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PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN READ... AND READ... AND READ

Peaks Island School children recently turned up their reading volume and won 2 sets of Child Craft, an Early World of Learning set, a world atlas, 4 dictionaries and more for their school.

They did this by reading 820 books and by getting sponsors to donate money for each book they read in the Partners in Excellence Reading Program sponsored by World Book.

Peaks Island children earned $654 from their sponsors, and World Book matched half of that, giving the school a total of $981 to spend on the World Book materials.

The Star interviewed the top readers in each class to find out how they got interested in reading and what some of their favorite books are.

Grade 1. Kipp Quimby, who read the most books in her class and in the school, said that her Mom and Dad usually read to her. "Usually my Dad would read to me and he'd fall asleep, so I wanted to learn to read myself," she said. Kipp's favorite books: Heidi and Black Beauty.
Grade 2. Wheeler Cooley, top reader in the contest for his grade, was reluctant to talk about why he likes to read, but he was eager to talk about what he likes to read best: Calvin and Hobbes. He gets most of the books he reads from family and friends, especially his uncle, who is 12. Wheeler's favorites: Something Under the Bed is Drooling and Lazy Sunday Book.

Grades 3, 4, 5 combined class. Jacob Cooley, who read the most books in his class, said that at first he was reading books from the school library and they were boring to him so he thought reading was boring. Then in second grade his mother got him Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator by Roal Dahl and he loved it, so then he knew he loved to read. Jacob's favorites: Call It Courage, Wait Till Helen Comes, and My Teacher Is an Alien.

Other top readers for the contest were Grade 1: Alec Shaw, Sam Critchlow, and Kyle Flynn; Grade 2: Ricky Price, Jesse Emmons, and Chelsea Henry; Grades 3, 4, 5: Julie Doughty and Christine Voyeur.

Favorite books mentioned by those children included Sarah Plain and Tall, Chocolate Fever, Bridge to Terabithia, Teacher from the Black Lagoon, We Were There on the Oregon Trail, Abyojo, Dr. Seuss books, and mysteries.

STAR OF THE SEA THEATER & DANCE COMPANY

Sun. June 10th at 2:30pm in Greenwood Garden Playhouse (Curtesy of the Peaks Isl. Lions Club) Our annual dance program will take you across the land in song and dance. "HELLO AMERICA" is the theme.

DONATIONS: ADULTS $2.00, CHILDREN $1.00 There is one performance only. Proceeds to benefit the College Scholarship Fund.

Our theater group will start rehearsal for the musical "Forty Five Minutes From Broadway", to be presented sometime in August. We do need more people for acting and a chorus. Anyone interested just drop in to the Star of The Sea Studio on Welch st. We would appreciate your help. It really is fun to participate.

The Boutique is getting busy now, we have many items with more coming in every week. Good Quality Crafts are welcome on consignment. Weekend Baked Goods specials are getting very popular. Come early for these home cooked special items, Bread, muffins, cookies and pies.

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL MUSICALLY YOURS DOREEN MCCANN

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O STAR, a performance poem by Anne Witten with readers Christina Winter, Suzanne Parrott-Wolfe and Pamela Ryan and collaged screens by David Wolfe

David Wolfe will talk on the O Star book's design
Anne Witten will give an introductory talk on oral tradition

RAFFLES BOOKSTORE CAFE, Congress Street, Portland
THURSDAY EVENING MAY 17th at 7:30 PM

free and open to the public

****** POETRY********POETRY*****POETRY********POETRY*****
A Neighborhood Association TOWN MEETING was held on Thursday evening, April 26, at the Community center. Following is a brief resumé of the reports given and issues discussed. We missed seeing YOU there and would like to encourage you to join us!

Kay reported that the Zoning Committee had completed its report after much hard work at many meetings throughout the winter and spring. She named the 20 participants and thanked them for their efforts. Copies of the report were distributed at the meeting and are available at Bayview Market and at the library. In view of PINA's limited budget, Islanders are encouraged to make copies themselves and distribute them to friends and neighbors so that Island participation in this process can be as broad as possible. On THURSDAY, MAY 10, at 7:30 PM, there will be an Island-wide meeting at the Community center to discuss the recommendations and then VOTE on them, one-by-one. A panel of zoning Committee members will be there to answer questions. Your participation at this meeting is very important.

Another important meeting to attend will be that held by the Portland Water District on SATURDAY, MAY 19, at 2:30 PM at the Community center, to discuss both sewers and the proposed new secondary treatment plant. Sewer work is scheduled to begin in 6 or 8 weeks but Island Ave. will not be torn up until fall. There will be a charge to go into the new sewer, but the fee will vary, depending on usage. If you have questions or want to learn more, DO plan to attend the meeting.

Don Perkins, president of "Friends of Casco Bay" discussed concerns with the proposed sewage treatment plant which include a possible doubling of current capacity and the fact that, even after spending three million dollars to service only 184 residences, businesses and public buildings, the proposed plant apparently will not address the serious septage removal problems that the other 80% of us face. "Friends" has hired an engineering consultant to study the plans and give a second opinion. They hope to be able to share this information with Peaks Islanders before the Water District's May 19 meeting.

Please do NOT put plastic bags of anything in the "brush dump".

Carolen MacKenzie-Hicks would like some help beautifying the Community Building. She'd like to roto-till the soil in front, plant groundcover and put flowers in half-barrels. Her suggestion was well-received. Friends of the Library and perhaps, PINA, could contribute toward purchase of the barrels. The City will probably provide the flowers. If you'd like to help, give Carolen a call.

Larry Walden reported on the Peaks wooden passenger ferry wharf. A reusable aluminum four-foot-wide and forty-foot-long ramp is being considered as a solution to the rotting condition of the wharf until a new wharf is built in a few years. He suggested that concerns might be voiced to an MDOT representative who will be present at the annual meeting of the Transit District which will be held on SATURDAY, MAY 12, at 10 AM at the Peaks Island Community Building.

If you are interested in serving on the PINA Steering Committee, please contact Larry Walden, who is serving as chairmain of the Nominating Committee. Elections of three members will occur at the July meeting.

Most PINA memberships now need to be renewed. Others haven't joined yet. Still one dollar. You can sign up or renew at the May 10 meeting.
The Kindergarten is continuing with their Earth Day Every Day activities, we'll share in tree planting and start lots of seeds which will grow to make our island more beautiful!!

During our World Book Partners in Excellence Program, the first grade students read a total of 396 books! This is a clear indication that these 18 students are "turned on to reading"! Thank you to all who supported this reading effort! Due to sponsorships we earned a set of Childcraft for our classroom, as well as the Early Learning Kit! We are anxious to begin using these excellent materials. Thank you, sponsors!

To coincide with the launching of the Hubble Space Telescope, the second grade will be learning about space, stars, planets, and our moon. We are also getting to know more about our own earth and where things are in relation to Maine. Happy spring from all of us in second grade!

The third, fourth and fifth grade is enjoying the new World Book encyclopedia we earned by reading in the Partners in Excellence Program. Thank you for your support! This month we will be collecting oral histories of islanders, part of the Island Life Grant. Rumor has it that students are teaching lessons- True, True!! Science experiments, cooking, art activities and flag football are just a few that have been taught by Mrs. Gross's class.

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Dates to Remember:

May 2 - Early Dismissal Day - Grades 1-5 will be dismissed at noon. Morning Kindergarten will attend at their regular time. **There will be no Afternoon Kindergarten.**

May 8 - Cape Elizabeth Middle School Band Concert under the direction of Tony Boffa-9:15

May 9 - Canine Demonstration by Public Safety - 9:30

May 11 - Chewonki Foundation - "Fins and Flippers"

May 18 - Barbara Cooney, Island Life Project

May 28 - No School - Memorial Day

May 29 Spring Music Program - 7:00 PM
MAY STAR 3rd, CHRISTOPHERS CHURCH

MASSES--SAT. 7PM IN THE CHURCH.

SUN. 9, 30 AM. WILL CHANGE TO 9AM ON MAY 27 for the summer.

Weekday masses as printed in the bulletin.

ACTIVITIES***

WED. 9-10 am Bible study at the senior citizens.

WED. 7:30 pm Beano in the Parish Hall

THURS. 9, 45 am. Prayer Group at the arico Home. The group

is open to all.

MAY DATES-----5th. Spaghetti Supper 5pm -7pm in parish Hall to benefit Rhonda

Baner and Jen Callow, Youth Exchange delegates to Japan. Tickets available from

Blanche Wilder 766-3368 or Loretta Voyser 766-2523. Adults 4.00, children

under 10 2.00

12th. SACRAMENT of Confirmation will be administered by BISHOP

JOSEPH GERRY DURING the Saturday evening service.

19th.—Liturgy Celebrations honoring Sister Rosina's Golden

Jubilee will be held at 1pm at the church. All Islanders are cordially invited.

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

26th— Rummage Sale Parish Hall 10 am-4pm.

30th— TRADING POST OPENS FOR THE SEASON 10 am ---3 pm.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN PREPARING ARTICLES etc. PLEASE CALL MARJORIE ERICO

766-2266 or Helen C at 766-5100 if you can help.

NEWS FROM BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship at 10a.m.

Bible Study at the Sr. Citizens Center, Wed, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. open to all.

The United Methodist Women will meet on May 8th at 12 noon in Brackett

Memorial Hall.

A Memorial Service will be held for Irene Lathrop at 2:30 p.m. at the

Church, May 5th.

For further information call Rev. Ted Poland, 766-5013

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Partner's Series—full detailed posters are located at the community building,

Bayview Market bulletin board and at Casco Bay Lines board in town. Please

call for any additional information.

HAPPY SPRING!
The Seniors enjoyed the Easter egg hunt for the Day Care children at the Community Center on April 12th. Jennie Yasi and Sophie were with us for the event -- furnishing us with songs accompanied by Jennie on the guitar. The children were so good and such little songbirds. Each child received a bag of goodies. The children gave each of us an egg shell planted with seed -- thank you.

On April 18th, we held our monthly meeting and pot luck luncheon. This was followed by an Easter Hat parade. Carl Hall wearing an Easter bonnet for Gretchen, was the winner. We had some quite elegant bonnets in the parade.

Our annual fair is fast coming -- June 30th. We need new items -- you still have time to make a baby sweater, booties, soft toy -- any items for our handicraft table, and always food for the food table. Anyone wishing to help may call the Senior Center -- let us hear from you -- we appreciate your help.

Because of lack of City funds, we have no driver or van for transportation, we will be unable to enjoy our trips this summer. We have been invited to join the Cumming Center members on some of their trips which will be listed below. Check with Phylis for cost and time if you are interested.

We will be going to the Cathedral of the Pines on May 19th if there is enough interest. You must sign up soon if interested. If interested check with Phylis soon.

Mr. Ed Langlois was with us in January and presented a delightful program. Many of you folks seem to remember him. We are having a return performance on May 24th, at 1 PM at the Community Center. He gives his time going to hospitals, nursing homes and entertaining for seniors. Come join us.

We are working on a hobby show to be held June 18th, at the Community Center, 1-4 PM. Do you have a hobby you would like to share with us? knitting, crocheting, quilting, basketry, rug braiding or hooking, needlepoint, stamps, coins, buttons, etal? Do let us hear from you so we might have plenty of space for your display.

Our knitting instruction classes were successful. Mrs. Gretchen Hall was so happy to help us with our mitten project. We have a start, with still many more pairs to go next fall.

The Center has many paperbacks, some large print books and magazines for your reading tastes. Do stop in and see what we have to offer you.

May 16 ---- Monthly luncheon. Please bring pictures of the island for discussion.
May 19 ---- Trip to the Cathedral of the Pines
May 21 ---- Shopping trip to the Peabody Mall (Cumming Center)
May 24 ---- Afternoon with Ed Langlois
June 18 ---- Hobby Show - Community Center
June 18 ---- Trip to Lake Winnipesaukee (Cumming Center)
July 16 ---- Trip to Boothbay Harbor (Cumming Center)
July 30 ---- Trip to Camden (Cumming Center)
"Historians" of Peaks Island Meet

More than 24 Peaks Islanders turned out for a very informal gathering on April 18th at the Peaks Island Library to share memorabilia gathered from Peaks Island's past. All kinds of books, postcards, magazine and newspaper articles, maps and other items were brought to the meeting. Two of the more unusual items were Gene Taylor's chair from the Swampscot and a board Mike Moore took off his house during renovations which had the name of the original owner scrawled across the back. Maps were popular items. The library sold several of the aerial photographic maps it has available, and orders were taken for Tom Bohan's 1914 Peaks map and Larry Hayden's 1915 map which indicates property lines and owners of that time.

Perhaps this summer would be a good time to get together again...when the summer people who also have memorabilia to share will be around.

In the meantime, the library would like to increase its collection of materials about Peaks Island. If you have information, pamphlets, brochures, etc. that are copiable, please bring them to the library so they may be copied and added to the collection.

Lyn Sudlow

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ZONING COMMITTEE NEEDS ASSISTANCE

For its report in May, the Peaks Island Zoning Committee is conducting a survey-inventory of all known wildlife habitat remaining on the island, such as muskrat, pheasant, duck (mallard, black duck, wood duck, etc.), rarely seen birds, deer, hawk nesting sites, etc.

Anyone willing to help, please put your information in an envelope and hand deliver to the library or mail it to Ellen Zimmerman, Island Avenue, Peaks Island, ME 04108. Attn: Land Use Committee
NEWS FROM THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY

New Books:
Fiction:
- Dahl, Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life.
- Dailey, Masquerade.
- Hailey, Evening News.
- Pilcher, September.
- Vine, Gallowglass.
- West, Lazarus.
- Woodhouse, Peacock's feather.

Non Fiction:
- Godden, A house with four rooms.
- Smith, Confederates Downeast.
- Ulanov, Men and women.
- Welch, Lighthouses of Maine.
- Packlam, Partners for life: The mysteries of animal symbiosis.

Library Hours.
- Tues: 2 - 8 *movies at 3:15
- Wed: 10 - 4 *story time 10:15
- Fri: 10 - 2
- Sat: 9 - 1

Storytime for Toddlers
- Friday, May 4 and May 18
  - 10:30 am - songs, finger play, nursery rhymes

COMMUNITY INVITED

The story teller's club that has been meeting Tuesday evenings at the library will perform a "Night of Stories" for all who are lucky enough to come to hear them on Tuesday evening, May 22, at 6:42 (Don't be late!). There may be refreshments so they would like you to RSVP using the free ticket at the bottom of this page. You can bring it to the library or put it in the book drop if the library's closed. See you there.

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Peaks Island Library
and the Junior Storyteller's Club
present:

Night of Stories

Tues., May 22nd, - 6:42 p.m.
at the Peaks Island Library

Admit __________________ name __________________

How many in your party? [ ]