

# Update October 31, 2012

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#### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Effort makes a difference. Because of the efforts of all of our families and faculty members, the South Shore Charter Public School was able to open yesterday and experience a normal school day despite the two-hour delay. Our attendance was excellent and our students were able to have a very productive day following our closing. It was a relief that teaching and learning were able to continue despite many of our families being without power. Power outages are a trying and difficult experience, particularly for those with young families. Yet as difficult as our experiences may have been, many of us have family and friends from areas more severely hit, particularly New York and New Jersey. The thoughts of our school community are with residents of these two states as they struggle to put their lives back in order.

I would like to thank everyone for being so patient as we struggled with our automated calling system. We are still waiting for an explanation from the company that provides this service. Some of our families did not receive an automated call on Monday evening; yet due to the strength of our school community, most were made aware of the delayed opening through other families who were able to receive the message. It is situations such as these that remind us of how important it is to have a strong school community. I would also like to thank Pam Algera, Kristine Shipps, and Ralph deGennaro who personally called families on Sunday to spread the word about our school closing.

Earlier this month our school community was in full force at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Run. Walkers and runners were treated to an amazing course in the woods on a beautiful day in October. Equally amazing were the outstanding performances of our cross-country runners. Four of the top ten overall winners were SSCPS students. Congratulations to Neil Feeney who placed fourth with a time of 21:45, Evan Whitemyer who placed fifth with a time of 21:48, Stephen Oxner who placed seventh with a time of 22:48, and Abby Dalton who was the top finisher in her division and placed eighth overall with a time of 22:53. Well done to all who finished!

More than 243 people participated in the Harvest Run. I would like to thank all of our volunteers: the Harvest Run Committee, Annette Golden, Mary Oxner, Justina Pettinelli, and Denise Demaggio for organizing such a terrific event. I would also like to thank SSPCS student David Oxner for designing our event t-shirts. Another thank you goes out to the Wright family, Josh, Colin and Aidan for clearing the course again this year. Thank you to Caitriona Hollowed, Peggy Pucillo, Priscilla Kelly, Jessica Lussier and Deb Paquette who put in many hours before the event thus ensuring everything would go as smoothly as it did. And thank you to all of our volunteers on the day of the event, Andrea and Steve Feeney, Bill Tramontana, Nikki Atkins, Sarah, Sophie and Stephen Hollowed, Colette Blaise-Bycinte, Athena, Kiserian, Dolores, and Johnnie Jackson, Lisa and Megan VanWinkle, Luke and John Pucillo, Matt, Lisa and James Perachi, Kristine and Kaitlin Shipps, Joanna McCarthy, Gema and Jacob Gray, Laurie Dannison, Cheryl Sprague, Priscilla and Brian Kelly, Dawn and Adam Nevarez, Cheryl-Ann Hurley, Patty Downey, Jill Johnson, Denise and Ben Gallion, Tyler Dalton, Tedy and Joe Golden, Andri and Isak Mahegan, Joe, Tanne, and Mari Demaggio and Christian Pettinelli.

It takes a tremendous amount of effort to ensure a successful run. Thanks to the efforts of so many, our school community and our physical education program will directly benefit.

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Thursday	11/01	<b>Music Workshop Field Trip to Allston Studio</b>	
Thursday	11/01	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends	
Thursday	11/01	<b>Cross-Country Dinner at the Gym</b>	5:00-7:00pm
Thursday	11/01	MEFA Night for Senior Families	6:00pm
Thursday	11/02	Level IV Helping Hands field trip to Home Depot	
Monday & Tuesday	11/05 & 11/06	Book Fair	
Tuesday	11/06	<b>Grandparents and Friends Day grades K-6</b>	10:00am
Tuesday	11/06	<b>Professional Development Early Release</b>	12:00pm
Friday	11/09	Picture Retake Day	

Help us welcome our Grandparents & Special Friends! Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>



Nut-free healthy finger food & beverage donations will be greatly appreciated for the morning social. Please contact Denise Demaggio

> ddemaggio@sscps.org or 617-653-8246

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAVE THE DATE: SSCPS ZUMBATHON and Movie Night** will be held on Friday, November 30th from 6:30-8:30 pm, right here on campus. Details to come! All proceeds from the Zumbathon will benefit the Foot the Floor Special Gymnasium Campaign.

**Show your school spirit!** South Shore Charter Public School backpacks are now available in the Development Office for \$15. All proceeds from the sales of these multi-pocket backpacks will support the Foot the Floor Special Gymnasium Campaign. We have a limited quantity, so get them while supplies last! For more details contact Joanna McCarthy, Director of Development at jmccarthy@sscps.org or 781.982.4202 x109.



#### **Level III News!**

In Science, 5th Graders are focusing on how soil forms and the process of decomposition. They will be making TerrAqua Columns in class over the next several weeks to further investigate decomposition. We are asking for donations of empty, plastic, capped 2-liter bottles, which can be delivered to Mac's room before or after school. (They're the kind that seltzer and soda come in.) Thank you in advance.

The School Store run by Claire's Level III Project is open! They have a great variety of snacks, beverages and school supplies.

#### Water Jugs Needed!

The Art Department is looking for empty gallon size water jugs for an upcoming project. Please drop them off in the Art Room. Thank you!

#### **ATHLETICS**

Stay tuned next week for the results of SSCPS Athletic post season appearances.

- 11/3 Middle School Championship Cross-Country Meet, Winnikinni Park, Haverhill 10am
- 11/3 HS Soccer Boys (playoffs pending) TBA
- 11/4 MS Soccer playoffs TBA
- 11/6 HS Cross-Country Championships, Elms Bank Conservation, Wellesley 4pm

#### LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Committee is hosting the annual **Fall Book Fair** on **Monday November 5**<sup>th</sup> **and the morning of Tuesday November 6**<sup>th</sup> to coincide with Grandparents/Special Friends Day. This event is a major fundraiser for the library, and profits are used to purchase new books for the library. Questions? Please email them to <a href="librarian@sscps.org">librarian@sscps.org</a>.

The Library has been open since the third full week of school thanks to the amazing support of our volunteers. Most of the pods in Levels I - III have library time scheduled or have access to the library during our newly added "Open" times on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-3pm. Hopefully many of your children have visited the library and borrowed books. Ask them about their time in the library as it appears to be a favorite part of the week for many! If your child has yet to visit the library and doesn't have time scheduled, encourage them to talk to their teacher. As a reminder, the children check books out for either one or two weeks. Please check their due dates stamped in the books and help them remember to return their books on time to avoid overdue notices and lost book charges.

Since the library is completely run by volunteers, we welcome anyone who is interested in helping out, either during the school day or behind the scenes on their own time. Please contact Sue Duchaney, our Volunteer Coordinator for the library, at <a href="mailto:s.duchaney@comcast.net">s.duchaney@comcast.net</a> to help out. All volunteers must complete a CORI check and volunteer orientation. If you have general questions, please email us at librarian@sscps.org.

Thank you for your support. The Library Committee

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE**

It is so great when the Community Service Committee is notified from other SSCPS families of community service opportunities. During the last week we received the following information that we would like to share with all of you. Please help support these families with their community service projects.

**From the Childs Family** The US Army battalion 181 of Abington, MA is currently serving in Afghanistan. A harsh winter is quickly approaching, and they are short on twin/full blankets, standard pillows and cases, and long johns (any size). Please donate items in the box in the front lobby of SSCPS. The Childs family is collecting these items for a shipment this Saturday, 10/27, and the following Saturday, 11/3. Please call Lori Childs with further questions at 781.878.5251.

#### From the McGuiness Family "GEAR UP FOR WINTER!!

In the cold winter months, children living in homeless and low-income situations face a new set of challenges. For families already stretching budgets to pay for rent, heat, and groceries, providing a warm winter coat and other winter essentials is often not an option. Kevin and Madison McGuiness volunteer monthly at the Cradles to Crayons Giving Factory and are running a winter clothing drive at SSCPS. There will be a collection box in the front lobby where you can leave new or gently-used winter essentials (coats, gloves, boots, etc). Thank you helping more than 17,000 children in Massachusetts have a warm and safe winter.

#### Gently Used and New Children's Book Collection - From Shannon Daly

Shannon Daly in Donovan's Level III class room is collecting "slightly used" books for children, ages 2 to 14, whose parents are students at the Adult Learning Center in Brockton. Each year all the adult learners and their children are invited to come and choose books that they can take home and create an at-home library. The Learning Center relies on donations from community members to make this give-away possible. The collection box is located outside of Donovan's Room in Level III, and any donations would be greatly appreciated!

This year we would like to know what all of our students are doing so we can come up with a list to share with the rest of our school community through the school year and to share community service events in your community. Please email Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com with this information.

**Help Me Help Animals...** One Can = One Meal! Fourth grader, Savannah Aylward, Krista's pod, has decided to help the animals of the Kingston Animal Shelter. She is collecting cat and dog food, treats, toys and paper towels. A collection box has been set up in the Level II great room. Savannah will collect items for the month of October. Please consider sending a donation to support her community service project.

WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT <u>WWW.SSCPS.ORG</u> EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL <u>PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG</u>

#### **COMMUNITY INTEREST**



#### Students love this class

I feel more confident and mature after this class.

> The instructor is fun and gares about me.

I loved the play kit, the fun games and the awesome orcative orafts.

#### Why should I take this class?

Build a "bag of tricks" of games, activities and fun foods Learn how to care for children from birth through 10 years Gain the basics of first aid and how to deal with an emergency Two day class covers topics not possible in shorter courses Learn creative ways to promote your services and get more babysitting jobs

Certified babysitters are more trusted by parents and can earn higher wages



#### Upcoming Class in Norwell

Dates: Saturdays: November 17 & 24 Norwell Fire Department, 300 Washington St.

Time: 9AM-3PM Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$65 + Materials fee of \$5

Bring: Bag lunch
Baby doll to practice skills in class (not American Giri - we will have some to share)

Child Name:	Boy/Girl: Birth Date: / /	Grade:School:
Address:	City:	Zip: Noverlike
	Email:	
Phone (day):	Phone (eve):	
Parent/guardian Name 2:	Email:	
Phone (day):	Phone (eve):	The sales are sales as a second
	il. Must enclose payment to hold space. Min/Max per class it be attended to earn a certification card. See website for ac	
l wish to pay program fee wi	th MASTERCARD, DISCOVER or VISA. Please charge \$	to my credit card.
Name:	Card Number:	Expiration Date:

Registration closes November 13. Register Online: Fax 617.745,4151 or Mail Camp Fire USA; Eastern Massachusetts Council; 1419 Hancock St Suite 201; Quincy, MA 02169 Questions? call Rebecca Skerry 617.745.4150 ext.160

#### www.campfireusa-emass.org



## Money for You -Candy for the Troops!

Dr. Richard Zuppardi and Dr. Shahram Moghaddam are putting their money where there mouth is. Why? Because they know the damaging effect of too much candy on children's teeth. So this Halloween they hope kids in the Weymouth area will pick out their favorite snacks and turn the rest of the candy in for a nice cash prize. All of the candy collected will be shipped to our troops overseas.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- •The first Monday after Halloween, November 5th, bring your child/children with the unopened candy you want to donate to the office of Weymouth Smiles Dental at 536 Broad Street, E. Weymouth between the hours of 4pm and 7pm.
- •We will weigh the candy and pay your child a dollar per pound of candy. 5lb per child maximum.
- •Your child will receive a free toothbrush and the opportunity to make a card for our troops overseas.
- •The candy will be shipped to our troops overseas.
- \*If you have any questions, or for directions call 781-331-2442 or visit our website at www.drzuppardi.com

## ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL AND GIVE TO A GREAT CAUSE

#### Bertucci's of Hingham

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

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When you present this flyer 15% of what you spend will be given to the South Shore Public Charter School.

Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery.



90 Derby Street Hingham, MA 0204 p: 781.740.4405

Bring this flyer with you!

## A SWEET TREAT

### Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

SSCPS has a half-day. We encourage you to bring your family and friends to enjoy a frozen yogurt delight between 12:00 – 3:00 at

pinkberry



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Exclusively Available at this Location

is donating 20% of your total bill to SSCPS! 94 Derby Street, Hingham, MA

# Breakfast Order Form Breakfast for the Month of November, 2012 Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Student Name					
Pod Teacher/Advisor	Grade				
Plea	use <u>CHECK</u> off i	the day breakfast wi	ill be ordered.		
Week of [X] Monday 11/12 – 11/16	[ ] Tuesday	[ ] Wednesday	[ ] Thursday	[ ] Friday	
Week of [ ] Monday 11/19 – 11/23	[ ] Tuesday	[ ] Wednesday	[ ] Thursday	[ ] Friday	
Week of [ ] Monday 11/26 – 11/30	[ ] Tuesday	[ ] Wednesday	[ ] Thursday	[] Friday	
Number of Breakfasts ordered			X \$1	.50	
Less credit due					
Total Amount Enc	losed		\$		
Cash or Checks may be made	out to SSCPS.				

# Lunch Order Form Lunch for the Month of November, 2012 Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Student Name					
Pod Teacher/Advisor					
F	Please <b>CHECK</b> off the day lunch will be ordered.				
Week of [X] Monday 11/12 – 11/16	[ ] Tuesday	[ ] Wednesday	[ ] Thursday	[] Friday	
Week of [ ] Monday 11/19 – 11/23	[ ] Tuesday	[X] Wednesday	[X] Thursday	[X] Friday	
Week of [ ] Monday 11/26 – 11/30	[ ] Tuesday	[ ] Wednesday	[ ] Thursday	[ ] Friday	
Number of Meals ordered			X \$3.00		
Less credit due  Total Amount En Cash or Checks may be made		\$	<del></del>		

Choice of 1% milk or skim milk is included with the purchase of a meal or can be purchased separately for 30 cents.

Please note: If your child has forgotten lunch, a cheese sandwich will be provided at the cost of \$2.50. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.



### **South Shore Charter School**

#### November, 2012

Catered by Essence of Thyme

#### Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5  Krispy Rice Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	6 Yogurt WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Orange Juice Milk	7 Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Cocktail Milk	Raisin Bran WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	9 Cornflakes Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk
NO SCHOOL	Toasty O's WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	Breakfast Sandwich Orange Juice Milk	Yogurt WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	Corn Flakes WW Blueberry Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk
19 3.6 oz. WW Banana Muffin Orange Juice Milk	Yogurt WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Orange Juice Milk	Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Orange Juice Milk	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	NO SCHOOL
26 Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Orange Juice Milk	3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Cocktail Milk	Breakfast Sandwich Orange Juice Milk	30 3.6 oz. WW Blueberry Muffin Orange Juice Milk

<sup>\*</sup> All Meals include 8 ounce Milk. Choice of 1% or Skim. Regulations

\* Complies with NSLP

\*Before placing your order, please inform the school if you have a food allergy!



#### South Shore Charter School Grades K-8 November, 2012 Catered by Essence of Thyme

#### **LUNCH**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 BBQ Chicken on a Bun Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Tangerine Milk	EARLY RELEASE	7 Beef & Bean WW Burrito Brown Rice Cauliflower Pineapple Chunks	8 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Squash Tangerine	9 American Chop Suey Green Beans Whole Wheat Roll Apple
		Milk	Milk	Milk
NO SCHOOL	Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Peaches Milk	14 Hamburger on WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Baked Apple Slices Milk	Crunchy Asian Salad Cucumber Pineapple Chunks Milk	16 Mexican Chicken WW Wrap Brown Rice Southwestern Beans Tangerines Milk
Chicken Alfred w/Ziti Broccoli Orange and Applesauce WW Blueberry Waffle Grahams Milk	20 Meatballs on WW Sub Baked Sweet Potato Tangerine Milk	EARLY RELEASE	22  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	NO SCHOOL
Chicken Alfred w/Ziti Broccoli Applesauce Whole Wheat Roll Milk	Turkey and Gravy Sweet Potato Peaches Whole Wheat Roll Milk	28 Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Tomatoes Cucumber Pears Milk	29 Cheese Pizza w/Veggies Italian Beans Apple Milk	Ziti & Meatballs Corn WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Grapes Milk

<sup>\*</sup>All Meals include 8 ounce Milk - Choice of 1% or Skim

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## South Shore Charter School Grades 9-12 November, 2012 Catered by Essence of Thyme

#### **LUNCH**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 BBQ Chicken on a Bun Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Tangerine	6 EARLY RELEASE	7 Beef & Bean WW Burrito Brown Rice Cauliflower	8 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Squash	9 American Chop Suey Green Beans Whole Wheat Roll
Pineapple Chunks Milk		Juice Milk	Tangerine and Raisins Milk	Apple and Peaches Milk
NO SCHOOL	13 Macaroni, Cheese & Ham Broccoli Peaches Whole Wheat Roll Milk	14 Hamburger on WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Baked Apple Slices and Pears Pretzels Milk	Crunchy Asian Salad Baby Carrots Pineapple Chunks Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk	16 Mexican Chicken WW Wrap Brown Rice Southwestern Beans Tangerines Orange Juice and Milk
Chicken Alfred w/Ziti Broccoli Orange and Applesauce WW Blueberry Waffle Grahams Milk	20 Meatballs on WW Sub Sweet Potato Tangerine Raisins Milk	EARLY RELEASE	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	NO SCHOOL
Chicken Alfred w/Ziti Broccoli Applesauce Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk	Turkey and Gravy Sweet Potato Fries Carrots and Peaches WW Cinnamon Roll Milk	Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Tomatoes and Cucumber Pears WW Blueberry Waffle Grahams Milk	Cheese Pizza Italian Beans Fruit Cocktail Apple Milk	Ziti & Meatballs Corn WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Grapes Milk

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