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Stitch and Chat 10:30am	3 Souper Tuesday 12:30pm	4	5	6	7 PISF Prom 6:30pm
8	9 Stitch and Chat 10:30am	10 Tuesday Movie 1:00pm	11	12	13	14 Water District Mtg 1-3pm  PISF Graduation Stone Dock 6pm
15 Father's Day	16 Stitch and Chat 10:30am	17 Tuesday Movie 1:00pm	18	19	20	21 PIA Annual Meeting 9:00am at PIA  Summer Solstice Party PIA 6:00pm
22	23 Stitch and Chat 10:30am	24 Tuesday Movie 1:00pm	25	26	27	28 PIHPS Annual Meeting Union Church 11am  Dining Around the World 6:00pm
29	30 Stitch and Chat 10:30am					

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## All Summer Long!

**Union Church** - Sunday 9:15am

**Our Lady of Prudence** - Sunday 9:00am, starting June 22

**Internet Café** - Mon & Sat 10:00am

**Blood Pressure Clinic:** Fire Station - 1st Wed 9-10am

**PISF Open School** - Wed 8-10am

**Game Night & Make Sundaes** at PIA - Tue 6:30-9:30pm, starting June 24

**Movie** at PIA - Wed, 7pm G-movie, 8:30pm PG-13 movie, starting June 25

**Volleyball & Frisbee** at Sand Point - Thu 7pm, starting June 6

**Bingo** at PIA - Fri 8:15pm

**Island Market:** PIA Lawn - Sat 9:30 - 11:30 am, starting July



July 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Souper Tuesday 12:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day  Parade Leaves from Alice Ave & Daniel Ave 10:45am	<b>5</b>  PIVFD Ball 7pm
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Farnham Farm Day Camp 9-11am  Stitch & Chat 10:30am  PISF Dance Camp 10-3	<b>8</b> Tuesday Movie 1:00pm  PISF Dance Camp 10-3	<b>9</b>  PISF Dance Camp 10-3	<b>10</b>  PISF Dance Camp 10-3	<b>11</b>  PISF Dance Camp 10-3	<b>12</b> Conservancy Board 9:00am Water District Mtg 1-3pm  Cornhole Tourney ChowderCook-off 5pm
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## SCHOOLHOUSE 5K WALK OR RUN

**August 10, 2014**

**11:30 AM Kickoff**

**finish with a picnic lunch at the Schoolhouse**

**Scenic 3.8 mile route!**

**Fun, Prizes & Gifts, Food & Drinks!**

**For a Great Cause: The Prudence Island School Foundation!**

**Pre-Register today so you will have time to raise additional funds through**

**Sponsorships from family, friends and colleagues!**

**If you ask, they will give!**

**TO PRE-REGISTER OR BE A SPONSOR:**

**Contact Cathy Homan at [catlari@aol.com](mailto:catlari@aol.com) or 401-683-0724**

**The Prudence Island School Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) 3 charitable organization.**

**All donations are fully tax-deductible.**



## *School Sleepover*



Smores!!!



Memphis's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday!



Cranium Crazy



Roasting kale over an open fire

The June "Where is this" was a close up of the green light inside the Sandy Point Lighthouse.



PJ Prom











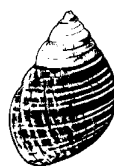
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# Graduation



Marching In



Dance Break!



Joe Bains opening the ceremony with a history of the school



Clare and Julianna reading student speeches







Allan Bearse, PISF President and proud father



Accepting her diploma



Graduation dinner at the schoolhouse



*Last Day of School Party*



Clare winning the school's Steven Spielberg Award

Other school achievements awarded:

Best Actress: Aribella

Star Story Teller: Memphis

Louis and Clark Award: Raya

Einstein Award: Shelby

Oprah Winfrey Award: Julianna

Life Saver Award: Marina

Aragorn Leadership Award: Meg



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Thanking Donna, who works so hard for us!!





Marshmallow Relay Race



Water Relay Race



Water Balloon Wars

