

Release: GSB Third Graders Help Damariscotta Pumpkinfest Get Ready for Giant Pumpkin Plantlet Give-away on May 23, 8 am - 3 pm

Last Wednesday morning, more than 50 Great Salt Bay (GSB) School third graders arrived at Pinkham's Plantation, eager to help Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta get ready for the pumpkin plantlet give-away on Sunday, May 23.

The third graders worked quickly to fill 500 pots with soil and to file Atlantic Giant Pumpkin seeds, which will encourage the plants to emerge after they are soaked and potted. Many hands made light work, and more than 500 pots were filled in no time flat!

In addition, students visited the pumpkin patch where Buzz Pinkham explained how the soil had been prepared to grow really large pumpkins with soil amendments and compost. Buzz also described how the pumpkins will grow from small plantlets into 600 t- 800 pound gourds.

The students were accompanied by teachers Veronica Babcock, Sue Lewis, Geri Pinkham, and Jennifer Wright.

Don't forget to "Bring Your Own Bucket" and collect your FREE Giant Atlantic Pumpkin plantlet at the Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta plantlet give-away on Sunday, May 23, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Pumpkin Plantlet Give-away will be held at Pinkham's Plantation,

which is located at 431 Biscay Road in Damariscotta, Maine 04543.

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Many hands make light work as GSB third graders work together to ready pots to receive giant pumpkin seeds before the May 23rd Pumpkinfest Plantlet Give-away.



Students carefully file the sides of the Atlantic Giant Pumpkin seeds to make it easier for the plantlets to emerge after the seeds are soaked and potted.



Pumpkinfest's Buzz Pinkham shows the pumpkin patch to the GSB students, describing soil preparation and how the pumpkins will grow.