

A Whale of a Newsletter

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Happy Fall!

We are excited to bring you another month of what's happening in the whale world and with The Whalemobile, as well as some activities teachers can use in their classroom. Finally, some inspiration for kids (and adults). Enjoy.

THE WHALE WORLD



Two of our educators, Kristin and Bailey, are currently in Perth, Australia, attending the [25th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals](#). Here, alongside over 1,300 participants from 80 countries, they are learning from some of the world's leading marine mammal scientists and discovering the latest research on marine mammals. They also had an exciting opportunity to go whale watching with [Whale Watch Western Australia](#), where they spotted humpback whale mothers and calves—including one calf with an entirely [white tail](#) (both the top and the bottom of the tail), a sight never before seen by the company! How amazing is that?

AMAZING KIDS



Save Sea Life: Helping Save Our Oceans and the Animals That Live There

The world can feel really big sometimes and its hard to know where to start helping, especially as a kid! We would like to introduce you to Lidea Clever, a 10 year old who founded "[Save Sea Life](#)". It is a website all about protecting the ocean and its animals from pollution and how you can help! Liddy knows that pollution—like trash—hurts sea creatures and makes our oceans unsafe for the animals that use it as their home.. Through Save Sea Life, Liddy shares fun facts, [tips](#), and ways we can all help clean up the ocean and keep it safe. Whether it's picking up trash at the beach, recycling more, or using less plastic, the website gives kids and families easy ways to make a difference!

Liddy founded Save Sea Life to help spread information about how kids, "both young + young at heart", can help make a difference!! This message has reached far beyond the website. Some of us at The Whalemobile virtually attended the NARWC — The North Atlantic Right Whale Consortium — where we got to learn about research and actions being taken to help protect right whales. Libby was the Inspiration we all needed after a long day of information about a declining species, by reminding us all that "no act is too small, and you are never too young to make a big difference!!!!" To learn more about Liddy and her fun tips on how to help take care of our planet, [watch this great video!](#)

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LINKS TO ACTIVITIES

Habitat
Deep, open water as well as water between coastal banks and deep basins in temperate to subarctic waters.

What is plankton?
Plankton = Drifter
Zooplankton = Animal plankton

Size
2.2-4.5 cm

Consumers
Kill one primary consumers because they eat phytoplankton, which are primary producers. They transfer energy to larger species upward through the food web.

Length
40-48 feet

Weight
90,000 pounds

Lifespan
80-90 years

Migration
Humpback whales migrate thousands of miles each year between their cold, nutrient rich feeding grounds and their tropical breeding grounds. The Gulf of Maine population migrates to the Caribbean during the winter months.

Diet
Small schooling fish and tiny crustaceans like krill.

Species
more than 20,000

What is plankton?
Plankton = Drifter
Phytoplankton = Plant Drifter

Size
Range in size from less than 1 micrometer to over 100 micrometers

Primary Producers
Photosynthesis is the process by which plants use sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide (CO2) to create oxygen and energy in the form of sugar.

We're excited to share our weekly food web educational series on Facebook and Instagram!

Explore all our posts so far by clicking [here](#). Each Monday, we post an infographic featuring a species observed over the summer, followed by a [blog](#) about the species on Wednesday, and a [video](#) on Friday. Each blog links to others, allowing students to piece together a food web. We're also building a [glossary](#), adding new terms as they come up each week.

We'd love your feedback and ideas on how to make this content more classroom-friendly! Email us your thoughts [here!](#)

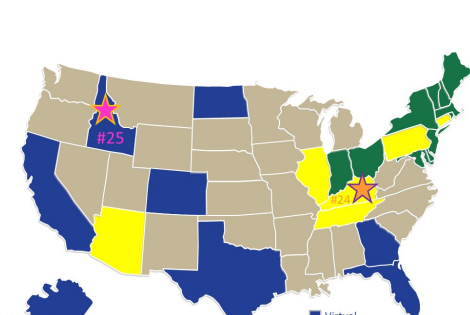
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

We have a couple things we are excited to share with you!

Black Friday Deal: Please Share



Our 25th State!!



New Programs Available!!



We are so close to reaching 20,000 students this year. To help us reach this milestone, we're offering [new schools](#) (to us) a 24% discount on a program* if they bring The Whalemobile to their school before the end of 2024. Feel free to share this with friends and family (and have them tell us you recommended it!!) [Click here](#) to get started.

This summer we added Kentucky (state 24) to our list of states that we have brought Nile. It's always exciting to bring Nile to places so far from the ocean.

Our 25th state this fall was Idaho. We did a virtual program for a class of 4th and 5th graders.

They had just made their own inflatable blue whale, and it was so fun to answer questions and connect with them about whales!

Did we visit all the kids in your school last year? Great news—we've developed extended programming to build on what students learned in our first visit! These "in-classroom" programs dive deeper into each topic with hands-on, interactive activities. [Click here for more details!](#)

*These programs don't involve the inflatable whale!

*Travel not included.

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