



Coastal Cleanup

Let's Talk Trash

By Carol Anne Lamontagne

On September 19, the Long Island School students rode the bus down to Fowlers Beach. We cleaned the beach. Why? Because we want our Earth to be clean. We need to limit our single use plastics like baggies, straws, and cigarette butts. We found over 150 cigarette butts on the beach. We need to make sure we recycle. We need to keep our ocean clean.

Tether Ball Is Back!

By William Tierney

Do you remember when there was tether ball on the island? We found an old tether ball pole. Mrs. Rich ordered us a tether ball for the pole. We started to play. Adam Kimball came up to school to teach us how to play. Devon, Silas, Tony, Marshall, and I play almost every day. We have a lot of fun playing.





Portland Fire Station

by Devon Johnson and Elizabeth Tierney

The Long Island School students went to the Portland Fire station on November 14th. When we got there, the firemen weren't there. One guy who was not on shift, showed us how the exhaust pipe hoses worked. They have a magnet that hooks on to the exhaust pipe and pulls off when they leave. He also showed us how to go down the pole. He went down. We did not. Then the firemen came back. They showed us the back of the firetruck. Another call came in and they left again. The guy off duty came back and showed us their rooms and kitchen upstairs. When the firemen on duty came back, they showed us the fire truck and the equipment. We got to climb on the truck. Their trucks have computers with maps on them so that they know where to go. When we were leaving, they gave us hats.



Lego Robotics

Isabella Elder

This year, the Long Island School got lego kits. We have technology time with Legos on Fridays. The students go on a computer with a partner. They follow step by step directions. At the end of building your robotic, you plug it into the computer. Next, they start programing the robotic. they make it move right or left, or make it make lots of sounds. You pick your sound out by typing in a number to chose your sound. We have made tops and the two birds that are dancing. We made the birds chirp. We will also make a monkey, an alligator, a bird, a pair of feet that walks, a person defending a goal, along with a sea plane and others. To celebrate our Lego learning, we are going to Legoland in Boston for a field trip on November 20, 2016. Parents can come too. We have so much fun doing lego robotics. I love lego robotics.

Should Stores be Open on Thanksgiving?

No- Isla Norton

I think stores should not be open on Thanksgiving. I think people should be together on Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a fun day and people should be with their families. It is a time to give thanks with your family. If people had to work, they would miss out on family time. People need to be at home to help with the cooking.

YES - Agnes Mae LaMontagne

I think stores should be open on Thanksgiving because if people needed to get last minute things at the store they could. My family is always missing something on Thanksgiving. If stores were open, and if someone needed something at the store, they could get it and be back by Thanksgiving dinner. On Thanksgiving, people can get a lot of good sales. People who work at the store can make more money by working on Thanksgiving. They can use this money to provide for their families.

Veterans Day

by Devon and Aran Johnson

We sent cards out to veterans and honored them. One of our veterans, Joe Donovan, came in to talk to us. He was in the Navy. He was on a submarine that was called the USS Jack. He told us that he was the first one off the submarine and that he had to wear special glasses because of the sun. It was nice that we got to hear him speak. I think it is good that we have veterans.



Old, But New Song

By Tony Camden

The "old but new" song is a song my Gram (Carmen Gomez) helped with when she went to the Long Island School. We sing it every morning at morning meeting. We sing it with the tune of *America The Beautiful*. We also made up a song. A few kids clap and most kids sing and some clap and sing. My Gram's song goes like this: "We are a group of boys and girls from our Long Island School. We try to do our very best and obey every rule. Long Island School, Long Island School where we go every day. We think it is the nicest school there is on Casco Bay."

Weather Blur

by Marshal Rich

Weather Blur is when we go on our computers and talk about science. Different schools from around Maine go on this site and ask questions about science. Some questions that get a lot of likes turn into "SMART" questions. If scientist thinks we can study them more, they turn into "Investigations". We are working on a King Tide investigation and a tide pool Investigation. We collect data and put it into our computer to share with other schools. We also ask more questions and comment about what we found. The school kids are divided into four teams that report to the Weather Blur. The thing that I like the best about Weather Blur is that we get to use the computer, and it is sort of like Facebook, but for science!



Apple Study- by Annabell, Caroline, Tilly, and Silas

Mrs. Norton's class went on an Apple picking adventure. We went on the school bus. Alanna, Lisa, Adam, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Norton came along. We went to pick apples from all the different trees on the island. We made a map and put dots where we wanted to go. We went to eleven different places. After that, we had a taste test. We voted on the best tasting apple. The yellow apple won. We also looked at the colors, shapes, and sizes of the apples. It was a fun adventure.

Harvest Lunch

by Annabell, Caroline, Tilly, and Silas

We had a harvest lunch at the school. We invited different people to come. Silas invited Annie and John. Caroline invited Jim Wilber. Tilly invited Katharine and Newell. Annabel invited Marie Harmon. everybody invited someone. We made meatballs and garlic butter bread. The meatballs were squishy and we had to wear gloves. Other kids made apple crisp and spaghetti sauce. We got the tomatoes from our garden. There were a lot of people. We ate together. It was so delicious. It was fun to have different people in our school.

Harvest Lunch





Tide Pooling at the Beach

by Aran Johnson

The Long Island School is going tide pooling! We are looking for the biodiversity in the tide pool like seaweed, crabs, periwinkles, and other species at Fowlers Beach. After we find the plants and animals,

we look through pamphlets to see what they are and if they are invasive or not. We are collecting water quality data too. We are doing this project in November and December this year and sharing our information on WeatherBlur.

A Trip to the Children's Garden - Annabell Kimball

On Monday, November 14, Silas, Tilly, Caroline, Mrs. Norton, Ms. Brown, Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Powers, and I went to the Children's garden at Fort Williams in Cape Elizabeth. We went for a field trip. We climbed through tunnels and we went in a tree house. There were also stepping stones and pathways. We wrote using our five senses and then went to a pond. There were 25 ducks! We did a scavenger hunt too. Then, we took a walk and went to the fort. It was so creepy because it was very dark. You should visit the Children's Garden!



King Tide- by William Tierney

November 15th was the king tide. A king tide is when the Moon, the Sun, and the Earth line up and cause higher tides. This was going to be the highest tide since 1948. King times sometimes cause erosion and flooding. We went to The Portland Public Library on November 14th to research other times when the king tides have caused major flooding in Maine.

On November 15th, we had a king tide party. We made crowns and wore them to the dock. We measured an hour before high tide, during high tide, and after high tide. Mark Greene came to help us. There wasn't much of a surge, so it didn't get as high as we expected. It got fairly high though.

