

# Changemakers

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Inspiration from The Whalemobile



Dear \$[UD:FIRST\_NAME]]\$,

Spring is almost here, and we're counting down the days until whale watch season begins! Soon, the humpbacks will be returning to our waters, and we can't wait to see who shows up this year. In the meantime, we've been having a blast bringing our **new and improved inflatable Nile** to schools and events, making whale education more immersive than ever. We're also working on creating resources for you—lesson plans, activities, and tools to help you bring the wonders of the ocean into your classroom, but we would love your guidance! Read on to learn more.

## Whale Watch: Ocean News & Conservation Tips

by Ciara Spellman

In the winter months, when biting cold creeps into New England waters and our seas sit largely empty of humpback whales, avid whale watchers of the north wait with bated breath for news from the south.

There, among the sheltered bays and reefs of the Caribbean, humpbacks from across much of the Atlantic Ocean converge to mate, give birth, and begin raising calves. From the feeding grounds in the Gulf of Maine, this journey covers over a thousand miles and can take weeks to complete. All throughout, they are not eating, living entirely off the fat reserves they built up during their time on the summer feeding grounds.

[Read more](#)

## Classroom Connection: Teachers, would you help us?

We've been hearing from teachers that science instruction time is increasingly being replaced by reading and writing. If that's the case in your classroom, we'd love to support you with resources that integrate literacy skills while exploring the fascinating world of whales!

This could be an extension of a visit from **The Whalemobile** or something you use independently, but we want to create materials that truly meet your needs. That's where you come in!

We're inviting you to a **15-minute coffee chat on Zoom** to share your insights. As a thank-you, the first **10 participants** will receive a **gift card** for your coffee! We truly appreciate your input in shaping these resources!

[Click here to sign up for a coffee chat!](#)

We have spent the winter creating our **ecosystem series**! We currently have an [infographic](#), a [blog post](#), and a [video](#) about 19 different species that are seen off the coast of MA. There is a [glossary](#) for students, as well as a [printable sheet](#) of all the animals, that students can use to create the food web in the Gulf of Maine! We would love to hear any [feedback](#) you have, or ways we can help you use this in your classroom!

## Behind the Scenes

Meet the **new and improved inflatable Nile**! Our life-sized humpback whale model has gotten a fresh update, making the experience even more immersive for students and visitors. With enhanced details and a sturdier design, this updated Nile brings marine education to life like never before. Get ready to step inside and explore the fascinating world of whales in an even more engaging way!



## Upcoming Events and Bookings



The Whalemobile is gearing up for its Summer Library Tour! So far, we have stops planned near Rochester and Buffalo, NY, Northern and Southern New Jersey, Massachusetts, and more.

Do you know a library or school that would love a visit from The Whalemobile? Refer them by clicking this link below, and we'll take it from there! If they book a program, we'll send you a special thank-you gift. 📚🌟

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