

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Last Week of the Penny Drive – Levels 1, 2 & 3			
Thursday	3/24	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	3/25	Progress Reports Distributed Grades K-8	
Friday	3/25	Rock Monkey “Movie Night”	5:00pm
Monday	3/28	MCAS 3 rd Grade Reading (during week)	
Tuesday	3/29	Full Faculty Meeting	3:30pm
Wednesday	3/30	11 th Grade Parents Coffee with Mike	8:15am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCAS TESTING BEGINS WEEK OF MARCH 28TH –3rd Grade Reading and grades 5th, 6th and 8th question tryout in Reading. Composition for grades 4, 7, and 10 will begin April 6th. Students should be well rested and eat a good breakfast before coming to school in order to do their best.

PHONE-A-THON A RINGING SUCCESS!!! Last night's phone-a-thon raised \$2,550 in pledges from 48 families and another 24 promises of uncommitted amounts. Thanks to Board member Miriam Brownwall, parents Bev Bruce, Kim Krivitsky, Laurie Rumpf, and David Whitemyer, and students Dan Nardo (gr.11), Robbie O'Leary (gr. 9) and Adam Yeager (gr. 9) for their enthusiasm! Support of your SSCPS will continue to ensure its success so please consider making a gift to the Annual Fund today.

SSCPS STUDENTS COMPETE IN SPEAKING AMERICAN AT BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY! Congratulations to 3rd grade students Matthew Algera and Kaisaac Griffen, 4th grade student Amanda Toma and 5th grade students Ricky Housley and Jackie Perry for participating in this annual public speaking contest. Kaisaac, Amanda and Jackie finished 1st in each of their respective grades.

LUNCH ORDERS

The lunch order form and menu for the last week of March and the month of April are included in this update. This order form is due to the office no later than 3:00pm, Thursday, March 24, 2005. Please remember to check your field trip dates before ordering lunch.

Reminder: As mentioned last week there has been a change in menu for Friday, March 25. Lunch has been changed from pasta to tossed salad.

FROM WORLD LANGUAGE

Señora Mary, wishes to thank all the parents who volunteer to copy for teachers. You certainly are making my days a bit easier! Gracias!

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: "Got up on the wrong side of the bed."

LEVEL 2: "Two wrongs don't make a right."

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR GRADES K-8 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH.

LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 PENNY DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE LIBRARY HAS RAISED OVER \$600 SO FAR! This week's leader with a total of 70 lbs. of pennies is Krista's Pod, in 2nd place is Velma's pod with 42 lbs. and Karen and Ashirah's pods are tied for 3rd place with 34 lbs. each. This is the last week of the drive that ends on Thursday, March 31st.

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. Artist and author started this foundation, Donna Green who's "Courage Project" will help children undergoing treatment for cancer. For more information contact Velma at ext. 302.

LEVEL 3 BOWLING SOCIAL WAS GREAT FUN! Thanks to Ceil Garber, Laura Henning, Wendy Hobbs, Malee Nuesse, Brigid Nonnamaker and Roger Keller for chaperoning the Level 3 Bowling Social last Friday night. Over 50 kids from Level 3 participated in the bowling and impromptu line dancing! What a fun loving group this level is.

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

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENIORS KC RUSSELL AND JAMIE CLARK! KC has been accepted to Drew University and Jamie to Quincy 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

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!

THE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE WISHES TO THANK all of the Parents for contributing to the school overall operations. Committee members Jennifer Sandland and Alida Hanson have been working with the Parents and the Faculty to address the needs during this first year at the new location. Parents have come through in many areas. To name a few: office help, copying, reading assistance, art projects, transporting students to their community projects, or even planting a garden. Teachers have repeatedly commented on how terrific it is to have this support. We will be looking to organize our energy again next year. In the meantime, please review your Newsletter for any Volunteer needs.

FUNDRAISING MEETING On Tuesday, March 29th at 8:30am there will be fundraising committee meeting. There are some exciting social and fundraising events on the drawing board for this year and many new events to be planned for next year. Come join in and share your ideas and help us make them a success. Debbie Shepherd & Kathy Fredrick

LONGWATER TRANSPORTATION will have a few seats open on the Hull, Hingham, Cohasset bus run to SSCPS for the 05/06 school year. If interested call KT Leary at 781-925-1257 (First come , first served basis) Thank you.

TRANSPORTATION FOR 2005 – 2006 SCHOOL YEAR Are there any parents toward the end of Norfolk/beginning of Plymouth County interested in yellow school bus transportation for next school year? Pricing would depend on the number of students. The bus would seat 35 to 40 students. If you may be interested e-mail Susan at FCCTranportation@comcast.net or call 781-961-8881.

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

OUR THIRD ANNUAL BIG HAIR CUT FOR LOCKS FOR LOVE IS COMING UP SOON! We've donated about 170 inches of hair so far for the organization that makes wigs for children surviving cancer! Each year a number of students, teachers, parents and staff stand up in front of the school. After an exciting count down some one special that each participant has chosen, cuts their ponytail. The donation must be 10 inches or more . We all know how important our hair is to our identity and self-view. Each year several very brave individuals stand before us all and give it up for the needy. You have to be ready to do it. And there are a few people who have very long hair this year and have said no each year, until now, that is. Watch here for more info soon!

BOOK SALE! Ricky and Danny Housley will be hosting a used book sale on Thursday, March 24th and Friday, March 25th from 7:50-8:15am, 12:00-1:00pm, and 3:00-3:30pm. The location will be near the front door. All money raised will be donated to the non-profit charity "Make a Wish Foundation". The "Make a Wish Foundation" is a charity that gives extremely ill children a list wish. We will sell a few other items such as blankets, pillows and candles.

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 Shipps, 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

Lunch for the *March 28 thru April 29*

Due to the Office by 3pm THURSDAY, March 24, 2005

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of (3/28-4/1) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Sub Pizza Sub Pizza Salad
 1/2 sub #_____ 1/2 sub #_____ - or -
 Wheat Wheat Box Lunch

Week of (4/4-4/8) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Sub Pizza Sub Pizza Salad
 1/2 sub #_____ 1/2 sub #_____ -or-
 Wheat Wheat Box Lunch

Week of (4/11-4/15) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Sub Pizza Sub Pizza Salad
 1/2 sub #_____ 1/2 sub #_____ - or -
 Wheat Wheat Box Lunch

Week of (4/25-4/29) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Sub Pizza Sub Pizza Salad
 1/2 sub #_____ 1/2 sub #_____ -or-
 Wheat Wheat Box Lunch

Number of Subs/Wheat sub 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

Less Credit due _____
Total Amount Enclosed **\$** _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.
 Milk IS included with the purchase of a meal or can be purchased separately for 25 cents.

Use the Monthly Lunch Menu for specific Lunch selection.

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.

Lunch Menu – March 28 – April 29

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
3/28 Italian Cold Cut With Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle and Oil	3/29 Cheese Pizza	3/30 Turkey With Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and Mayonnaise	3/31 Cheese Pizza	4/1 Box Lunch <i>or</i> Tossed Salad With Italian Dressing and Pita Bread
4/4 Ham/Cheese With Lettuce, Tomato, and Mayonnaise	4/5 Cheese Pizza	4/6 Tuna Salad With Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles and Oil	4/7 Cheese Pizza	4/8 Box Lunch <i>or</i> Greek Salad With Greek Dressing and Pita Bread
4/11 BLT Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato and Mayonnaise	4/12 Cheese Pizza	4/13 Ham/Salami/Cheese With Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle and Oil	4/14 Cheese Pizza	4/15 Box Lunch <i>or</i> Tossed Salad With Italian Dressing and Pita Bread
<i>April 18 – April 22 Spring Break</i>				
4/25 Turkey With Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and Mayonnaise	4/26 Cheese Pizza	4/27 Italian Cold Cut With Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles and Oil	4/28 Cheese Pizza	4/29 Box Lunch <i>or</i> Greek Salad With Greek Dressing and Pita Bread

MILK IS INCLUDED WITH THE PURCHASE OF LUNCH, OR MAY BE PURCHASED FOR 25 CENTS.

April 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	----- 3 rd Grade MCAS Reading -----					
		DOE Board Meeting Full Faculty 3:30	11 th Grade Parent Coffee 8:15am	MCSA Delegates Worcester	MSCA Best Practices Worcester	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	3 rd Grade MCAS Reading		2 nd Grade Parent Coffee 8:15am Education Committee MCAS Composition Grades 4, 7, 10 Dan's Project Performance	Jr. Parent Night	Level 2 BOS Trip Senior Portfolios Due Quarter Ends Level 5 & 6	Snow Day Makeup 8:15 – 11:45
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	School Council			Parent Association 7-9pm	Progress Reports Distributed Level 5 & 6	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	-----Spring Break ~ No School -----					
	<i>Patriots' Day</i>					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Classes Resume Senior Portfolio Presentation	Full Faculty 3:30			Level 4 Dance 6-9:30pm (HS Great Room)	Snow Day Makeup 8:15 – 11:45 Parent Social 7pm