

# The Featherfin Flyer

a Frostbit Fins publication



“Aye, tough mermaids are, the lot of them.” -Blackbeard

-Blackbeard-



## a Message from the Mermaid and the FrostbitFins Pod

Happy Mer-May, everyone! The snow is melting fast now, and we are so excited to have ventured out to our first show, and looking forward to two more this month - including one of our favorites - the Seward Mermaid Festival! We'll be there on the 19th and 20th, so be sure to come down and see us, the other vendors, and enjoy the live music and festivities - there's even a costume contest! We can't wait!

Before that though -see us on the 5th and 6th for the In-tuned to Bloom festival in Soldotna! Who knows, AnneMeridia may even make an appearance!

Speaking of our Mermaid- We are proud to announce that her reign of Miss Mermaid Alaska has been extended for another year! With the International Event still on pause, they gave AnneMeridia the option of continuing to represent our beautiful state and of course she said yes! I am thrilled to continue work on my platform, teaching kids how to be safe in and around water.

(The whole pod is super proud of our Miss Mermaid Alaska, USA, and her passion for swimming and safety!)

We have several vendor shows coming up so check out the schedule and come out to see us! And remember, we're available for parties and appearances too!

Sea you soon!

Your Seafriend, AnneMeridia  
and the Frostbit Fins Pod



### Upcoming Shows and Appearances:

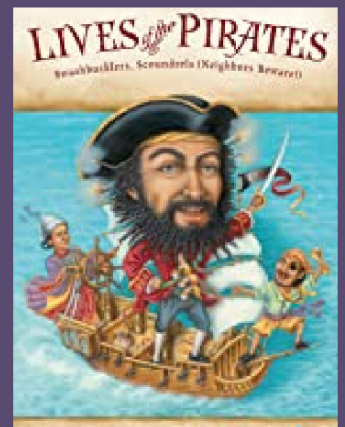
In-Tuned to Bloom	May 6-7
Seward Mermaid Festival	May 19-20
Pride in the Park	June 3
Kenai River Festival	June 9-10
Nikiski Fun in the Sun	June 17
Curiosities Festival	July 1-2
Kenai Green Strip Festivities	July 4
Soldotna Progress Days	July 21-23
Kenai Peninsula State Fair	August 11-13
Fall Fungi Festival	September 2-3



## LET'S READ!

Lives of the Pirates: Swashbucklers, Scoundrels  
(Neighbors Beware!) by Kathleen Krull and  
Kathryn Hewitt

Every kid knows that pirates talk funny, swing a big sword, and seek buried treasure—don't they? What do we really know about Blackbeard, Madame Cheng, Sir Francis Drake, and other men and women of pirate history? What drove them to sail the high seas? What were their bad habits, favorite foods, and silly quirks? And did they actually talk like that?



Want to learn more about Sea Urchins? - Visit your local library today!





# MAY FIN FACTS WITH *Frostbit Fins*

## PIRATES!



- There were different types of pirates. Pirates were criminals who were known to attack and rob ships at sea. Privateers were pirates that worked with the permission of governments. Buccaneers were pirates that attacked coastal cities,
- The skull and crossbones flag at the top of a pirate ship is called a Jolly Roger.
- There were many well known pirates throughout the 16th and 17th centuries. Blackbeard (Edward Teach) was known for being a villain and harassing ships in the Caribbean. Benjamin Hornigold was a pirate, a privateer, and then a pirate hunter throughout his life. He was also a partner of Blackbeard. Henry Morgan was a buccaneer that was so brave and successful that his enemies even praised him. Sir Francis Drake was a naval commander and a privateer. Woodes Rogers was an English privateer that later became the governor of the Bahamas.
- Not all pirates were men. Anne Bonny became a pirate on Calico Jack Rackham's crew while her husband became an informant for Governor Woodes Rogers. Grace O'Malley was an Irish noblewoman who spent the majority of her life at sea. Cheng Shih took over her husband's pirate ship when he fell overboard and became the leader of the second largest pirate fleet in China.
- Because ships that pirates targeted were often transporting goods, the items they looted did not always include gold and silver. Most loot was foods, lumber, cloth, and animal hides.
- Each pirate ship had its own set of rules and codes. Everyone on board had to agree to the rules of the ship. These rules included how the loot would be split, what chores and jobs each person had, and even rules about fighting. Many ships did not allow fighting on board and anyone with disagreements would have to wait to be on land to fight.
- Pirates really did sing work songs called sea shanties. Sea shanties helped them keep time and coordinate movements in tasks like hauling ropes and hoisting sails.







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 on our page and in next month's FeatherFinFlyer!



# Pirates



Find the following words in the puzzle.

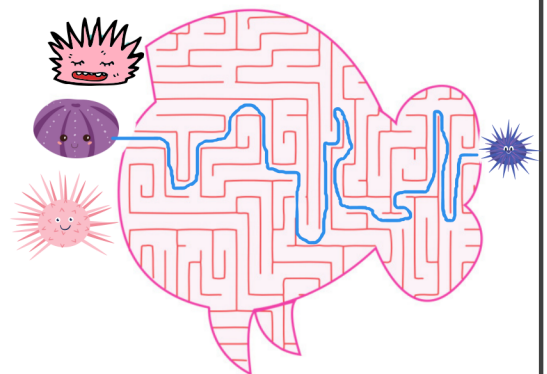
DAVY JONES' LOCKER  
SHIVER ME TIMBERS  
PIECES OF EIGHT  
YO HO HO

LAND LUBBER  
ME HEARTIES  
DOUBLOONS  
HORNSWAGGLE

BOOTY  
AHOY  
WALK THE PLANK  
SCURVY



LAST MONTH'S  
Answers!







# MAY Special Dates!



## Birthday Club!

Wishing a FIN-tastic Birthday to:

05/01 Bowie S  
05/03 Lyla S  
05/05 Hallie Dean S  
05/06 Addison V  
05/10 Quinn Z  
05/10 Presley K  
05/13 Maeley L  
05/15 Anna P  
05/20 Kaisen B  
05/20 Saylor P  
05/20 Katie M  
05/22 Harper H  
05/23 Avery R  
05/23 Max H  
05/23 Amara I  
05/26 Alex S  
05/26 Paisley C  
05/29 Josiphena A  
05/29 Ayla Tetoff  
05/31 Alyeska A  
05/31 Cat W

## Dates of Interest

05/01 National Chocolate Parfait Day  
05/02 World Tuna Day  
05/06 National Fitness Day  
05/10 National Clean Your Room Day  
05/13 Fintastic Friday  
05/14 Mother's Day  
05/16 National Sea Monkey Day  
05/22 National Vanilla Pudding Day  
05/26 National Paper Airplane Day  
05/29 Memorial Day

# Happy Birthday!



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

# Guppy Goodies

# Fin Funnies!



**Pirate Treasure Chests**

## Ingredients

- 1 pkg. Cocoa Krispies Treats
- 1 pkg. Rice Krispies Treats
- 2 Laffy Taffy Ropes, Banana
- Edible Food Writing Pen
- Candy for chests: Rock Candy, Jolly Ranchers, Gold Coins, Pearl Candy
- Plastic swords, for decoration

## Directions

- Unwrap 2 Rice Krispies treats. Cut 1/3 off one of the treats for the top of the chest. Leave the other treat whole for the bottom of the chest. Cut the Laffy Taffy down the length of the rope so you have 3 equal sections.
- Take 2 pieces of the taffy and press onto the top of the chest, to look like 2 stripes. Take a tiny little square of taffy and press onto the front side to resemble a lock.
- Grab 2 small strips of the taffy and press onto the front side of the bottom of the chest. Line these up with the top stripes when the trunk is closed. Press a tiny little square of taffy on the front side to resemble a lock. With the writing pen, draw a little lock on each little square lock.
- Place a few pieces of each type of candy on top of the bottom chest and place the top piece of the chest on it. Make sure the back is pressed down to look like the chest is hinged, and the front is up to appear open.

How much did the pirate pay for his earrings?

**A buck-an-ear!**

How do pirates prefer to communicate?

**Aye to aye!**

Why are pirates better than everyone else?

**They just ARRRRRRRGH!**

# Fintastic Deals!

## Frostbit Fins Merch

Marvelous Mermaid Munchies, Stationary, Stickers and more - all at our online store - with free local pickup!

<https://frostbit-fins.square.site/>



## Our New Apparel Shop!

Have you checked it out yet? T-shirts, Hoodies, and more! We even have tote bags and water bottles, all sporting our new mermaid mascot! Check it out here:

<https://frostbit-fins.printify.me/>



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