

# The Featherfin Flyer

a Frostbit Fins  
publication

## The Mollusk Edition!



“The world is your oyster. It’s up to you to find the pearls.”

-Chris Gardner



# a Message from the Mermaid and the Frostbitfins Pod

Hello, my FeatherFins!

This summer has gone by so fast! I can't believe it's almost time for back to school - are you excited? Time to soak in the last bits of those summer days -and we can't wait to do so at this years Kenai Peninsula Fair in Ninilchik! August 12-14, we'll be there, with a couple of games to play with AnneMeridia, as well as all our merch. It is sure to be a total Splash! There is so much to see this year, new vendors and new music acts and a magician - and of course, the whole Frostbit Fins Pod - be sure to stop in and say hello! We'll be easy to find - look for the Jellyfish!

July saw all sorts of important dates for us - we were at the 4th of July Parade, then a reading hour with the Kenai Library, the Whimsical Artisan Festival, Progress Days, and even a couple of birthday parties too! So many of you came by to say hello and take photos - it was hard to pick just a couple for the newsletter! Be sure to check out Facebook @frostbitfins to see more of each event!

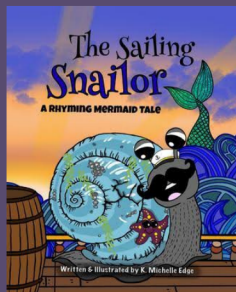
Enjoy the newsletter - and we'll see you at the Fair! Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for other upcoming dates as well.

Its sure to be a flippin' fin-tastic month! Sea you soon!

Your Seafriend, AnneMeridia and the Frostbit Fins Pod



*4th of July, a birthday, the Kenai Library, Whimsical fun, Progress Days and a Swim with a Mermaid!*



## The Sailing Snail: A Rhyming Mermaid Tale by K. Michelle Edge

The sailing snail is a captain on a nautical ocean adventure as he battles a giant octopus with his starfish sidekick, Sam. He's no Jack Sparrow, Blackbeard, or scraggly pirate, but he must save the love of his life; a mersnail (mermaid) that waits to be rescued from the bottom of the sea.

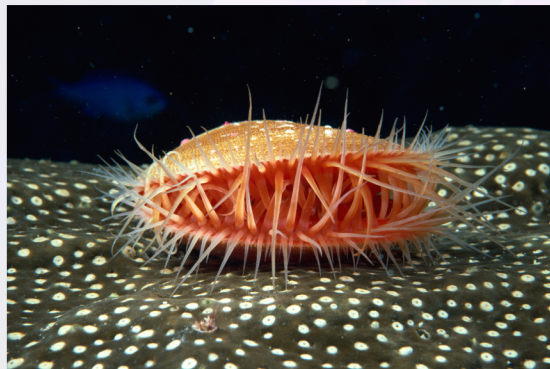
Want to learn more about Mollusks? Visit your local library today!



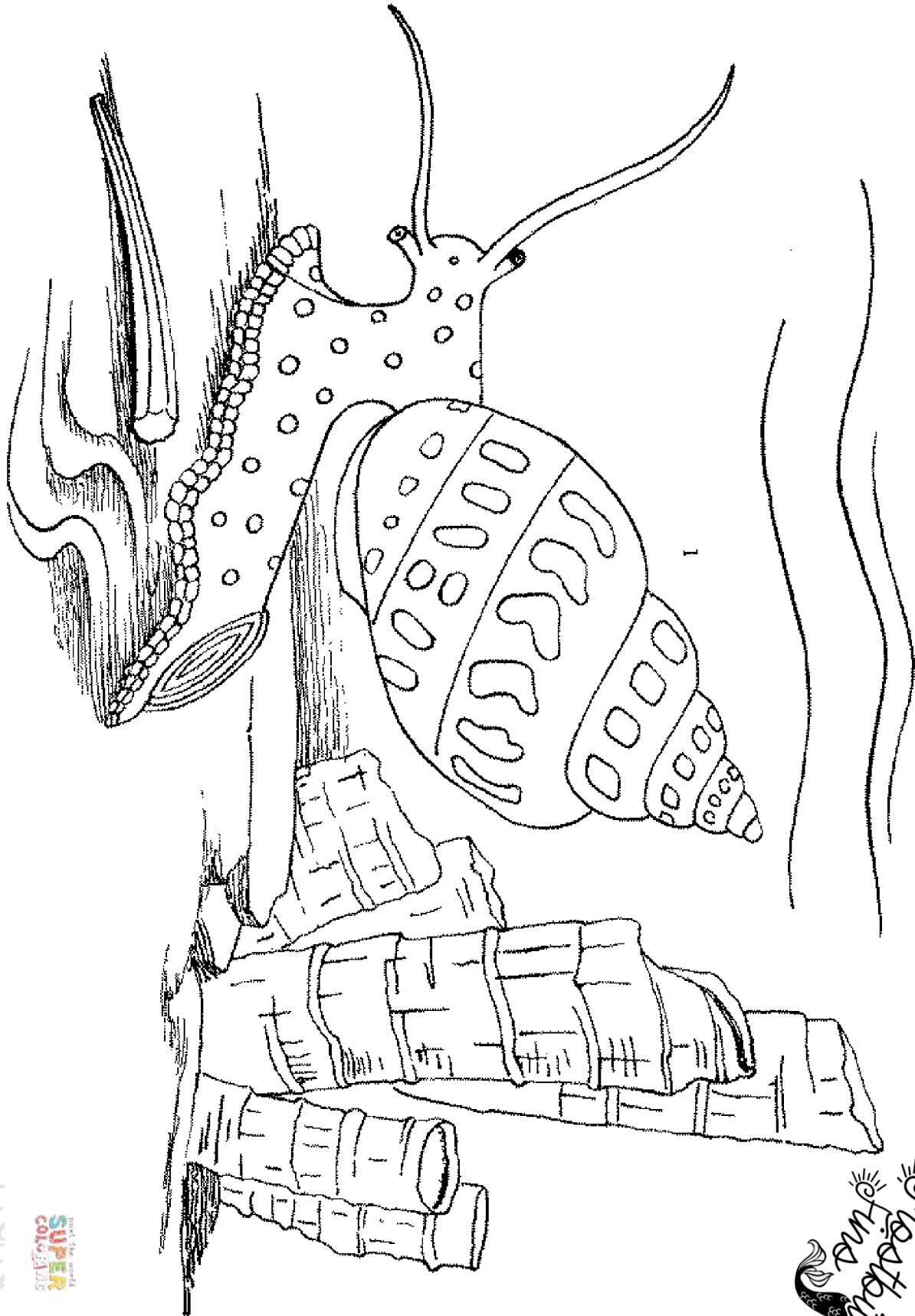
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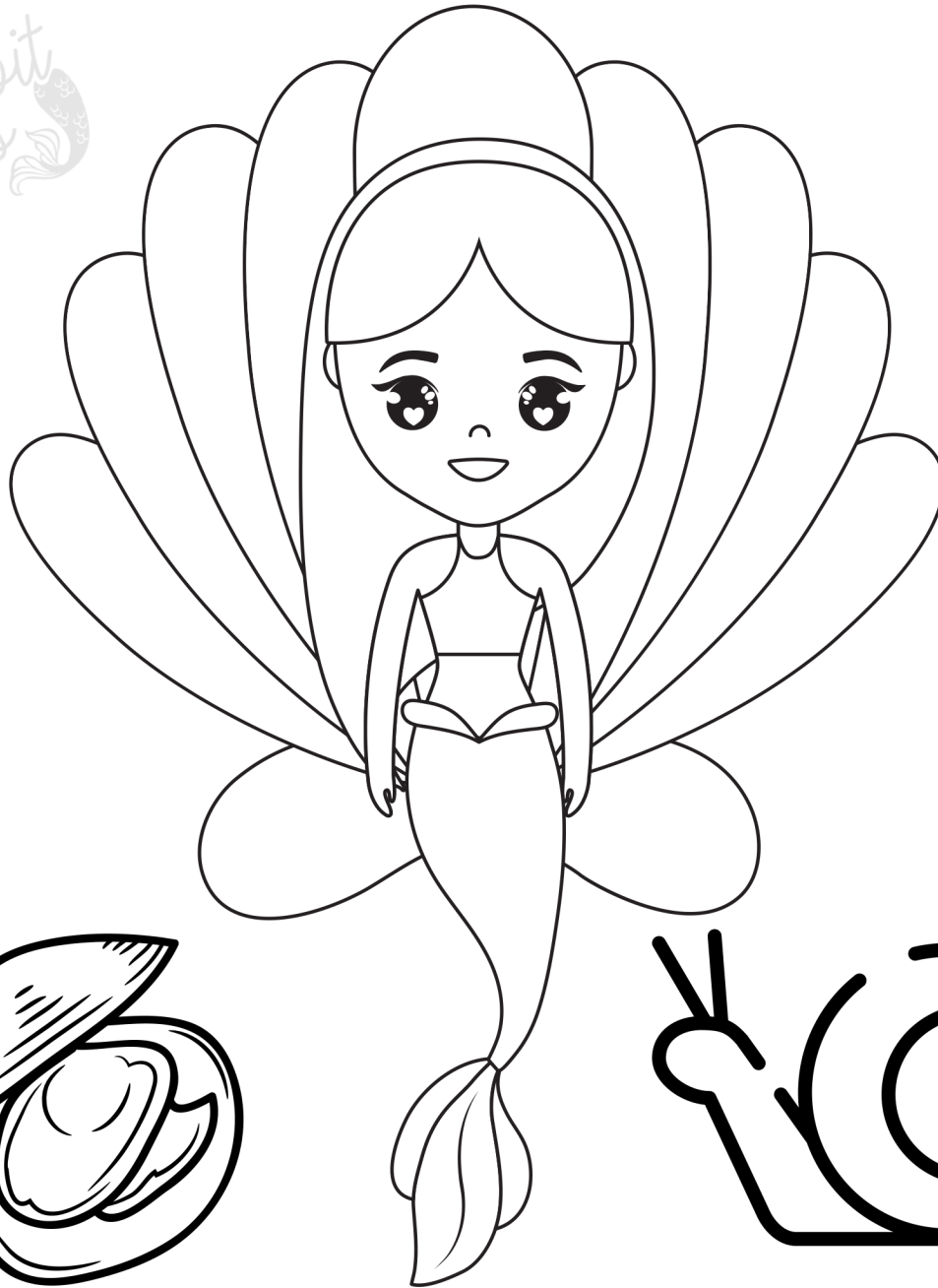
# MOLLUSKS!



- Mollusks are invertebrates, meaning that they have no backbone.
- There are more than 100,000 species of mollusk, including octopuses, oysters, snails, clams, and squid!
- Mollusks have a soft body, with a covering called the mantle. In most kinds of mollusks, the mantle makes a shell. Other kinds of mollusks, like octopuses and squid, have mantles that do not form into shells.
- Shells can come in one solid piece, like snails and conchs. There are also shells that come in two halves that close together, called bivalves, like oysters and clams.
- Because there are so many types and species of mollusk, they can be found in both fresh water and salt water. They can even be found on land- snails and slugs love our gardens in and out of the sea!
- Many types of mollusks have a muscle called a foot. This foot is not just for walking. Some mollusks use their foot for digging, crawling, or even catching prey.
- Some mollusks have an organ called a radula, which is like a tongue covered in tiny teeth. The radula is used to scrape food from surfaces. A radula can have as many as a quarter million teeth!







## 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!





# WORD Scramble

Unscramble the words below!



UALDRA  
 LENTMA  
 SKLUMSOL  
 SCMLA  
 GULSS  
 IQSUD  
 OFTO  
 ROYSET  
 VVLAIBE  
 CHO CN  
 BRAVITTERNEES  
 SPOTUCO

JULY PUZZLE Answers!

Fluke	E	L	U	K	E	L	J	M	K	R	V	T
Dorsal	Z	P	A	L	S	C	E	P	I	X	G	N
Blow	Q	H	C	A	E	R	B	V	P	L	O	E
Pectoral Fin	I	E	P	M	P	C	E	R	A	Y	L	D
Salmon	D	C	E	F	O	W	O	L	B	R	K	I
Saddle	T	H	C	R	D	M	H	F	W	F	T	S
Scars	R	O	T	O	X	I	N	W	L	P	L	E
Pod	A	L	O	J	H	C	F	A	E	B	U	R
Matriline	N	O	R	I	D	Q	C	G	Z	K	E	N
Hill	S	C	A	R	S	C	A	L	N	U	I	O
Log	I	A	L	H	C	R	A	I	R	T	A	M
Travel	E	T	F	X	O	C	N	D	B	U	L	L
Forage	N	E	I	F	D	O	R	S	A	L	U	A
Call	T	Z	N	A	T	Q	E	L	D	D	A	S
Toxin												
Echolocation												
Resident												
Transient												
Breach												





# AUGUST Special Dates!



## Birthda Club!

### A FIN-tastic Birthday to:

- 08/01 Egypt E
- 08/04 Matilda E
- 08/04 Aurora K
- 08/07 Sophia M
- 08/10 Eon Z
- 08/10 Kiri W
- 08/10 Oliveah B
- 08/11 Adalyn M
- 08/11 Braeolyn L
- 08/11 Alean S
- 08/11 Zoey
- 08/12 Lyla S
- 08/12 Rebecca A
- 08/13 Joseph S
- 08/15 Orion
- 08/15 Finnley G
- 08/20 Payton B
- 08/21 Matt
- 08/28 Ella S
- 08/28 Brynn J
- 08/30 Pax C
- 08/31 Shyla K

*Happy Birthday!*

### August Dates of Interest

- 08/04 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- 08/05 National Oyster Day
- 08/07 National Friendship Day
- 08/09 National Book Lovers Day
- 08/12 International Youth Day
- 08/16 National Tell a Joke Day
- 08/24 National Waffle Day
- 08/27 National Just Because Day
- 08/30 National Beach Day



Join the Frostbit Fins Birthday Club on our website at [FrostbitFins.com](http://FrostbitFins.com)

# Guppy Goodies



**Snails and Caterpillars**

## Ingredients

- Celery stalks
- Peanut butter or cream cheese, at room temperature
- Sliced fruit and vegetables- apple, orange, kiwi, cucumber, tomato
- Grapes
- Blueberries
- Grape tomatoes
- Celery or radish matchsticks
- Cashews
- Candy eyes

## Instructions

### Snails:

Fill celery stalks with peanut butter or cream cheese and top with an apple orange, kiwi, cucumber, or tomato slice shell. Add a cashew for the head. Use peanut butter or cream cheese to glue on the candy eyes.

### Caterpillars:

Fill celery stalks with peanut butter or cream cheese and top with grapes, blueberries, or grape tomatoes for the body and head. Use peanut butter or cream cheese to glue on the candy eyes and celery or radish matchsticks for antennae.

# Fin Funnies!

How do shellfish get to the hospital?  
**In a clamulance!**

Why did the principal bring clam chowder to school?  
**It was lunch for the soup-erintendent!**

How does a mollusk hide from predators?  
**They use clamouflage!**

# Fintastic Deals!

## Frostbit Fins Merch

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

You can find us at Cad-re Feeds in Soldotna, too!



Mermaid  
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**VISIT MERMAIDSTRAW.COM AND USE THE CODE FROSTBITFINS FOR 15% OFF YOUR PURCHASE!**  
**HELP RID THE OCEANS OF PLASTIC, ONE SIP AT A TIME!**