

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

MAKING UP SNOW DAYS – Mark your calendars There has been much discussion and speculation regarding the five (5) snow days we have had already this year and how we are going to make up the days. State statute requires the school to be in session a minimum of 180 days regardless of the number of hours devoted to “time in learning.” The regular school calendar has us finishing on Thursday, June 23. With the days off for snow, that would put us 176 days of school. So we need to make up four days. We have decided to use several Saturdays in April and May and Friday, June 24. Please add these dates to your school calendar.

Saturday	April 9	8:15 AM-11:45 AM
Saturday	April 30	8:15 AM-11:45 AM
Saturday	May 14	8:15 AM-11:45 AM
Friday	June 24	8:15 AM-11:45 AM Last day of classes

Any further snow days would require us to add additional days.

Teachers will be here and have lessons planned on these make up days.

March Penny Drive – Levels 1, 2 & 3			
Thursday	3/10	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	3/11	High School Ski Trip	
Friday	3/11	Art Works Bake Sale	12:00pm
Tuesday	3/15	Finance Committee	5:50pm
Tuesday	3/15	Annual Fund Phone-A-Thon	6:00pm
Wednesday	3/16	3rd Grade Parent Coffee with Mike	8:15am
Friday	3/18	Trimester Ends Grades K-8	
Friday	3/18	Level 3 Bowling Social	7:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ART AUCTION AND SOCIAL GREAT SUCCESS! The social event held last Saturday evening at the school was a great success. We raised \$3000 for the Arts and Music committee. Thank you to all that attended to support the School. We would like to especially thank Ed and Karen Peterman for donating wine, Amy and Jeffrey White for donating beer, KT Leary for her outstanding efforts in preparing and serving appetizers, Debbie Shepard, Janet Coletti, Harriet and Patrick Guiney, and David Kellem for all their help the night of the event. We would also like to thank all the artists for their generous donations: Marianne Buckley Curran, Adah Shumway, Cindy Vallino, Jody Regan, Jordan Kellem, Maura Ballou, Susan Kilmartin, Bobbi Coletti, Sandy Donnellan, Cheryl Casey, Ted Hirsch, Nanci Jaye.

PLAYWRITING & PERFORMANCE PROJECT would like to thank the entire school community for their overwhelming support with their original play **THAT SUMMER** at Hingham Middle School and at the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival. The play received 8 Drama Festival awards and rave reviews from the Festival Judges. Don't miss our spring production coming up in May!

COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK – March 14th – 18th – Many events will be taking place throughout the school. All levels will be involved in some form of external community service during this initiative. There events will allow for the formation of new community partnerships. Fourteen parent volunteers are needed to accompany high school students to the Greater Boston Food Bank on Thursday, March 17th and Monday March 21st. Contact Mark Veader for more information.

LUNCH ORDERS

Attached is the March Lunch Order Form due to the office no later than 3:00 on Thursday, March 10, 2005. Anyone who paid for lunch on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 will be credited for the amount of pizza ordered. You may use this credit on your next lunch order form. Please make a note on the form if you are deducting a credit from the amount due. Any questions, please call me at the office. JoAnn Callahan

ON THE LEVELS...

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

LEVEL 1: "Practice makes perfect."

LEVEL 2: "Through thick and thin."

LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 PENNY DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE LIBRARY IS OFF TO A GREAT START! In the lead this week is Nicole's pod with 17 lbs. of pennies, 2nd place is Velma's with 14 lbs. and 3rd place is Krista's with 11 lbs. Look for the complete tally list posted in the levels. The Penny Drive continues until March 31st. The Pod with the most pennies will win an ice cream party. Good Luck!

ATTENTION LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 STUDENTS MARCH PENNY DRIVE TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARY.

THE 2ND TRIMESTER FOR GRADES K-8 ENDS MARCH 18TH. PROGRESS REPORTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH.

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

LEVEL 3 BOWLING SOCIAL! FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH 7:00 – 9:00PM at Hanover Bowladrome, Rte 139, Hanover, 781-826-4061. The cost is \$9 per student, and includes shoes, pizza, & drinks. For questions or to volunteer to chaperone, contact Kate Brigham at katebrigham@comcast.net.

CLASS RING REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE HERE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH FROM 8:15 – 9:15 TO TAKE RING ORDERS.

FROM WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish students will be doing their Exhibitions of Mastery in the Spanish High School classes the weeks of April 4 and April 11 in the mornings. We are looking for parents who are Spanish speakers who will be willing to assist in the assessments of these exhibitions. Anyone willing and able to help please get in touch with Mary at ext.410.

PROJECT NEWS

SECRET RECIPES FOR THE COOKBOOK! 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.

MOVIE NIGHT! On Friday, March 25th, the **Rock Monkey Project** will be showing movies in the Village Green between 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Healthy snacks and drinks will be served for children in levels I - III. Come and drop off your kids so they can see Ice Age (rated G) while you run some errands or get some chores done! The cost is only \$5.00 for one child or \$10.00 for a family! Level V/VI teacher, Megan Stoehr, will be supervising the fundraiser.

THE ROCK MONKEY PROJECT WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT! Please send an email to pratt.brian@att.net or call 781/982-4202 ext. 326 if you would be interested in buying a travel coffee mug (\$7 to \$12 depending on quantity) with a creative SSCPS logo designed by the Art Project to benefit construction of a rock climbing wall.

MARKETING PROJECT COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE QUINCY ANIMAL SHELTER! Collection boxes are located at the front and back doors of the school. Financial donations will be accepted in Jenn's Room (Room 203). Checks should be made payable to the Quincy Animal Shelter. Thank you!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

?? On-call substitute teacher

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

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Parents Association meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10th at 7:00pm.

PLANNING MEETING FOR THE END OF YEAR PICNIC TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH – any parent interested in helping with this event is asked to join us for a brief meeting at 6:00pm (just before the monthly Parents Association meeting) on Thursday, March 10th. Any questions, please call Laurie Rumpf at 781/837-5494.

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 or call (617) 236-7210.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Just a reminder that we continue to collect ink cartridges and cell phones. Through "Cartridges for Kids" we are able to raise money that goes to our school. We have received many cartridges and cell phones already this year. Thank you for the donations! Look for the "Cartridges of Kids" donation box in the recycling area. We will also be happy to pick up items from you home or office. Any questions, call the Ryan's at 781/925-9541.

The Art Force and Sewing Success projects are teaming up to hold a canned food drive March 7 – 14. Look for the donation boxes at each level. All donations will benefit the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Students in Nicole's Pod are collecting tabs from cans to help the Shiriner's Hospital. It is to help burn victims. We need YOUR help! Drop off tabs in Level 2 room 308. Thank you!

**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.

Lunch Order Form

Complete one form for each child

Lunch for the Month of **March, 2005**

Due to the Office by 3pm THURSDAY, March 10, 2005

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

Please **CHECK** off the day lunch will be ordered and **CIRCLE** your selection.

Week of (3/14-3/18)	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sm Salad
	1/2 sub	#_____	1/2 sub	#_____	- or -
	Sandwich		Sandwich		Box Lunch

Week of (3/21-3/25)	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Pasta
	1/2 sub	#_____	1/2 sub	#_____	
	Sandwich		Sandwich		

Number of Subs/Sandwiches ordered	_____	X \$5
Number of 1/2 Subs ordered	_____	X \$3
Number of Pizza Slices ordered	_____	X \$1.50
Number of Pasta ordered	_____	X \$3.00
Number of Box Lunch ordered	_____	X \$3.00
Number of Small Salad ordered	_____	X \$2.00

Total Amount Enclosed \$_____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Milk is not included with the meal and can be purchased each day for 25 cents.

Use the Monthly Lunch Menu for specific Lunch selections.

Lunch is ordered through Yanni's of Rockland

Please Note: If your Child has forgotten lunch, a Lunch (Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich and Milk) will be provided at the cost of \$2. A note from the Office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.

Reduced Lunch of 40 cents a day* Free Lunch*

* Complete and return the Income Eligibility Form to use the lunch guidelines.