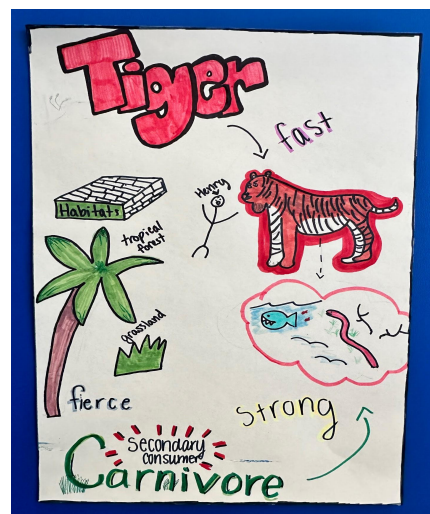
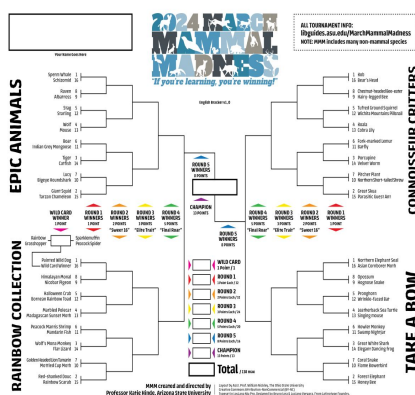
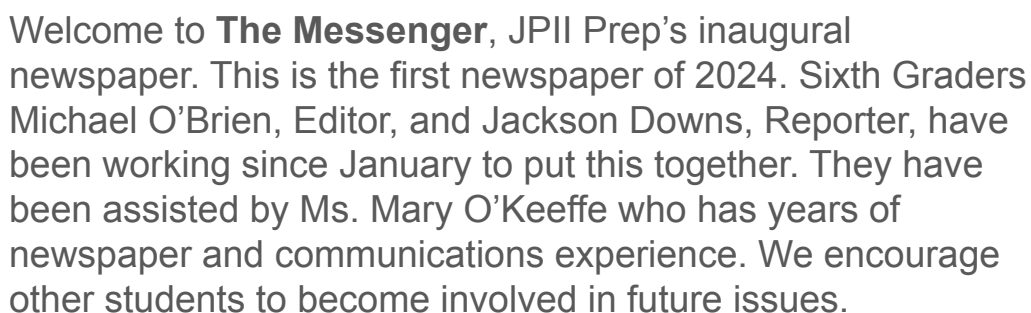




# The Messenger



# March Mammal Madness 2024

Art by Florence Carlson, Alex Depaula & Nevie Golarz

***By Michael O'Brien***

The annual March Mammal Madness at JPPI recently concluded. This is the first time grades 5-8 participated. A lot of people don't know facts about the animals so it could be confusing to people. It has been another successful year. It has been really fun and it was funny to watch the videos.

The winner of all of the animals was the Great White Shark. This was also the first time in March Mammal Madness history that the winner was a non-mammal animal. The student that had the most points was Taj Amaro, in second place was Marie O'Neill and in third place was Mila Smith. Every group made posters and brackets with their group. Everybody did great on the posters of the participating animals. Let's thank Mrs. Wile and Mrs. Battles for putting this together. This has been a very successful March Mammal Madness year and we can't wait for next year.

# JPII Prep



## Sixth Grade Field Trip to Harvard

By Michael O'Brien

The Sixth graders went to Harvard Museum of Natural History and the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology on Thursday, April 25, 2024. Everybody was amazed by the live tarantula and all the dead parasites and bugs. They also had a class on ancient animals such as trilobites, and learned about three types of rocks - igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic.

Left to Right - Trevor Janney, Jeronimo Pacheco, Fiona Mahoney, Gabriela Buss, Mila Smith, Alexandria Sadlemire, Catherine Maynard, Anabella Francescon

In the afternoon, they found cool gems, plants and other artifacts. They also saw replicas of ancient stones, humans, and other materials. After exploring, they learned about human evolution. They also learned about different types of humans. It was interesting to see what the unevolved humans [*Homo Neanderthalensis*] looked like compared to evolved humans [*Homo sapiens*]. On the bus the movies they watched were UP and WRECK IT RALPH. Every Sixth grader enjoyed themselves and were fascinated by the things they saw and learned.



By Michael O'Brien

Join us at the end of the year dance on May 31 from 7:00-9:00 pm. The whole school is invited to this dance including the 5th graders. Put together by the Student Council, they are trying to put on the best dance this year. The DJ will take song requests.

This dance is the last dance for the eighth graders for the Preparatory Division. There will be no 5 dollar admission. Each grade is assigned foods/drinks to share. The food will be brought to the table with all sorts of delicious things. Please be respectful of the refreshment table.

Remember to follow the dress code accordingly so don't wear anything outside of your gender dress code. We really want this to be fun so please make food and beverage donations and follow the rules so we can make this the best dance of the year, or better yet, in the history of this school! The staff is putting this together along with the Student Council. We are grateful for their efforts and we thank them. When you leave school that day make sure you pick things up in the gym so it won't take Mr. Kim and Mr. Ernie long to pick it up.



**Eighth  
Grade  
Graduation**

**Friday,  
June 7  
7:00-8:00pm**

**Congratulations  
to the  
Graduates!**

# Cape Cod

## Hurricane Preparedness

By Jackson Downs

As hurricane season rolls in, the chance for major hurricanes increases. Ever considered that Cape Cod is just a small island connected by two bridges? That means we only have two exits if a hurricane ever hits us. And if winds grow strong enough, the bridges could collapse, leaving us stranded. According to the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (BCREPC), the average wind threshold for a bridge is 100-200 mph until damage starts to occur. But MA State Police will close the bridges if sustained winds surpass 70 mph, meaning winds would be approaching a Category 1 hurricane. Category 2 hurricanes are fairly rare to make their way to the Cape. Category 3 hurricanes are the minimum starting point for all hurricanes that begin around September 1st. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), out of the 14 to 16 hurricanes expected in 2024, 6 to 8 are expected to be major hurricanes. That means an average of 20 to 24 hurricanes are expected to start this year. Approximately 20 tropical storms averaging 40 to 73 mph winds will occur this season.



Hurricanes can be very destructive. They can move houses, cars, street signs and boats as far as 4 miles. Different Categories can also be identified by the damage they produce. For example, a Category 1 hurricane with 74-95 mile per hour sustained winds, can damage roofs and windows. But a Category 5 hurricane with 157 mile per hour sustained winds or higher, can flatten homes like a EF5 tornado, which could exceed 200 miles per hour. Hurricanes can throw debris as far as 40 miles. Hurricanes can also produce tornadoes, according to NOAA.

Local shelters are scattered around the Cape and even past the bridges. Some local shelters are pet friendly, so pets aren't left at home. Since the Cape does not get a lot of hurricanes, most of our shelters are large schools. Schools provide a good shelter for lots of people because of the size.

In conclusion, hurricanes can be dangerous yet beautiful weather forms. Being prepared is very important in severe weather events for our safety.

