

A Whale of a Newsletter

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THE WHALE MOBILE



We are EXCITED to inspire your students!

We hope you're settling in and getting to know your students. As summer ends and the school year begins, it's our time for reflection on the past year and excitement for the year ahead. While we are typically getting started a month behind you, this fall we've already had the opportunity to visit schools. It's a wonderful reminder of how fortunate we are to speak with your students about whales and the incredible ocean they call home.

We look forward to connecting with your students this year! If you haven't booked a program yet, click the link below!

[Come Visit My School](#)

HAVING FUN

We created this video last year and are excited to share it with you! It captures who we are and what happens when we visit your school. We love what we do and are grateful for the opportunity to share our passion with your children.



SUMMER RECAP



What a Summer!

The Whalemobile Team had an amazing summer partnering with 7 Seas Whale Watch in Gloucester, MA, and Newburyport Whale Watch in Newburyport, MA. In addition to frequent sightings of Nile, we were fortunate to see a variety of species, which we'll be sharing with you over the next couple of months.

For now, here's a list of all the species we encountered. If you incorporate these species into your activities with children, we'd love to hear about it! Feel free to reach out to us at team@thewhalemobile.com.

The commonly seen species are in black, the occasionally seen species are in blue and the rare species are in red. We had a lot of exciting sightings this year, but are left wondering why? Perhaps your students can explore what was happening on the ocean this year.

Whales

- Blue
- Fin
- Sei
- Right
- Humpback
- Minke
- Pilot whales
- Atlantic white-sided dolphins
- Common dolphins
- Bottlenose dolphins
- Harbor porpoise

Sharks

- Porbeagle
- White
- Basking
- Mako
- Blue
- Hammerhead (Granite State Whale Watch)

Other

- Harbor Seal
- Gray Seal
- Ocean Sunfish
- Gray Triggerfish
- Leatherback Turtle
- KRILL

AWESOME VIDEOS FOR KIDS

Click the pictures to see the videos!



Asha talks about why whale poop is so important to the planet.



Kids often ask about "Whale Falls"--when an animal dies. This video is super cool!



See our video recap from the awesome summer season we had!

AMAZING KIDS

Introducing Hunter Filz--an Inspiration

Future shark scientist Hunter Filz, a remarkable 12-year-old from Massachusetts, has been setting an inspiring example of selflessness and dedication to marine conservation. While most people want gifts on their birthdays, from the time he turned eight years old, Hunter has chosen to raise and donate money each year to the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy. His love for sharks and the ocean has driven this annual tradition, where he focuses on raising awareness and contributing to the preservation of the white sharks that inhabit the waters off of Cape Cod, MA.

One of our Whalemobile team members, Kristin, met Hunter's mom this summer during a program, and as soon as his mom Jessica mentioned her son, Kristin knew exactly who he was from the news and the AWSC social media page! Because of his passion and desire to make a difference, Hunter was asked to make an appearance on a PBS show based out of Pennsylvania called "Kids for Positive Change."

What we admire about Hunter is his determination at such a young age. His continuous support for the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy not only reflects his deep connection to marine life but also his maturity in understanding the importance of giving back. His efforts serve as an inspiration to many--demonstrating that **no one is too young to make an impact!** Keep up the great work Hunter!



Hunter when he started (above), and Hunter this month (below) when he made another donation to the White Shark Conservancy! What an inspiration!



TRAVEL BY THE NUMBERS

GREAT SUMMER VISITING LIBRARIES!

The last number to add is > 8000 miles driven! Again, we traveled to Ohio and Indiana at the beginning of the summer and revisited a few of the libraries that we saw two years ago. So fun to see familiar faces.

Then we went to Kentucky--our 24th state that we have done either virtual or in-person programs in. At one point, we were driving in the hills and the town came out of nowhere. The librarians had a whole evening of fun ready for their patrons to interact with when they came to the event. We truly think it's an honor to share the ocean with folks who live so far from the ocean!

In addition to the Mid-West, we spent a week near Utica and Albany, NY as well as all over NJ. The rest of the time we were in MA talking with families both in libraries and out on the whale watch boats.

Our favorite part of summer is getting to talk with entire families about what they can do to protect this planet that we live on. We hope you picked up lots of pieces of trash, and maybe used a few less water bottles! We would love to hear what you did. [Email us](#) and let us know!

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