



# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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### FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

“Hey Mike, would you like to go to Honduras with us?” Thus began my discussion last week with Sophomore Dan Nardo, the leader of the Cultural Book Exchange Project, about joining the eight students who are going to La Esperanza, Honduras over the February break. Dan and the other students in the project have been working the first half of the year getting prepared for the trip: raising money, learning about Honduras, getting passports and getting excited. When Dan asked me to go, I had to remember the last time I spoke Spanish beyond a casual “hola!” or “que pasa?” Despite the thirty some years since my Spanish classes in high school, I was eager to sign on for the trip. We will be leaving Logan early this Sunday morning and returning late on March 1.

Spanish teacher, Howard Bean, has been the inspiration for this project. Prior to coming to work at SSCPS and also last summer, Howard worked and visited with the people of La Esperanza. He has established a friendship with teachers and school leaders at Southwest School in La Esperanza who will be hosting us as we learn about their country.

Projects are a founding element of our school. These international trips to countries such as Honduras often get a lot of attention, but there are projects all across the curriculum that are helping students to learn how to organize, create, cooperate, serve, write, promote and learn around new skills and ideas. Now that we are in one building, we will be looking for more inter-level cooperation between projects that will create new learning opportunities for everyone. SSCPS projects are unique to this school and are very different from other forms of teaching. Over the last year, we have been looking for ways to support our teachers as we make these project experiences more meaningful. Jessica Engebretson on Level 4 and Colin Gibney on Level 2 have begun discussions with staff about “experiential learning.” If “learning-by-doing” is of interest to you as a parent or student you may want to join these discussions to help improve the learning environment as your school. The meetings are every Thursday at 3:30 in room 201 on Level 4.

Now that we have past the midpoint of the year, next week we all get to take a break to gather ourselves and be able to refocus on the remaining days. There has been some interest in how we are going to deal with all the snow days we have had so far. Currently we have missed 4 days of school due to snow. The State requires us to go to school for 180 days. Currently, if we don't change the calendar we will be in session until June 29. We are exploring ways to make up days between now and the end of the year so that we are not going that late into June. I will be announcing any changes to the school calendar the beginning of March.

Enjoy your week with the kids at home or on vacation and see you when I return from Honduras.

*Mike Munhall*

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|                  |              | <b>February 21 – 25 Winter Break</b>                  |               |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>02/28</b> | <b>Classes Resume</b>                                 | <b>8:15am</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>02/28</b> | <b>Level 1 Exhibition of Mastery Week</b>             |               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>03/01</b> | <b>Finance Committee</b>                              | <b>5:50pm</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>03/02</b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Coffee with Mike</b> | <b>8:15am</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>03/02</b> | <b>Education Committee</b>                            | <b>3:30pm</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>03/05</b> | <b>Silent Art Auction and Social Evening</b>          | <b>6:30pm</b> |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** Bring your swimsuit and fishing pole for the SSCPS end of the year picnic! Sunday, June 12th at Camp Wing in Duxbury. Look for details in the coming months ...

**THE ARTS AND MUSIC COMMITTEE** is looking for anyone interested in helping out for our upcoming event on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone willing to bring a food dish or donating artwork for our Auction (adult or child) please call Nanci Jaye at 781/925-2929 or email [jayekay@comcast.net](mailto:jayekay@comcast.net).

## LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the March Lunch Menu and Lunch Order Form due to the office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15. Please note that lunches are ordered on Friday morning for the returning Monday, therefore late orders cannot be accepted.

## EXTENDED DAY NEWS

The Extended Day Program is looking for lots of metal coffee cans with the lids in both large and small sizes as soon as possible. Please send to office 5 or the front desk. Thank you!

### **\*\*FEBRUARY VACATION ENRICHMENT PROGRAM\*\***

We have three slots available please call Maura Ballou at 1-617-750-1435 if you have any questions regarding this. Activities vary daily please see the form and call if you need to.

## ON THE LEVELS...

### **SAYING OF THE WEEK:**

**LEVEL 1:** "Sour grapes." **LEVEL 2:** "A picture is worth a thousand words."

**SPANISH SAYING OF THE MONTH:** Hechos no Palabras- Action not Words.

**REMINDER STUDENTS SHOULD BRING TO SCHOOL THE APPROPRIATE CLOTHING (HATS, GLOVES, BOOTS, ETC.) FOR RECESS.**

**LEVEL 3 BOWLING SOCIAL! FRIDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>** at Hanover Bowladrome, Rte 139, Hanover, 781-826-4061. The cost is \$9 per student, and includes shoes, pizza, & drinks. Tickets will be sold after February vacation. For questions or to volunteer to chaperone, contact Kate Brigham at [katebrigham@comcast.net](mailto:katebrigham@comcast.net).

## PROJECT NEWS

**PLAYWRITING & PERFORMANCE PROJECT (SWP PRODUCTIONS)** is overjoyed to announce an exclusive free preview performance of Lindsey Mitchell's new play **THAT SUMMER** prior to competing at the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival ([www.mhsdg.org](http://www.mhsdg.org)). There will be one performance only on Wednesday, March 2 (7PM) at the Hingham Middle School (Rt. 228). **FREE ADMISSION** with no tickets or reservations needed! The evening will feature a post discussion with the audience. Don't miss out on the fun!

**ATTENTION ALL SSCPS PARENTS!** The Cooking Project is going to publish a cookbook and we would love to add some of your secret recipes to our book. Please send recipes to the Cooking Project in room 310. Thank you!!

**SEWING SUCCESS IS SELLING PAJAMA PANTS!** For information, see project members or Kitty.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

?? On-call substitute teacher

?? Full Time substitute teacher

Send cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager.

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

**BOX TOP CLASSROOM CONTEST – CONGRATULATIONS TO KAREN’S LEVEL 1 POD WHO** won this contest with 261 Box Tops. The students will receive either a Pizza Party or an Ice Cream Sundae Party. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Krista’s Level 2 Pod and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Colin’s Level 2 Pod. Even though this contest has ended please continue to send in your Box Tops. Attached is an update of SSCPS’s progress so far this year as well as the February Newsletter. Your help to reach our goal is appreciated. Vicki Doyle and Beth Toma.

## **PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)**

**PAC IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.** If interested, please contact Elaine French at the school ext.201, or Fab Keller (781) 340-5229 fabk@juno.com

The Federation for Children with Special Needs is holding their annual spring conference, "Visions of Community", on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at the World Trade Center in Boston. Over twenty workshops are being offered, ("Revisions to Federal & State Laws Governing Special Education", "Fostering Friendships for Children with Special Needs", "Teens and Mental Health Challenges" to name a few) This conference is open to families and professionals. Childcare is provided. Cost is \$55.00 if you register before February 19th. For more information, go to [www.fcsn.org](http://www.fcsn.org) or call (617) 236-7210.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Level II students Katie Aucella and Megan Bateman raised \$168.00 for tsunami relief efforts by making one-of-a-kind valentines and selling them for \$1 each during coffee hours at North Community Church, which they attend in Marshfield. The girls introduced themselves as students of SSCPS, and talked about their community service commitment. Their donation was doubled through a matching program at the church for a total of \$336.

**School Closings will be announced on:  
WCVB-TV Channel 5, WFXT Fox 25, WHDH-TV Channel 7,  
WRKO AM 680**

*Once opened for the day, school will remain open until the last student is picked up.*

**GREAT ART \* GREAT FOOD & DRINK \* GREAT CAUSE**

**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**ARTS & MUSIC COMMITTEE PRESENTS:**

**Silent Art Auction  
and Social Evening**

**Where: At the School**

**When: Saturday, March 5, 2005  
6:30 – 10:30pm**

☞ Proceeds To Benefit Arts and Music Enrichment ☞  
Programs for Our Children

*Light Fare and Beverages Will Be Served.*

*Wine Will Be Available for Purchase.*

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RESERVATIONS: \$10 per person, Must be Made in Advance

Please make checks payable to: **South Shore Charter Education Foundation**

Send Reservation Requests and Payment to: Nanci Jaye

72 Park Avenue  
Hull, MA 02045  
781-925-2929



## Lunch Menu - March

| Monday  | Tuesday                                   | Wednesday   | Thursday                                  | Friday   |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <p><i>2/28</i><br/> <b>Ham/ Cheese</b><br/>                     With Lettuce, Tomato, and Mayonnaise</p>            | <p><i>1</i><br/> <b>Cheese Pizza</b></p>  | <p><i>2</i><br/> <b>Roast Beef</b><br/>                     With Cheese and Mustard</p>                   | <p><i>3</i><br/> <b>Cheese Pizza</b></p>  | <p><i>4</i><br/> <b>Small Tossed Salad</b><br/>                     With Italian Dressing and Pita Bread</p>             |
| <p><i>7</i><br/> <b>Italian Cold Cut</b><br/>                     With Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles and Oil</p> | <p><i>8</i><br/> <b>Cheese Pizza</b></p>  | <p><i>9</i><br/> <b>Chicken Salad</b><br/>                     With Lettuce</p>                           | <p><i>10</i><br/> <b>Cheese Pizza</b></p> | <p><i>11</i><br/> <b>Pasta</b><br/>                     With Tomato Sauce and Garlic Bread</p>                           |
| <p><i>14</i><br/> <b>Bologna/Cheese</b><br/> <b>With Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles and Oil</b></p>                       | <p><i>15</i><br/> <b>Cheese Pizza</b></p> | <p><i>16</i><br/> <b>Turkey</b><br/>                     With Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and Mayonnaise</p>  | <p><i>17</i><br/> <b>Cheese Pizza</b></p> | <p><i>18</i><br/> <b>Small Greek Salad</b><br/>                     With Greek Dressing, Feta Cheese and Pita Pocket</p> |
| <p><i>21</i><br/> <b>BLT</b><br/>                     Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato and Mayonnaise</p>                     | <p><i>22</i><br/> <b>Cheese Pizza</b></p> | <p><i>23</i><br/> <b>Salami/Cheese</b><br/>                     With Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles and Oil</p> | <p><i>24</i><br/> <b>Cheese Pizza</b></p> | <p><i>25</i><br/> <b>Pasta</b><br/>                     With Tomato Sauce and Garlic Bread</p>                           |

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| Sun       | Mon   | Tue                                     | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat                               |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
|           | <b>Feb 28</b><br>Classes Resume                 | <b>1</b><br>Finance Committee<br>5:50pm | <b>2</b><br>10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent<br>Coffee 8:15am<br><br>Education<br>Committee 3:30pm | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br><br>Academic Warning<br>Level 5 & 6                               | <b>5</b><br>Art Auction<br>6:30pm |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                                | <b>9</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent<br>Coffee 8:15am<br><br>Art Force Bake Sale            | <b>10</b><br>Parent Association<br>7-9pm<br>Parent Conferences<br>Level 5 & 6 | <b>11</b><br>Level 3 PE Field Trip<br><br>Trimester Ends<br>Level 1-4         | <b>12</b>                         |
| <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>Grade 10 Portfolio<br>Presentation | <b>15</b>                               | <b>16</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent<br>Coffee 8:15am                                      | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b><br>Level 1 – 4 Progress<br>Reports<br><br>Level 3 Bowling<br>Social | <b>19</b>                         |
| <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>School Council                     | <b>22</b>                               | <b>23</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent<br>Coffee 8:15am                                      | <b>24</b><br>Board of Trustee<br>7:00pm                                       | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>                         |
| <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                       | <b>29</b><br>Full Faculty 3:30          | <b>30</b><br>11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent<br>Coffee 8:15am                                     | <b>31</b>   |   |                                   |