



JANUARY 2021

SPRING TIDES

A ~~monthly~~ quarterly newsletter from Isle au Haut

NEWS AND UPDATES

Boat Schedule

Monday-Sat

7AM/8AM, 3:30PM/4:15PM

Tues & Thurs

11:30AM/12:30PM

Special Sunday trips

11:30AM/12:30PM

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Store Hours

Monday-Saturday 2-5

Tuesday's Table soup pickup biweekly at the store

Trash Pickup

Every other Sunday at 8AM

Next pickup 1/3

NEW YEAR'S EDITION

Happy New Year from Isle au Haut! As I write this, the pond is still open and the snow from early this month has faded, leaving the ground bare as we wait for the next big weather event. While this year has been different in many ways, the community has still found ways to come together and support each other.

Please continue to take care of each other, and here's to more good times together in 2021!

LIBRARY SEEKS FEEDBACK ON BOOK SELECTION

The Isle au Haut Library would like to invite the larger island community to vote on which books you would most like to see added to the Revere Memorial Library collection. The library board, with the help of the island book club, have generated a list of suggestions. We would like you to vote for up to 20 books to add. Each book listed has a link to a description. We plan to place a book order in early January, so please take a few minutes and give us your recommendations. Here is the link to the voting list:

<https://forms.gle/PKc8oUMG2QzuwHDe6>.



A VERY DIFFERENT SCHOOL YEAR

By Marcela Carroll

Preparations for the beginning of the school year made the last weeks of summer break feel like a blur. Luther Smith, Ben Moss, Lisa Turner and a handful of paid staff and volunteers completed a variety of projects. From transplanting our indoor avocado tree to installing a brand new Promethean board, the project list was a handful. The need to make room in the school building led to an interesting and much needed decluttering and trash run. A new P.E shed and a sandbox were added to provide more recreation opportunities outdoors.

If you go inside the school, you will notice that we now have one more classroom. The downstairs or “turtle room” is the learning space for pre-K to 2nd grade. Our new part-time student, Audrey Barter (pre-K), finds herself right at home with all returning students.

Audrey is not the only new face at IAHS. Christine Russell is our new Health teacher. Christine teaches virtually on Wednesdays. Also, Bryan Carroll volunteered this fall to lead a “structured play” hour instead of a traditional P.E class for the whole group. Sue Senecal leads dance classes on Thursday virtually. Neal Kennerk came back for his second year as our Art teacher. Our art lessons were around the topic of “climate change”, Monarch Butterflies and various holiday celebrations. We welcomed back Lisa Turner for her 26th year at the Isle au Haut school. Lastly, we were lucky to have Molly Siegel teach music for a good chunk of the fall semester before she took a full-time job with Efficiency Maine. We were lucky to have her teach a variety of music classes for more than 2 years. We wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors and we miss her a ton.

Some traditional events in the fall still took place this year, just done differently. The very successful pie auction at Kennedy’s field raised more than \$10,000. The TLC’s inter island event and fall field trip were held at IAH. The students went for a day hike in Acadia National Park, led a beach clean up along the Thorofare and hosted a 2 day cardboard challenge and cider pressing event. Some of the events were also hosted by the other schools in the TLC.



We are very thankful for our online book buddies. We meet with them every Wednesday for an hour of reading and sharing our school lives outside the walls.



Our technology team: Ben Moss, technology director for SU76, Liz Moss the Coordinator of Online Learning at SU76 and Peter Van Der Eb, a network engineer, visited the school to complete projects. A wifi access point was installed on the outside of the building in a weatherproof enclosure and now the wifi of the school has been expanded to include more of the outside areas around the school. IAHS has a new iPad compatible color printer. There were 9 custom configured iPads with keyboard cases for all the students and teachers, as well as styluses, headsets with microphones. The iPads are configured with a management system that allows for easy control by the teacher as well as fast app purchase and installation.



We are lucky to have all the technology equipment to video chat for Health, Art and Dance classes. The students also attend book groups with the TLC, host book buddies and take advantage of all the equipment during remote learning weeks.

Having the latest technology resources at IAHS helps students learn, however, to help foster a love for reading, the 1500 book titles are being cataloged for easy reference. Chris Ross is in charge of the project. Chris has logged more than 150 hours to sort, label and catalog the entire school's library collection. The library will also include a brand new Spanish collection with donations from friends and neighbors of IAHS. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this project possible.

Talking about books and love of reading, Brenda Clark and Chris Ross host a weekly story hour for the younger students. Thank you librarians for your time and dedication. Before going on break, the students finished 2020 with a tree project involving research, presentations and an online craft fair to raise money for planting trees around the world. Thank you for your continued support and hope to see you in 2021.

