



The Prudence Wave

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Intriguing Islander Ricky Brooks

By Aribella, PISF 2nd grader

This month's intriguing islander is Ricky Brooks, and these are some of his favorite things.

His favorite color is red. He even loves ketchup, just because it's red. His favorite animal is Murphy his dog. His favorite place on Prudence Island is Indian Springs, next to his home.

Nature is what he likes the best about Prudence, but he also likes hunting.

One side of his family goes back two generations on Prudence, and the other side goes back three generations. Ricky grew up in Narragansett and Hopkinton, and he went to school at Chariho and URI. His favorite shape is a circle, and his favorite season is fall because of hunting season. For fun Ricky scuba dives, fishes, and hunts. Those are the wonderful things I learned about Ricky Brooks!



Photo by Aribella



We had to shovel our way to the pond

Our History Walk to the Ice Pond~

By Raya, PISF 4th grader

Friday March 6th the school went on a walk with Joe to a pond a little bit off the road. If you were at the school and you wanted to get there you would want to walk east down Broadway for five to seven minutes, and then walk until you find a medium size pond. The night before we got there a lot of snow fell so it made the walk harder and we had to shovel the snow off the pond! After they shoveled a spot, we realized the pond had a lot of slush on it and water on top! Joe drilled a hole in the ice to see how thick it is. It turns

out there was a layer of ice and then some water and then more ice! That's because there was cold water and then cool weather and then more cold weather!

Now for some history on the pond... This pond was an ice pond. The first person to harvest the ice was Roy Bennett. He used to sell the ice in the summer. The ice was for ice boxes. If you were lucky you could sign up for deliveries 2-3 times a week. The pond was used for twenty to twenty five years! I enjoyed learning about this pond and I hope you did too!



Joe Bains knows everything about Prudence

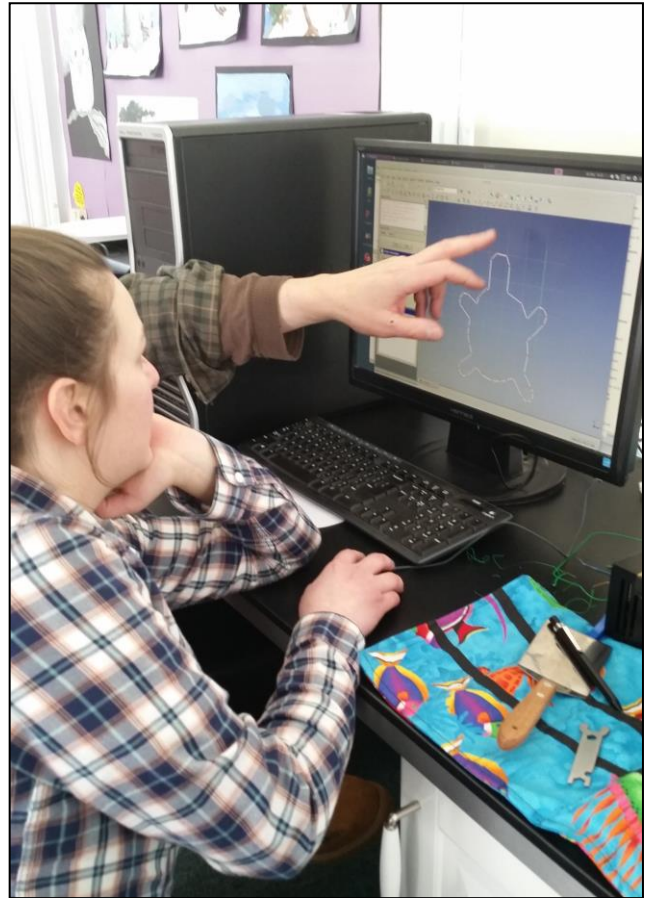


Our New 3D Printer

By Marina, PISF 12th grader

On Friday, March 6th Dan Leary came to the school and did 3-D printing with us. He built this 3-D printer all on his own from a kit, it's really cool. He came and set everything up and then showed us how it works. He showed us how to use the programs on the computer to create a design and then how to print it. It's kind of tricky, but with the help of Dan, I got to make a super cute turtle! We also made a few cookie cutters shaped like the schoolhouse.

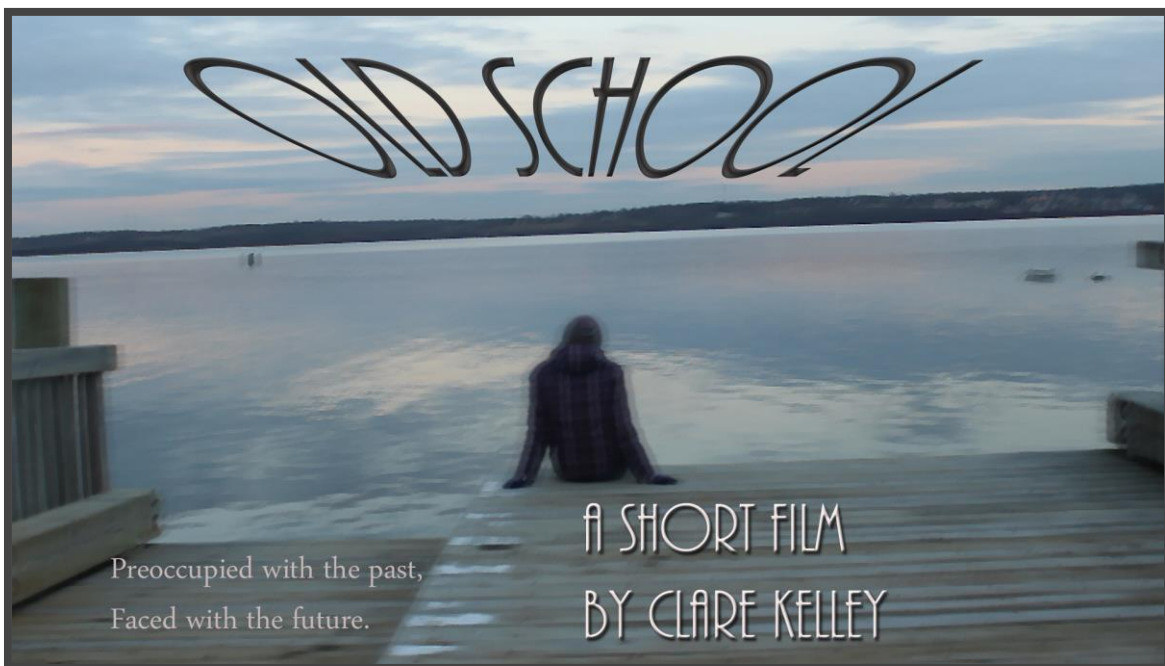
Before Dan showed us anything, I thought you could just choose something online and it would print it 3-D, but I was so wrong. I had no idea that you actually had to create something on your own. There is a lot you have to do before you print it too. You have to make sure that the temperature is hot enough to melt the plastic, and you have to make sure that the material is set up and ready to melt or your print might come out a little funky. The whole process was pretty tricky, but very very cool. I look forward to learning more about the printing process and getting to print more fun things. Thanks, Dan, for sharing this great printer with us!



PISF is keeping up with the times!

Attention Film Buffs and Creative Minds:

Have you made a short film or clip that you want shown in a film festival? Now's your chance! This summer the PISF will be hosting a film festival to showcase the projects we have created and to give the opportunity for other amateur film makers to showcase their works. Contact us if you're interested in submitting a piece. If you don't have anything to submit, there's still time - the deadline is the end of June. So get filming!



Snow Beauties



Snow Multiplication

Gianna's Science



Hey guys, I'm back! Did you hear about the bay freezing? Well, salt water freezes at 28°F and fresh water (well water, sink water) freezes at 32°F. When the salt water gets cold enough, the fresh water comes to the top and turns into ice. The salt goes below the ice, so the sea ice could be thawed and used as drinking water. Sea ice is mostly found in the Polar Regions. It happens over a series of cold, cold nights like we had this winter. The bay was flat and calm. If the bay was wavy, **IT WOULD NOT HAVE FROZEN!** Snow kept the ice from melting because it was like a blanket. The reason ice stays on the beach is because high tide brings the ice up and low tide leaves it on the beach. I saw a picture of Cape Cod with ice floes taller than humans on the beach!

We did a science experiment where we froze a cup of fresh water and a cup of salt water. We let it sit for a couple of hours in the freezer. The fresh water was frozen and the salt water was slush.

So now you know how and why the bay froze this past winter.



Julianna's Joke of the Month

Q: What do you call 4 hundred rabbits hopping backwards?

A: A receding hareline!



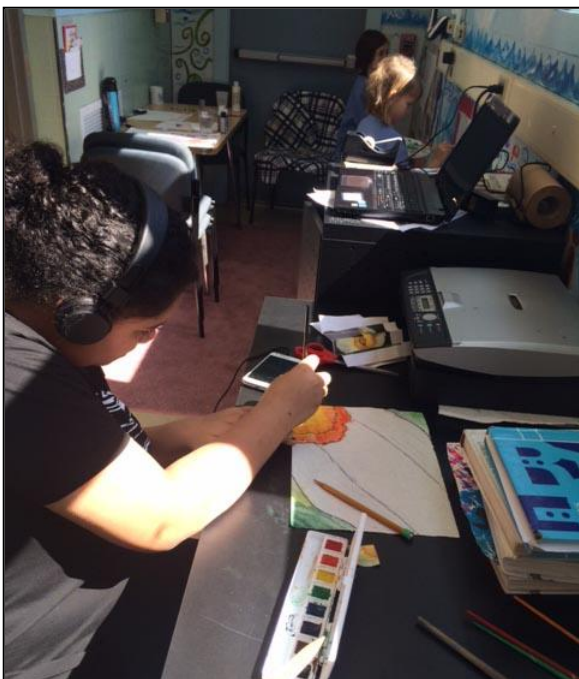
Art: The Legends

By Nevaeh, PISF 8th grader

Recently, I've been taking my art class with Steph, and the younger elementary students. In each class, we begin by reading a book about a famous artist. The books are cute, but informational as well. Two artists we've had the privilege of reading about happen to be well known names, Andy Warhol, and Pablo Picasso. Andy Warhol was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the year of 1928. He was known mostly for his invention of Pop Art. Pop Art was different, because it stood out. It was easily spotted, sometimes bright, and always colorful. Andy began to take an interest in art at a young age. A reason that he grew quite famous, was because of his popular depictions of the glamorous life, and celebrities. He died in 1987. He was 59 years old.

Pablo Picasso was born in Malaga, Spain, in 1881. At a young age, he was encouraged to pursue an artistic career by his father. His paintings were always very controversial, and they were either round paintings, or they were flat paintings. Picasso went through a 'Blue Period,' which was a time where he grew very depressed due to the death of his best friend. The depression caused him to use cool, blue colors in all of his paintings, because blue can be a very sad color. A little while after, Picasso fell in love with a girl named Fernande. He grew ecstatic, and very happy, and all of his paintings began to grow more bright, happy, and pink. Cubism was a cubic form of art, developed by Picasso a little while before his death. He died in the year 1973 at the age of 91.

While in Steph's class, we've done one or two paintings based on each artist we had previously read about. So far, we've read about Picasso, Warhol, and Monet. All of the paintings or drawings have come out looking beautiful, and we look forward to our next class.



Neveah's Georgia O'Keeffe style painting

Hot Tropics: Vacation Fashion

by Julianna, PISF 10th grader

It's that time of year again, and spring break is underway. Salt, sand and relaxation await those lucky enough to go someplace warm (so pretty much anywhere south of New England).

Neons

Anyone who's anyone knows this spring break staple. Most people can pull it off, and even if it's not your usual get-up, it's worth a try. When it comes to neon, whether it's a day in the sun or a night on the water, you'll be easy to spot. If you plan on spending all of vacation playing manhunt, this trend is not for you.

Florals

Ah yes, good ole' florals. This print happens to be one of my personal favorites! Whether big or small, flowers work on just about everything. However, while delicate spring prints are fine and dandy, if you're on vacation then you need to go big or go home. And what better way to do that than with a classic Hawaiian shirt?

The Fanny Pack

All that you could ever need conveniently buckled around your waist. What more could you possibly ask for?

Do's

- ✚ DO wear multiple leis at one time no matter where you are or what you're doing.
- ✚ DO carry a camera around your neck at all times, you'll fit right in with the locals.
- ✚ DO rock those socks with sandals, make that statement.
- ✚ DO wear sunblock. The Sun's rays aren't something to toy around with. If you and the snowman you built in January are sporting matching skin tones, start slathering on that sunscreen a week in advance to your romp in the Bahamas.

Don'ts

- ✚ DON'T forget your trusty bucket hat (the more fish hooks the better)
- ✚ DON'T eat that questionably fresh sea food - you and your new sandals will regret it.

If you pack your suitcase with what I've just suggested, everyone within a 92,956,050 mile radius of you had better apply some sunblock, because you will be hotter than the sun.

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Bye Bye Bunion

By Clare Kelley, PISF 12th Grader

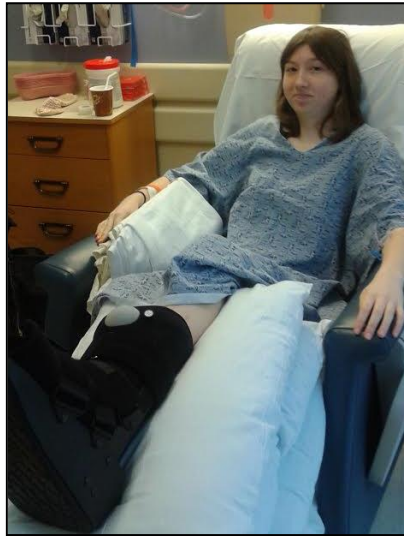
Earlier this month I got a much needed bunionectomy. For anyone who doesn't know what a bunion is, it is no way related to onions. I hate onions, but I hate bunions more. Both also make me cry.

Fast facts: bunions are

- Not fun
- Awful
- Gross

And bunionectomies are:

- Also very bad
- Unpleasant



After the Surgerv- In Mv Boot



Pre-Surgery Gross Foot! The Marker Is Where the Incision Was Made

But seriously, bunions are when your big toe moves in the opposite direction of the way it should and causes painful swelling of the joint. A bunionectomy removes the bunion by making an incision along the joint, shaving the excess bone off, and placing two metal screws to secure the joint into place. Really fun stuff.

After my surgery, which I have absolutely no recollection of past being wheeled to the operating room, I spent a lot of time in bed elevating and icing my foot. Actually I spent all my time elevating and icing my foot. It was very boring and very painful. Shout-out to my mom (hi Mom) for waiting on me and making sure I was taking all the necessary drugs - and there were a lot of them.

A week after the surgery I was transferred from bandage and a boot to a cast. Currently as I write this I am in this cast. It's a pretty sweet cast if I do say so myself. I got to choose from twenty-something cast swatches and I chose a radical red, white, and blue American flag design. My friends and family have had fun signing and decorating it.

Crutches are helpful but annoying. I hate having to be dependent on people to carry my belongings everywhere and climbing up and down the stairs on my butt is dignity-crushing and slow. Life is 65% more difficult with no weight bearing on one foot. While I do normally live a pretty sedentary lifestyle, when I am up and about I move quickly and hate being slowed down. I am the person my normal self would despise to be stuck behind.

My right foot has a mild bunion already formed which will most likely worsen with time. This means in about ten years' time I'll probably be in need of another bunionectomy. Can't wait.

X-Rays
See the screws?



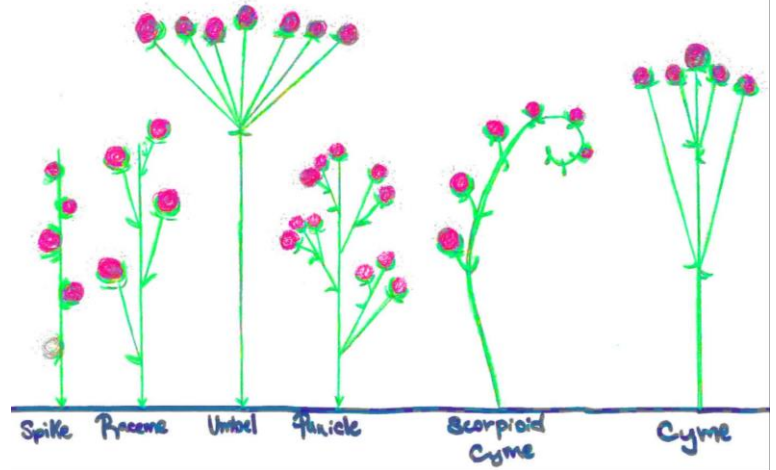
Spring has Sprung

By Julianna, PISF 10th grader

When out and about in the spring time, you are sure to come across many changes in your environment - whether it is the buds on the otherwise bare tree in your front yard, or the stems of flowers poking up through the soil. Here's a list of five things to do in spring (including some great tips on how to help the animals in your environment!)

1) Classify blossoming arrangements

If you're a nature lover who would like to identify the plants that you see, this is something that'll really suit your fancy. Every flowering plant blossoms in a consistent and characteristic way. Blossoming arrangements can be very helpful when it comes to classifying a plant. To do this you must first learn the word *Inflorescence*. Inflorescence is a flowering plant's cluster of flowers. That may sound a bit confusing, and that's why I've provided a chart (right) where you'll see several kinds of common inflorescence types.



2) Bird watch

Now is the perfect time of year to spot your favorite bird species. Grab a pair of binoculars and listen for bird calls! The American Robin, Tree Swallows, and Northern Flickers among many other species will all be migrating through/arriving in our area in the next few weeks. To attract birds to your very own backyard, set out a bird feeder jam-packed with plenty of bird seed.

3) Build a bird house

If you're really into birds, but sitting quietly and bird watching isn't your thing, take a more hands on approach by building a birdhouse! The first step to building a birdhouse is to decide what type of bird you'd like to build a home for. Different sized birds require different sized houses. This decision will determine how large or small you must make the entrance, how high the entrance is in regard to the floor, and how big the floor must be. Remember, just because the bird house is done being built doesn't mean the job is finished. You still need to find a place outside to put your birdhouse. This means knowing how high to hang it and in what kind of area. Cornell's Ornithology Birdhouse Network has loads of information (way too much for this aron specific types of bird species and the types of houses to build for them.

4) Feed the Ducks

It turns out that bread is actually bad to feed ducks, as it possesses little nutritional value, can harm ducklings' growth, pollute the water, and attract rats and other pests. However, that's no reason to skip a visit to see the ducks in the pond. There are plenty of healthy options for ducks to eat other than bread or crackers. A duck's favorite snacks include frozen peas or corn (defrosted; no need to cook), birdseed, grapes cut in ½, cooked or uncooked rice, lettuce or other salad mixes, oats, wheat, and barley.

5) Fly a kite

This is actually my personal favorite thing to do in spring. I love to fly my kite on the beach! To have a stress free afternoon, with your shoes off and the feeling of wind running through your luxurious tresses? Who could ask for anything more?

Writing this article, I myself have certainly added some things to my Spring to-do list. As for you, reader, you no longer have any excuses to stay inside.

Happy Adventu(sp)ring!

Quiz on Asia

1. What is Singapore?
2. When did Burma become Myannar?
3. Komodo Dragons can grow to be how long?
4. What do the Komodo Dragons eat?
5. What is the name of the world's longest wall? How long is it?
6. What is the world's deepest fresh water lake?
7. What is the warmest ocean?
8. What is the largest mountain is Japan?
9. What is the highest place on earth? What mountain range is it located in?
10. What is an archipelago?
11. What is the capitol of Japan?
12. Where do giant panda's live
13. What is china's national drink?
14. Many Asian countries have the suffix "stan". What does it mean?

Answers on page 13

Wish List

Drawing markers
White vinegar for cleaning
Dish rack

If you would like to donate any of
these items, please contact
Steph Jenness at
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Friday is Field Trip Day



At the Alex & Ani Center Skating Rink



Geo boarding in Math class



Pysanky Egg Decorating





By Aribella



Viewing Allison Newsome's exhibit at the Bristol Art Museum



Answers to the Asia Quiz

1. Located in Malaysia, Singapore is officially the Republic of Singapore. It is a modern city-state and island country.
2. 1989, by the ruling military party following a violent uprising.
3. Komodo Dragons can grow to be 7 feet long.
4. They eat monkeys and goats.
5. The Great Wall of China, it is 13,170.69 miles long.
6. Lake Baikal
7. The Indian Ocean
8. Mount Fugie
9. Mount Everest, it is located in the Himalayas.
10. A group of islands
11. Tokyo
12. China
13. Tea
14. In Persian, the suffix means "place of" or "country". Many countries near what was previously known as the Persian Empire created their name by combining the name for their people and the suffix 'stan'.



Skating at the Alex & Ani Center in Providence (Where's Clayah?)



Gianna Science Class



CPR during Health Class



At the Audubon Education Center



Nail decorating at the nursing home



At Linden Place in Bristol

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Proceeds to benefit the Homestead Library

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8:15 PM Assorted Pies & Ice Cream at Union Church

A short slide show by Joe Bains and an update on
The Homestead Library activities

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PISF SUMMER CAMPS!



Circus Camp: (June 29-July 3rd) 10:30-2 p.m.

Circus camp is sure to be a wild time! Learning to juggle, twirl a baton, and make your own circus stilts are only the beginning of what is sure to be a roaring good time! Campers will be invited to take part in the 4th of July parade on Saturday! Open to ages 6 and up. Camp cost: \$60.00

Dance Camp: (July 20-24) Budding Ballerinas: 9-9:45 Dazzling Dancers: 10-3 p.m.

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
Camp cost: \$30.00 for Budding Ballerinas, \$100.00 for Dazzling Dancers.

Art Camp: (July 27-31) Young Artists: 9:30-10:30 School Age Camp: 1-4

Learn to paint! Landscapes and Seascapes; Still lifes based on the nature of PI; Watercolors, Acrylics, Oil Pastels, and more! Open to ages 6 and up. Young artist camp is for ages 3-5.
Camp cost: \$30.00 for Young Artists, \$60.00 for School Age

Forensics Camp: (August 10-14) 1-4 p.m.

Calling all islanders! A crime has been committed that might ruin our Olympic prospects for 2016. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to identify the culprit through the use of forensic DNA analysis. Scientists Kathy and Paul will assist you in solving this crime. Sign up for this summer forensics camp if you choose to take on this mission! Open to student's grade 8 - 12.
Camp cost: \$60.00

Track and Field Camp: (August 10-14) 9-11 a.m.

This camp will be sure to tire out even the most energetic of campers! They will learn proper warm-ups and stretching techniques, sprinting race starts, relay race handoffs, shot put, javelin, long jump, and more! On Friday the campers can put all their new skills to use in a track meet at the school! This camp is for children ages 6 and up! Camp cost: \$40.00

PI Chorus: (August 16-20) Time: TBD

Alex Brassard and Julianna Henault will be back for their second year leading the Prudence Island Chorus! The kids will learn to sing in harmony with a final performance for friends and family at the end of the week.

*For camp sign-ups contact Lindsay at 401-742-1150 or faith.lindsay@gmail.com

Tutoring is also available upon request. *