

the LONG ISLAND School



Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Johnson's back

She is finally out of her sack
She has brand new knees
So she is yelling whoopee!
Even though there is pain,
She's still our queen of the
classroom reign.



✧ The Christmas Program ✧

by Matilda Rich

On December 21, the Long Island School kids gathered in the evening to sing songs for our Christmas Program. Our parents, families, and friends came because they like to see us. We were in the big room because there is a stage there. Mrs. Fabiano was in charge and we sang a lot of songs. My favorite was "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" Isla said she liked our special guest. It was Santa.



Craft Day

by Annabel Kimball

On December 16th, people on the island brought supplies to The Long Island School to make

crafts. They helped us make them. We used the crafts to decorate our houses and give them as gifts. I like making crafts.

Caroline liked it when she made plates.





GYMNASTICS

by Agnes Mae LaMontagne

Every Thursday we did gymnastics. First, we ate snacks. Next, we did stretches. After that, we did tumbling and the horse. We did straddles on the horse and jumps over the horse. Mrs. Train, our gymnastics teacher, told us we were going to have a demonstration. On the night of the demonstration, we started with tumbling, cartwheels, forward rolls, back rolls, and straddle rolls. Then, we did our work on the horse. On the horse, we did straddles and jumping over. Finally, we got to the beam. We did the cat walk, a half split, a “V” with our legs. And then the fun night was over.



Jim Wilber

by Aran Johnson

Jim, one of our custodians, retired in December. Jim has been at the school for a long time. Every morning he made the school warm and nice. It was good to see him at school. He said “Hello” every morning. We had cake to say good-bye. We will miss him! Thank you Jim.

Long Island Lucy

by Marshal Rich

We got a stuffed animal ground hog with a big hat like Abraham Lincoln wears. We named it Long Island Lucy. On Ground Hogs’ Day she saw her shadow. There will be 6 more weeks of winter. We also measured our shadows. We went out in the morning and outlined them with chalk. Then we did it again around noon,

and again at the end of the day. Our shadows moved each time because the earth rotates.



TIMELINE

by Izzy Elder

Mrs. Caliandro made a timeline for us. It went from the 1300’s to the 2000’s. There were blue cards that showed world events and orange cards showed local and Maine events. We especially learned about Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Mrs. Caliandro read us a book about Henry and his life. We learned he was a famous poet. He traveled to see other famous poets. A sad part of the book was when his wife’s sleeve caught on fire from a candle. She died. We had visited his house last year. Everyone liked the timeline, especially Kineo and Aran. They liked illustrating the events.





Celebration Week

CHINESE NEW YEAR

by Caroline Daughdrill

We went to the big room. We ate Chinese food and Chinese tea. We made red Chinese pockets with glitter and glue. Red represents China. We put money inside for good luck. We colored a Chinese flag and a map of China. The big kids made a dragon. I thought it was fun because I like to color.



MARDI GRAS

by Elizabeth Tierney

Mardi Gras is the meaning for Fat Tuesday. The school made masks and got horns to blow and necklaces. The pre-K through first grade made two cakes. A Mardi Gras tradition is to put a surprise into the cake. It is good luck if you get a coin or a baby Jesus. We put a



coin in and I got it. Did you have a good time at Mardi Gras?

PRESIDENTS' DAY

How would you like to learn more about two of the forty-three Presidents? The first president is Abraham Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln only went to school for one year. Also, he used his top hat for delivering mail. Abraham Lincoln was our 16th President. Also, he wrote the Gettysburg Address.

George Washington was our first president. He fought in the French and Indian War. Mrs. Train's class made a cherry pie for President's Day because of the myth of George Washington cutting down his dad's favorite cherry tree. We had fun learning about the presidents

HUNDREDS DAY

by Silas Norton

On Friday, February 12, our class celebrated the 100th day of school. Our whole school got together in Mrs. Train's room to see what our bags looked like. Everyone had a bag of 100 things to eat. "You could bring in

100 of anything to eat." said Isla. I brought popcorn. We had candy hearts, goldfish,



marshmallows, and pretzels too. I liked it because I was there.

VALENTINE'S DAY

by Devon Johnson

On Friday, February 12, the Long Island School kids had a Valentine's Day Party. We passed out candy, lollipops, marshmallows covered with chocolate and sprinkles, and Oreos covered with white chocolate. We put valentine cards in envelopes that we made. We decorated them with heart stickers. I liked the cards from my friends.





Worm Composting - Carol Anne LaMontagne

Long Island has a worm bin. On January 12, 2016, Jock Robie came to our school because Erin Love invited him. The reason we have a worm bin is to help our garden. The castings of the worms help the plants to grow. We give the worms leftover vegetables from school lunch. Alanna, our lunch lady, makes sure to add two cups every two weeks. When Jock comes back, he is going to help us harvest our worm castings. If you want to learn more about worm bins, you can contact Jock at Mainlywormbin@gmail.com



Good Bye To Alivia and Josie - by Isla Norton

Josie and Alivia Wilson have gone back to Indiana. Their last day was January 15th. We were sad, but we were also happy for them because they will see their old friends. On their last day, we passed around Telly the Turtle and we all said something that we would miss about them.

Science Museum by Antonio Camden

We went to the Science Museum in Portland. The games were very fun. There were robots that we could control. They were fun too. I loved the Science Museum. There was a ride that spins you around. It made you feel like you were in space. I hope that my mom will take me there again.



ROBOTS

by Hazel Johnson

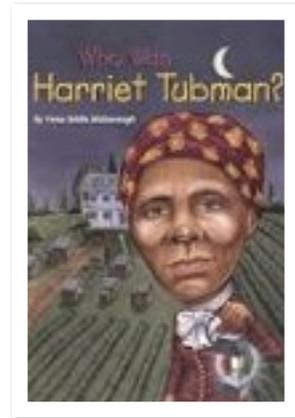


During February, we built robots. Mrs. Train's class and the third graders made robugs (Robot Bugs) They made the robugs out of tin cans. They were very loud. The fourth graders made cleaning robots. The fifth graders made smart robots. They are smart because if they bump into walls, they go a different way. We made a maze for the smart robots. They bumped their way out. It was fun building robots because we had to connect wires and put batteries in. If we study robots again, I would like to build some more.

TOOTH FAIRIES

by Natalie Johnson

On February 26, 2016, students from New England Dental Care School came to our school. They taught us how to brush our teeth and floss on a stuffed animal with teeth. Everyone got to try to brush the stuffed animal's teeth. After, they gave us a piece of paper that had some games on it. One side had a game where you had to find hidden tooth brushes. On the other side, there was a word search. They also gave us carrots and toothbrushes. And a chart that you can write down when you brush your teeth. I hope they can come back.



WHO WAS HARRIET TUBMAN

A book review by Kineo Sommers.

Who was Harriet Tubman is a book about a slave girl who wants to be free. Harriet Tubman, or Minty, was born in 1820 or 1821. At that time, slavery was allowed in the southern states. Her father taught Harriet how to find the North Star and feel the moss on the trees. The moss grows on the north side of the tree so if you followed the North Star, it would lead north and when the stars weren't out, you could feel for the moss. Harriet married a free slave called John Tubman. She asks John to run away with her but he refuses and would tell her master if she escaped. Will Harriet Tubman escape to freedom? Read the book to find out.



WINTER POETRY

My Perfect Snowy Day

by Silas Norton

Igloos and forts
Snow dancing in the wind
Blobs of snow falling from
the sky
Sparkles on the ground
White
Sticky

Skiing on a Snowy Day

by Devon Johnson

White capped mountains
Excited
Blobs of white falling from
the sky
Cold
Snow hitting my face
Fast
Get on the lift
Do it again

The Winter Walk

Annabel Kimball

Hiking through the forest,
On a snowy day.
Flakes gently falling.
Bunny resting in a cave,
Knowing that there is
snow,
Dreaming of the spring.

The Snowy Woods

by Isla Norton

Animals gathering on a
snowy day
leaving tracks in the cold
snow
Meeting at the edge of the
forest
Eating from a little girl's
hand
Safe at last

Snowflakes

by Tilly Rich

Snowflakes falling from the
sky
Big white pompoms
Landing gently on the
ground
Then they disappear.

A Beautiful Snowy Day

by Caroline Daughdrill

Kids sledding
CRASH!
"I'm done!"
"Let's build a snowman."
Carrot nose
Rocks for eyes
A hat from Grandpa

Winter Fun

by Tony Camden

White, cold, and silent
outside.
Fluffy flakes fall from the
sky.
Jumping in piles of soft
snow.
Rolling little balls into big
balls
Placing them on top of
each other
Building a snowman
Sliding down my hill
FUN!

Sledding

by Marshal Rich

The snow is falling
slowly
Cold and wet outside
Grab my sled
go outside
climb the hill
and slide on down

RIPSTIKS

Should They Be Allowed On the Tennis Court?

An Opinion Piece



PRO

by William Tierney/Natalie Johnson

We think that RipStiks and their riders should be able to ride on the tennis court. RipStiks are a great way to get exercise. We think that because the tennis players aren't here most of the time during school recess. We always move if there are tennis players. RipStiks do make lines on the court, but they usually fade away within a day. We do ripstik on the basketball court but we try to avoid each other. It causes crashes and scratches. If we had more room, we would not crash so much and there would be less chance of scratches. One of our teachers that we interviewed said, "I think that they should be able to do it because it is the only safe

place. I believe the courts should be multi-use for all of us."

So we think we would be allowed to use our ripsticks on the court.

CON

by Agnes LaMontagne

RipStiks should not be able to ride on the tennis court because they make lines and tennis players use the court much more often than the ripstikers do. RipStikers have the basketball court! Plus, if the tennis players wanted to play, and the RipStikers were on the court, we could not play. When asked, Mrs. Fabiano said, "I don't think it should be used on the court because it could damage it and it is very expensive."

Dance

by Mrs. J's Class

Dancing feet

Jazzy music

Tapping toes

Shining lights

A star!

Fall Time

by Natalie Johnson

Wearing sweatshirts

Leaves falling

My birthday

School time!

Flowers

by Evan Elder

Flowers blossom

Flowers bloom

Flowers grow

Flowers die!

Boat Ride

by Natalie Johnson

Cooling air

Salty waves

Blowing hair

Almost there!

Spring

by Kineo Sommers

Rainy days

Purple flowers

Little leaves

Pink blossoms

Singing birds

Green grass

It's spring!

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OBITUARIES



**ALLAN "SKEE"
DENNISON**
(1938-2015)

by William and Elizabeth Tierney

Skee Dennison passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 9, 2015. He was 77. His mother's name was Anna and his father's name was Allan. He grew up in South Portland and then moved to Long Island. He had six brothers and sisters. He had six children, nine grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. He was a Marine, a lobsterman, and a

mechanic. He liked being a mechanic the most. What I liked most about "Papa" was his sense of humor. He would always joke around. He liked to eat toast with butter. He would always feed us when we came to visit him. He gave us Oreo cookies and popsicles all the time. That's why we will always love him.

MICHAEL KILGORE

by Aggie, Hazel, Aran, & Natalie



Michael Kilgore passed away on March 15th. Michael lived on the West End of the island.

Some people called him the "cat man" because he had lots and lots of cats. He saved cats from the old dump and took them to town to get all their shots. The old wild feisty ones he let loose again in the dump, but he kept any kittens. He kept feeding all the cats. "His cat Freeman would play with my brother Ben, and after that Michael always sent my brother a birthday card with a little black and white cat on it.", said Aggie.

Michael heated his house with wood and Aran and Hazel's Dad would drop wood off at his house. He gave their Dad lots of records. We called him "Big Michael" and my dad was "Little Michael." - Hazel Michael liked to send cards with pictures of cats and cat prints on them. We will miss his cards and how kind he was, but he will stay in our hearts.