

*Welcome to the August, 2021*

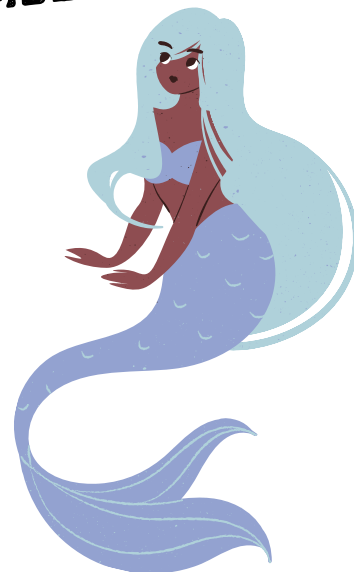


OUR FROSTBIT FINS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*the Whale Shark Edition!*



**"THE LITTLE WHALE SHARK  
WANTED TO REACH FOR THE  
STARS. HE DIDN'T YET KNOW HE  
CARRIED SO MANY ON HIMSELF."  
UNKNOWN**





# HELLO FEATHERFINS!

Golly, shellfish - it's August already!!

Time has been flying by and we had a fantastically busy July!

AnneMeridia had so much fun spending the 4th of July with everyone at the Wasilla parade, meeting all of the new FeatherFins up there! And here in Kenai, Astra had a splashing good time at the green strip, meeting all of you for the first time. She told me she had a SPLASH and can't wait to see you all again!

After the fourth, we had Progress days! It was our first time celebrating with the Soldotna Chamber at Progress days, and it was FINtastic! Good music, good fun, and enjoying the festivities with all of you! It was a bit wet, true, but what's a little water to a Mermaid and her friends?

OH! And, we also attended the performance of the Little Mermaid by the Kenai Performers Drama Camp Kids! What a great show, and a great take on the story. Those kids gave it their all, and shone bright in the spotlights - Bravo!

Things won't be slowing down for us in August either - we'll be attending the Triumvirate Theatre's production of Disney's Little Mermaid on Saturday, and then it's on to the Kenai State Fair in Ninilchik, where AnneMermida was invited to be a starred attraction for the second time! Once we finish there, it's up to Palmer to the Alaska State Fair Parade, with Josh the Otter. We had so much fun on July 4th, they asked us to come and do it again!

Looking forward to September, as a heads up - we will be taking that month off as our Mermaid marries her Pirate. They have been together since 7th grade, and the entire pod is thrilled to have their big day finally arrive. Also, we have SO! Much! to do! It will be a time of family celebration then relaxation, and we will return in October refreshed and ready to go.

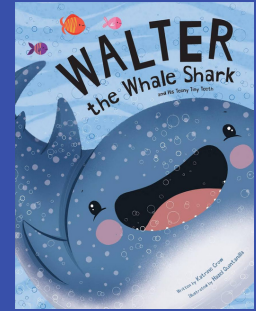
So let's enjoy these last days of summer! Keep following us on Facebook and Instagram, because rumor has it there's a back to school giveaway in the works...

with Mermaid wishes and Starfish kisses!  
AnneMeridia, and The Frostbit Fins Pod

PS - Have you been following Fletcher Jr's adventures on Fridays?? See our Facebook @ Frostbit Fins and see what he's been up too... and where he'll pop up next!



## LET'S READ!



**Walter the Whale Shark and His Teeny, Tiny Teeth**  
by Katrine Crow

Walter had spent all summer counting down the days to the first day of school. But the first class picture of the year changes everything. Walter realizes there is one BIG difference between him and his shark classmates. After his discovery, Walter spends his day trying anything he can think of to blend in with the other sharks, only to learn that the things that make us feel like we don't fit in are the very things that make us stand out.

## National Dates

- 08/01 National Friendship Day
- 08/04 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- 08/09 National Book Lovers Day
- 08/10 National Smores Day
- 08/16 National Tell a Joke Day
- 08/21 World Honeybee Day
- 08/27 National Just Because Day
- 08/30 International Whale Shark Day



## AUGUST FIN FACTS WITH

**THE WHALE SHARK**

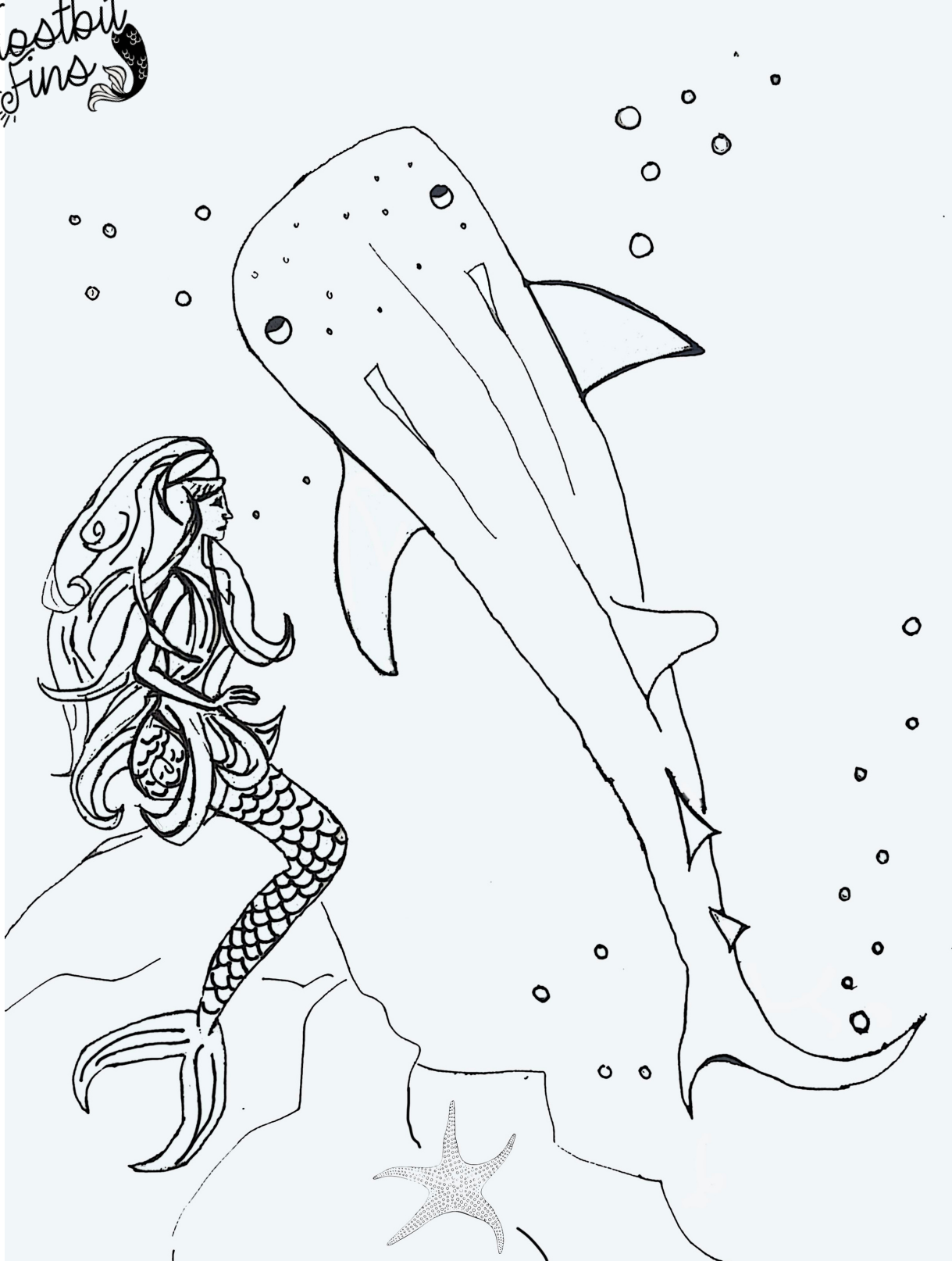
- Whale sharks are the largest fish on the planet.
- Whale sharks can reach 46 feet long and weigh 24,000 pounds!
- Like krill, sponges, and baleen whales, whale sharks are filter feeders. They pull plankton through their gills for most of their nourishment.
- Whale sharks have about 3,000 tiny teeth, but they do not use them to eat or chew.
- Even though they are sharks, whale sharks are considered harmless and called "gentle giants".
- It is believed that whale sharks have a lifespan of 100-150 years.
- Whale sharks are awfully slow swimmers, moving about 3 miles an hour. They also swim by moving their entire body back and forth instead of just their tails.
- A whale shark's mouth is at the front of its head instead of on the bottom side like other sharks.



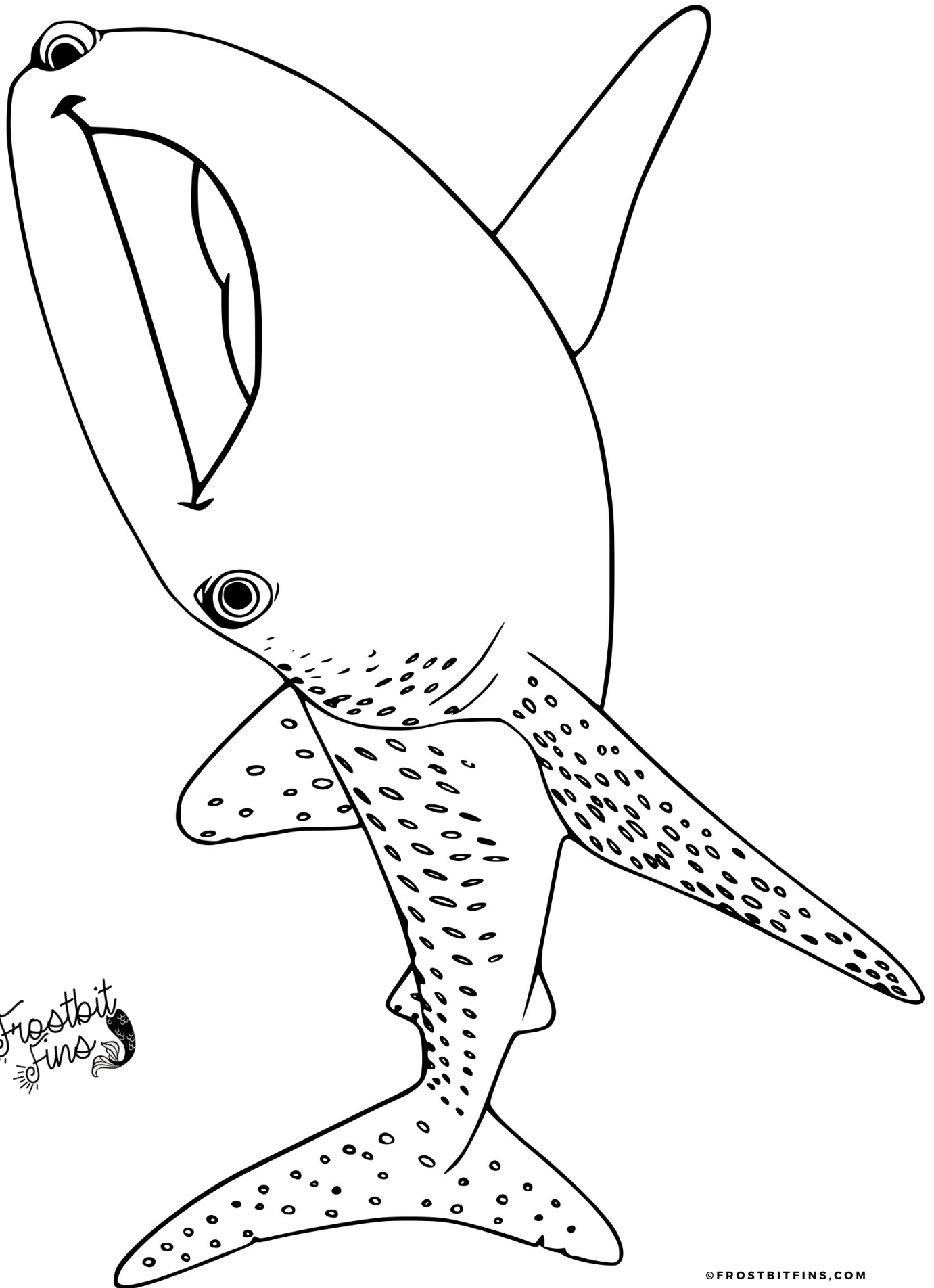
# Meet our friend Anna!

Hello, My name is Anna Widman. I have been an art teacher with the Kenai Peninsula School District for the past 12 years and have taught art for 15. I work summers at Boys and Girls club as a tutor. I Love Alaska summers. Camping, hiking, running, biking, and travel are a few of my interests. Art is what grounds me and how I share with others. I believe that art and culture should be woven into learning and life. Art can be so many things and appreciated in so many ways. Community involvement through the arts is something I love. I hope these coloring sheets bring joy.

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# OCEAN CRUSADERS

## Whale Shark Word Search

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### Find the underlined word in the whale shark facts below:

1. The whale shark is the LARGEST of all fish.
2. The whale shark has a HUGE mouth, which can reach up to 4 feet (1.4 meters) across.
3. It is a SHARK; it is not a whale.
4. Food is strained from the water through its GILLS.
5. It has 300 rows of tiny teeth, which many scientists believe are used to hold whatever is scooped into the MOUTH.
6. The whale shark is OVOVIVIPAROUS, meaning that the embryo is formed within eggs retained in the mother's womb.
7. It has gill RAKERS that are located at the rear of the mouth.
8. The SKIN of a whale shark can be as thick as 4 inches.
9. The whale shark can be recognized by the two-toned pattern of light SPOTS on its dark back.
10. It has a WHITE underside.



# HAPPY Birthday!

*Wishing you Mermaid Wishes and Starfish Kisses  
on your special day!*

8/4 Aurora K.

8/4 Mairiah M.

8/7 Sophia M.

8/10 Eon Z.

8/10 Kiri W.

8/10 Oliveah B.

8/11 Adalyn M.

8/11 Braeolyn L.

8/12 Lyla S.

8/20 Payton B.

8/21 Matt

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*Birthday  
Club!*

# Fin Funnies!

What happened when the shark got famous?

He became a starfish!



Why do sharks live in salt water?  
Pepper water makes them sneeze!

What did the mom shark say to the kid shark?  
Watch that sharkasm, young man!

*Fintastic Deals!*

## Frostbit Fins Merch

Marvelous Mermaid Munchies, Bathbombs, Soaps and more - all at our online store <https://frostbit-fins.square.site/>

**\*NEW\* Coming August 13 at the Kenai State Fair!**  
**PAINT YOUR OWN BATHBOMBS!**

Have a budding artist in the family that also loves long baths with awesome bathbombs? Then you'll love our new Paint Your Own in both Mermaid and Pirate form! Come and see us at the Fair and check them out!



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# Guppy Goodies



## Shark's Teeth

Ingredients:

- 1 18- ounce jar of peanut butter
- 1 7- ounce bag of original flavor Bugles
- 24- ounces white chocolate chips
- An adult to help with the microwave and handling the hot food

Directions:

- Put peanut butter in a bowl and microwave 15-20 seconds, until soft
- Spoon peanut butter into a piping bag (or a baggie with the tip of one corner cut off)
- Gently fill each Bugle with peanut butter
- Put white chocolate chips in a bowl and microwave 20 seconds. Stir. Repeat heating and stirring until the chocolate is melted and smooth
- Dip the filled Bugles into the melted chocolate until evenly coated; transfer to a sheet of waxed paper and let cool

# FACEBOOK & Instagram

Did you make the Guppy Goodies? Are you all finished with the coloring page/s? Have mom and dad put them on Social Media and tag us @frostbitfins on Facebook and Instagram for a chance to be featured in next months FeatherFinFlyer!