



Dear \$[UD:FIRST_NAME]]\$,

As we wrap up the year, we're reflecting on how much growth, connection, and curiosity this community has made possible. From new resources to new states, here are a few highlights we're especially proud of.

A New Pre-visit Video Featuring Our Educators



We created a brand-new video for students to watch ahead of their program, featuring all of our educators—and the feedback has been wonderful. Students come in excited and engaged, and teachers have shared how much they appreciate having a meaningful, ready-to-use resource (we know how valuable your time is—thank you for using it!).

New Teaching Resources on Teachers Pay Teachers



This year, we added new resources to our [Teachers Pay Teachers](#) store, giving educators even more tools to help students deepen their understanding of whales and the ocean. These activities are designed to extend learning before and after a Whalemobile visit—and to bring whale science into classrooms everywhere.

Wit & Wisdom Classroom Connections



We began building strong connections with schools using the Wit & Wisdom curriculum, especially 3rd grade classes studying the sea. Teachers told us that while classroom discussions are powerful, hearing the questions students asked inside the whale was something special—hands-on experiences truly deepen understanding.

Being able to compare humpback whales and sperm whales using a large ocean map helped students make meaningful connections, and we even hosted virtual programs for Wit & Wisdom classes. One school in South Dakota was so inspired that they decided to adopt a vaquita after our visit.

One of our favorite parts of this year was seeing students turn learning into action—whether that meant asking deeper questions, making connections to their own communities, or taking small steps to care for the ocean. Many students even committed to using reusable water bottles as part of our Whale Safe Habits initiative, earning stickers as a reminder that everyday choices can help protect whales. These moments remind us that curiosity is the first step toward stewardship.

If you are curious what one district in Indiana had to say about the experience, check out [their video](#)!

An Expanded Education Team



This year, we welcomed new educators to The Whalemobile team—and we also added a *new whale*. Along with expanding our team, adding a second whale allows us to reach more students, visit more schools, and serve multiple grade levels more efficiently.

Just like our whales, our educators are backed by real on-the-water experience. Because our team spends time observing whales in the wild, we can follow student curiosity in any direction and speak authentically from experience. It's one of the reasons we're able to work with learners from Pre-K through 6th grade—even when seeing multiple grade levels in a single day.

Our Year in Numbers



None of this would be possible without the educators, librarians, schools, and students who welcome us into their learning spaces. Thank you for your enthusiasm, your thoughtful questions, and the care you show in helping students discover how they're connected to the ocean—no matter how close or far away it may be.

As we look ahead, we're excited to continue building meaningful resources, expanding our reach, and finding new ways to support teachers and librarians in bringing ocean science to life for their learners.

We wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to what 2026 brings!

With much gratitude,
The Whalemobile Team

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