

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS

As you all probably know, this year is the 10th year of operation for South Shore Charter Public School and for all the charter schools that were in the first group to be approved after the 1993 Education Reform Act. In celebration of this there will be several events both locally at our school and statewide to honor the strides charter schools have made in our commonwealth.

On Wednesday, May 4th, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM, there will be a 10th Year Charter School Gala at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel to which all supporters of charter schools are invited. There will be student entertainment, legislators who have been supportive of our movement will be honored and the fourteen schools that celebrate their 10th anniversary this year...including SSCPS.

Our school currently has one table reserved, but more are possible. Each table is \$500 for ten people (\$50/person) or individual tickets are available for \$75. Teachers, parents, trustees, administrators, alumni and students (grades 7-12) are invited to attend this evening event.

If you are interested in putting together a table of ten or would like to join a table, please let Pam Algera (palgera@sscps.org or 781-982-4202 ext 103) know by next Monday, March 21. We do not need the money at this moment, just your reservation.

We still have many families in our community who were among the founding families of SSCS and charter schools in our state. We also have many families who have been drawn here because of the school these pioneers began ten years ago...all are welcome to celebrate the work we have done here. We hope that many of you will be able to attend this Gala and share in the recognition of our school as an innovator in educational reform.

Stay tuned for the date of the dedication of our building this May.

Penny Drive Continues – Levels 1, 2 & 3			
Wednesday	3/16	Parent Conferences Level 5 and 6	
Friday	3/18	Trimester Ends Grades K-8	
Friday	3/18	Level 3 Bowling Social	7:00pm
Monday	3/21	School Council	3:30pm
Tuesday	3/22	Annual Fund Phone-A-Thon	6:30pm
Wednesday	3/23	4th Grade Parents Coffee with Mike	8:15am
Thursday	3/24	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	3/25	Progress Reports Distributed Grades K-8	
Friday	3/25	Rock Monkey Project presents “MOVIE NIGHT”	5:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEVEL 4 TEACHER KITTY HILLSON! Kitty's arrangement entitled, Titan Revealed received 2nd Award at the New England Spring Flower Show in Class 207 Miniature; Looking Forward, Looking Backwards category.

ATTENTION SSCPS COMMUNITY – SAVE THIS DATE – WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH Soda Pop Records will be hosting a spring concert – The meltdown concert! Levels 3 and 4 will be performing their class songs with Andre, Levels 1 and 2 will be performing songs with Wardie and students from Levels 5 and 6 will perform.

LUNCH ORDERS – PLEASE NOTE CHANGES...

There has been a change in the menu for Friday, March 25th from pasta to tossed salad. If you had previously ordered pasta and do not want a salad return the attached order form with a note by Thursday, March 17th for a credit towards your next monthly order.

All order forms are due to the office no later than 3:00, Thursday, March 17. If you have any questions, please call JoAnn Callahan at 781-982-4202. Thank you, JoAnn Callahan

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.

ON THE LEVELS...

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

LEVEL 1: "There is no place like home."

LEVEL 2: "When it rains it pours."

LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 PENNY DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE LIBRARY CONTINUES! This week's 1st place is Krista's Pod with a total of 38 lbs. of pennies, Karen's Pod is in 2nd place with 33 lbs, and Velma's pod in 3rd place with 29 lbs. The Penny Drive continues until March 31st. The Pod with the most pennies will win an ice cream party. Good Luck!

JUNE'S POD IS HAVING A HOP-A-THON TO RAISE MONEY FOR EASTER SEALS!

WHEN: April 6th (during recess 12:00pm) **WHO:** Level 1 students **WHERE:** Blacktop at School
Students will hop for three minutes. They may get pledges from family and friends for hopping. For more information contact June's Pod.

VELMA'S MILKWEED PROJECT IS PUTTING TOGETHER A BUTTERFLY GARDEN SEED PACKET AND BOOKLET. Which will be available for sale in April. Proceeds of sales will go to The Magical Moon Foundation. This foundation was started by artist and author, Donna Green who's "Courage Project" will help children undergoing treatment for cancer. For anyone interested in learning more about the Magical Moon Foundation and the Courage Project, there will be an open house at the Donna Green Studio in Cohasset this Saturday afternoon from 11 to 5:00 PM.

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

LEVEL 4 NEWS...

- ☞☞ In recognition of Community Service Week, Level 4 students will travel to Alan's Pond in Dartmouth on Thursday, March 17th to install Blue Bird Houses for the Mass Audubon Society.
- ☞☞ The next PE Field Trip will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd at the South Shore Sports Center.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER, Megan Stoehr is seeking donations of recent political and economic magazines and newspapers for use in her class. Please contact Megan by email mstoehr@sscps.org or 781/982-4202 ext. 326.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENIORS BRIAN PRATT AND CHARLES MOORE! Brain has been accepted to Daniel Webster College and Chuck has been accepted to Eastern Nazarene College.

PROJECT NEWS

SECRET RECIPIES 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!!

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.school@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!

MARKETING PROJECT PLANNING DANCE APRIL 29TH 6-9:30PM! (Originally scheduled for March 25th). The dance will be held in the SSCPS High School great room. Please note, the following day, Saturday, 4/30, is a school day. Tickets will be \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. We would greatly appreciate it if parents would donate food and drinks. Please let Jenn know in advance if you are donating food items. Pizza will be available for purchase!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Office Volunteers needed for the following dates, morning or afternoon: 3/22, 3/24, 3/28, 3/29, 3/30, 3/31. Contact Jennifer Sandland: at josandland@yahoo.com, or 781-335-6262.

!!! FIRST. ANNUAL SSCPS FAMILY FUN DAY!!! JUNE 12TH 11AM TO 5PM

Join us for a family fun day at camp wing in Duxbury. This is a family social event including swimming, fishing, paddle boating, athletics and games. The cost is \$25.00 per family for the entire day, and all activities are free. Families will bring their own picnic fare, and tables will be provided. Our goal is to welcome new and older SSCPS families to socialize, play, and come together to strengthen our school community as a whole through this end of the year event.

All SSCPS pod projects are invited to sell and fundraise at this event for the 05/06 school year. Tickets and more information will be available in late April in the Update. Our last planning meeting will be on May 11th at 815 at the school. All are welcome.

✉✉ For athletic and game scheduling issues/ general volunteering call Laurie Rumpf: 1-781-837-5494

✉✉ SSCPS fundraising groups may call KT Leary at 1-781-925-1257 or Debbie Shepherd at 1781-585-6023.

SSCPS PRESENTS AN APRIL SOCIAL EVENT AND RAFFLE APRIL 30TH 7:00 – 9:30PM AT THE SCHOOL

Complimentary light fare and sodas will be served. \$10.00 per person donation at the door. This is a "community building" social event. All proceeds will benefit the SSCPS science labs. To volunteer food or an item for the raffle, please call KT Leary at 781/925- 1257. Come and mingle and meet other parents!

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION UPDATE! March 31st is the final submission date for box tops for this year. So far our school has earned \$300.00 (our goal was \$1,000). So please drop your box tops off at the front desk and help continue raising money for the library. Check out the website www.boxtops4education.com for spring recipes.

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 at the front desk. 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!

BAND-AID DRIVE TO BENEFIT KIDS OF ALL AGES AT THE FLOATING HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN IN BOSTON! Please bring in a fun box of band-aids. A box will be in the lobby starting today, until the end of March. Your donation will help to brighten the day of a sick child. THANK YOU!!! Alison, Carly and Hannah Hayes.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

On-call substitute teacher

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

**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.

WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SSCPS.ORG

Lunch Order Form

Complete one form for each child

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

Due to the Office by 3pm THURSDAY, March 17, 2005

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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	Salad
	1/2 sub	# _____	1/2 sub	# _____	
	Sandwich		Sandwich		

NOTICE: LUNCH MENU CHANGE FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 25 FROM PASTA TO SALAD. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY ORDERED PASTA AND DO NOT WANT A SALAD, RETURN THIS FORM BY THURSDAY, 3/17 FOR A CREDIT.

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 Box Lunch ordered	_____	X \$3.00	
Number of Small Salad ordered	_____	X \$3.00	
<i>Total Amount Enclosed</i>			\$ _____

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.

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.