



A MAINE SEA COAST MISSION REPORT

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Casting On and Passing Down

The EdGE has been hosting knitting classes at the Ella Lewis and Milbridge Elementary Schools. Volunteers Yvonne Pollien, Marguerite Holland, and Jan Whalen have been coming into the schools to share their knitting skills.

In Milbridge, knitting has even crossed language barriers. Children, whose first language is Spanish, have been learning to knit from EdGE coordinator Allison Ouellet with the help of Juana Vasquez, a bilingual high school staff member. One of the students, Christina, took her knitting project home and with the help of her mother and older sister, she knit a whole scarf that she brought in the next week to show. "It was really amazing how Juana was able to take a skill she just learned in one language and turn around and teach it to children in Spanish," says Ouellet.

Charlie Harrington, EdGE Director, noted "I really enjoy the generational aspect of the knitting club at Ella Lewis. Knitting is like a folktale that is passed on through the generations. This is a skill that these students will have for a lifetime and be able to pass down to others."



EdGE HAPPENINGS

- HAPY Program
- Cooking with Michael Anderson
- Super Sitter's Course
- Maine State Troopers-Grant Ceremony
- Mentoring at Moosabec Head Start
- Family Fun Math Night
- Partners in Philanthropy

To visit the EdGE Program, please contact Wendy Harrington at 207-546-4466 or wharrington@seacoastmission.org



Staff Profiles

Isaac Marnik grew up on Deer Isle and Mount Desert Island. He graduated from Warren Wilson College in North Carolina with a degree in Environmental Education. Isaac is assigned to Columbia Falls Elementary School.

Flora Brown grew up on Chebague Island, Maine. She graduated from Brown University with a major in Public Policy. She is assigned to the Harrington Elementary School.

Jordan Clark grew up in Addison, Maine. He graduated from Husson College. He was a Special Ed. Teacher with SAD 37 for 6 years. He is the site coordinator in Milbridge.

Justin Lohwater grew up in South Carolina. He graduated from the University of South Carolina. Last year, he was a project leader for City Year in Columbia, SC. Justin is the site coordinator at D.W. Merritt School in Addison.

Allison Ouellet grew up in Addison, Maine. She received her master's degree from the University of Denver in Museum Anthropology. She joined the EdGE staff as a site coordinator in Steuben at the Ella Lewis School.

Coley Barbee grew up in Cherryfield. She graduated from Harvard University. She returned home to become the site coordinator at Cherryfield Elementary School.

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EdGE Building Update

The new Ed Greaves Education Center in Cherryfield is on schedule to have it's grand opening on June 15, 2006. Please watch our website for more detail and updated photographs. www.seacoastmission.org



Photo Taken 2/06



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Boston Trip (Taken from the EdGE Blog 'EdGE Voices')

On February 3-4, the EdGE took over thirty 7th and 8th graders to Boston. We had an awesome time! The bus ride was long but we had fun. When we finally got to Boston, we saw a Celtics game. Even though the Celtics lost, we had fun cheering for them. The next morning we got up and went to the New England Aquarium. By the end of the trip we were exhausted but we were happy to have such great memories of a fun weekend.

Portland Field Trip (Taken from the EdGE Blog 'EdGE Voices')

On February 23th and 24th, the EdGE took some of our best and brightest artists to Portland. On their first day, we visited the Portland Museum of Art and the Portland Conservatory of Music Rock and Roll Camp. We spent the night at a really cool after school program called a Company of Girls. The next day we went to the Maine College of Art to make some art. The prints we created were awesome! We also got a tour of the college and the Institute of Contemporary Art. We all had a great time and learned a lot about art. It was amazing!