

Windy Weather:

For Those Who Love the BHI Community, Our Children Send Us a Message



There's an old sailing phrase that goes, *It's an ill wind that blows no good*. Dating from the sixteenth century, it means what's unfortunate for one may be beneficial for another ... when times are tough there's always a silver lining somewhere. We had one of those situations yesterday that inspired me to look closer, listen harder, and feel deeply. So I am writing from a place of gratefulness for all young learners and dreamers.

Have you ever known a school where children crave the classroom, where the pull of discovery is stronger than the forces of nature itself? Allow me to elaborate. Yes, we live on an island and life here has its own rhythm, one that can be gentle or wild, depending on Mother Nature's mood. Yesterday she decided to roar with wind gusts up to forty miles per hour. These winds surged across the Cape, fierce enough to ground our ferries and leave teachers and students unable to reach school. What happened next moved me to tears.

A six-year-old student sent a note: "But Mr. Hano was teaching us about the Advent calendar. Are we going to miss that today?" A 14-year-old chimed in: "Maybe the winds will die down, and we can start in the middle of the day!" Another offered a solution: "Maybe we can go online and see each other virtually—I just don't want to miss sharing with everyone."

Think about that for a moment. These are children. Their first thoughts weren't about the inconvenience or frustration of the situation—they were about connection, learning, and community.

Later, a parent shared something that only deepened my sense of awe: “This school community is everything to my son. Even when he’s sick, he hates to miss a class. For the first time, he’s motivated to learn, and as you know, he’s struggled with that for years.”

What makes this place so special? Why do these children who learn differently fight so hard to get to school, despite every obstacle thrown in their way? The answer lies in the heart of this island school and its mission.

Here, we’re teaching more than academics. We’re nurturing a mindset, a resilience that says, *Yes, I can*. We’re fostering a space where learning isn’t just an obligation but a joy—an adventure to embark upon together. These children are learning to weather storms, both literal and figurative. They’re proving to themselves and the world that while it might take more time, effort, or creative solutions, they can overcome.

So, I ask you to pause and listen to these children—their voices, their determination, their love for learning. They are the heartbeat of this community and their actions speak volumes about what’s possible when a school becomes more than an institution—it becomes a home, a haven, and a launchpad for endless potential.

Here on this island, something extraordinary is happening. And it’s worth cherishing, nurturing, and celebrating.

With Gratitude,
A Witness to the Magic ✨



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