



The Prudence Wave

PISF is pleased to welcome Gia, our newest student!

A Fresh Start

By Gia, grade 11

The Prudence Island School is very different from my other schools. No frozen yogurt, no pre-made meals that are pre-ordered but that's ok, the food was bad anyway. No 25 student classes or waking up at 5am to get ready. No drink or snack machines, or pizza and soda during snack. No out-of-county field trips, but that's ok because instead we have a close community, a mostly quiet classroom filled with great people, new friendships, more opportunities and let's not forget FUN!



Bones

By Gia, grade 11

On Friday, Aribella and I went to Nicole's Farm to paint and learn the skeletal system of her horse, Buster. We had an amazing time and we also learned a lot of new things like how different and how similar a horse skeleton is to a human skeleton.

Friendship Soup and Chili

In November the students made soup and bread and delivered it to Island Friends. All the students enjoyed visiting with people they don't usually see and everyone was so appreciative of their yummy food. In December the students made and delivered chili and corn bread.

By Aribella, grade 7

I can't remember everyone we went to, but I do remember Nolan, Bob, Paula, and Nancy. I liked that we visited Bob because he never gets any visitors and after he ate the soup he enthused about it to my mom when she came to clean his house. Bob lives alone in his small house and only sees his son once and a while. My dog, Sophie, was like a service dog to him and after she passed he was very sad. It was nice to see him happy.

By Jacob, grade 3

I was happy to deliver the soup. I think the old people liked it. I like getting the candy. I also liked taking the pictures and talking to the people. One house had some flowers, and a mobile. I liked how the mobile was spinning and in color order of the rainbow.



Field Trip

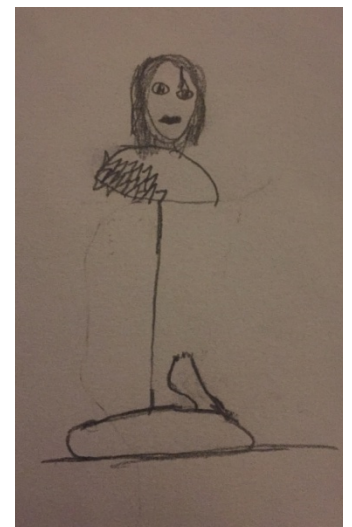


Meg's Art Gallery

By Vivian, Pre-K

I loved the girl lying on the black sand. I loved the pottery, also. Meg is so good.

By Wyatt, grade 1



I loved the girl Meg did that was in the marsh with the big grass. I like seeing the pottery. Thank you, Meg, for showing us around your school.

By Jacob, grade 3

I liked the pottery room because it was fun. I liked when they fling the clay on the wheel. I also liked the painting room. It was cool because of all the paintings. I think my favorite thing was watching the girl work on the wheel. Thank you, Meg, for showing us your school.



Prudence Islanders Help Students in Thailand



This past summer, Prudence Islander Rong Rong Zhu held a dumpling making class to raise money for school uniforms at the local Island school she visits in Thailand. The school asked Rong Rong if she had a logo to go on the uniforms and she reached out to the PISF to ask if our school house could go on the uniforms. Here are a few pictures of the kids sporting the uniforms. We have written to the school in Koh Mak Thailand and here is what each of our PISF students wrote about themselves.

Hi. My name is Jianna and I am 17 years old and live on Prudence Island which is in the state of Rhode Island in the USA. My favorite thing to drink is apple cider and favorite food is Crab Rangoon. I like the color gold and to play the board game, Life. I like to listen to music. I have two older brothers. As for pets I have a total of 35: 1 cat, 15 ducks, 12 chickens, 3 alpacas, 2 goats, and 2 dogs.

Hi! My name is Wyatt and I am 6 years old and live on an island in Rhode Island. My favorite thing to drink is watermelon juice and I love to eat watermelon. I like the color green. I love to play outside at recess with our school dog, Sawyer. I love to play outside and with my toys. I have one older brother and one baby sister and we have two kittens.

Hi! My name is Vivian and I am 4 years old. I live on Prudence Island. I like to drink chocolate and vanilla milk. My favorite food is pepperoni and spicy cheese. I like the color pink and to play Hide and Seek with my friends. I have 2 house pets and bunch of farm animals: cows, chickens, goats, barn cats, horses and ponies.

Hi. My name is Aribella and I am 13 years old. I live on a small island called Prudence Island in Rhode Island which is in the United States of America. I like to drink milk and eat pumpkin pie. I like the color blue and my favorite thing to do is play tag with friends and play with my new kitten, Chloe. I have 2 older sisters and 4 pets: 2 dogs and 2 cats.

Hi. My name is Jacob and I am 9 years old. I live on Prudence Island in the state of Rhode Island. My favorite thing to drink is soda, and I love to eat eggs. I like the color red. I love to play football and to shoot my bow with my brother and my dad. I have a little brother and a little sister. I have two kittens: Leroy and Snowball.

The Breakers

By Jacob, grade 3

We went to The Breakers in Newport. I like the toilet because it was hidden in a closet. It was hard to get into. How did they shut the door? I liked the train as well. Boys were allowed to free range. The boys slid down the stairs on a cookie sheet. I liked the platinum room the best.



Above: Students tour The Breakers



Left (L to R): Aribella (grade 7), Jacob (grade 3), Vivian (pre-K), Gia (grade 11), Wyatt (grade 1)

The Breakers

By Gia, grade 11



The Breakers is a big mansion that used to be a summer home for the Vanderbilt family. Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt established the steam engine and the New York Central Railroads. The mansion was built in 1885 but it was a wooden house that cost the Vanderbilts around 450,000 dollars. Later, there was a fire in the mansion that destroyed it and an architect had to redo it and its frame in 1893. With the reconstruction was an update on all the furniture and appliances. The mansion has 70 rooms. Today the mansion would cost 12.5 million dollars.

The house sits on a 14 acre estate right on the ocean where huge waves come in and crash against the shore (hence the name “The Breakers”). The mansion is 125,339 square feet and gets 450,000 visitors a year.

My school and I had just recently visited The Breakers and we had a really great time. When you get there, you walk through big iron gates and follow a path that leads you up to the main doors of the mansion. When you walk in, you get a phone with headphones and you listen to a kid friendly tour guide who walks you through the importance and history of each room.

When we walked in, there was a big room with 50 foot ceilings with beautiful detailing all around, on the floors, the walls, and ceilings. There were many rooms to look at and each room had a different story. By the end of the tour we had seen many rooms filled with beautiful Christmas trees (we saw 17), large bathrooms, a grand staircase. We had lots of fun.

The overall experience was amazing and I would love to go back and see more of the mansions. I learned so many interesting things and got to see one of a kind art work and detailing that I will never forget. It is a place I would highly recommend, and I would definitely go back, given the chance.



Felt Plant Cell

By Aribella, grade 7



Book Review

By Jacob, grade 3

I read The Best School Year Ever and The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson. These books are about the Herdsman family and their awful ways. They set things on fire, say bad words. They don't really say the bad words in the book but the author mentions them. Alice Wendlkin, Mrs. Wendlkin and Charlie the little brother to the person that is writing the journal. These books are a journal about the Herdsman's six kids; Ralphie, Imigin, Leroy, Claude, Ollie and Gladice and the funny things they do. I liked these books because of the Herdsman's. My favorite was Leroy and when he stuck a dead snake in the pencil sharpener. The snake had a funeral. The teacher asked, "Where is Leroy." His sister said he was at a funeral. I would recommend these books to kids who want to read about silly make believe things. The next book is The Best Halloween Ever.

Student Art Work



For more information about the school please
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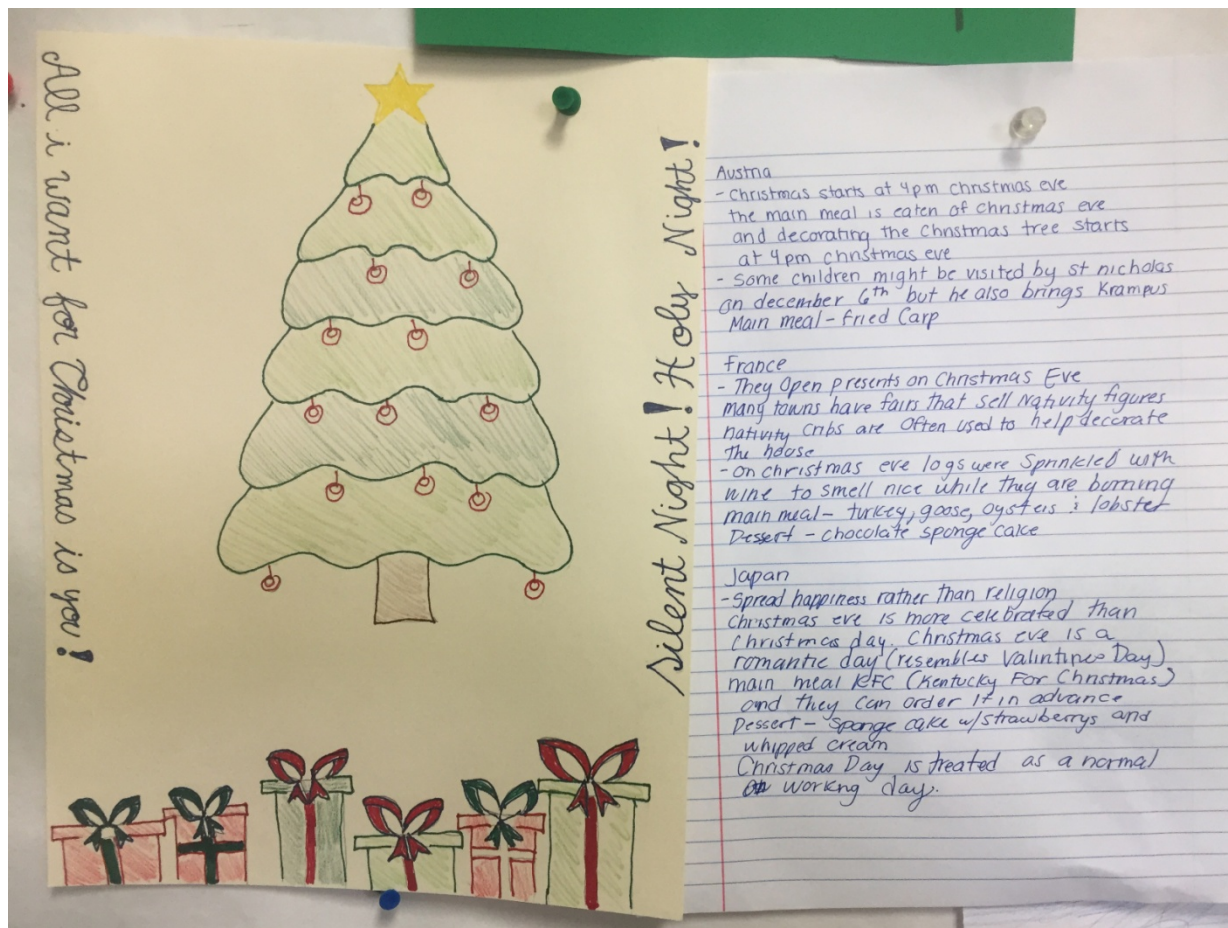
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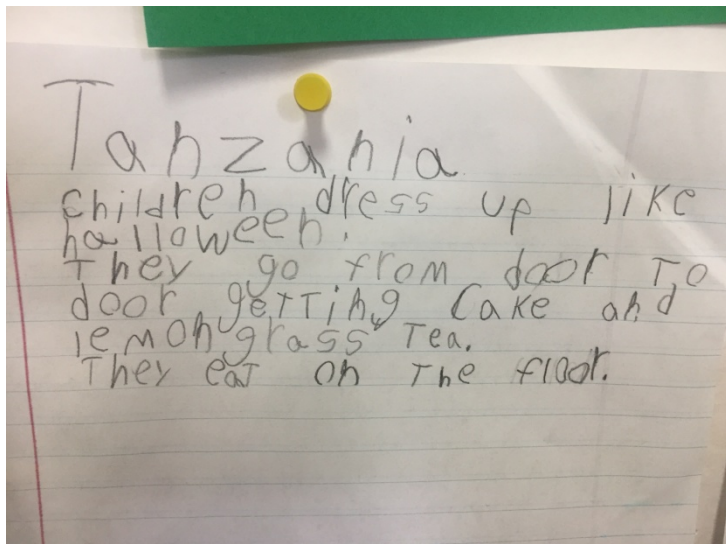
Flying Santa

A New England Tradition since 1929, Flying Santa arrives by helicopter to visit US Coast Guard Units and lighthouses and the residents who live near them, often in small, isolated communities. Flying Santa visits Prudence Island, stopping at Sand Point Light, and delivering joy and small gifts for children.



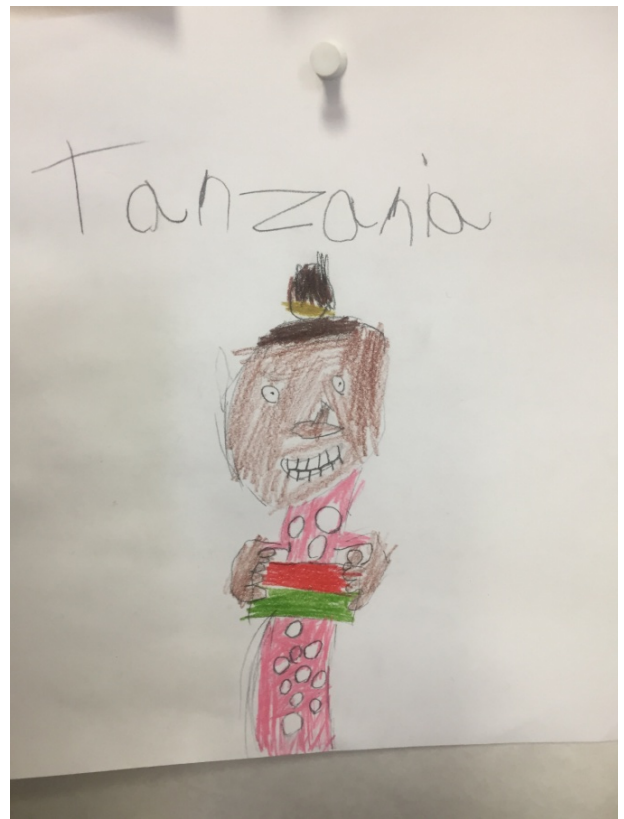
Christmas Traditions Around the World





Above: Facts about Tanzanian traditions.

Right: A picture of a child in Tanzania with a shoe box of gifts including small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies packed on Prudence Island and donated through Operation Christmas Child.



Making Cookies



PISF WISH LIST

- Ink printer HP Officejet HP 63
- Poster board
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels

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