

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Next week our school celebrates several major milestones. Ten years ago a small group of parents and teachers were busily working to create a new school that we today know as South Shore Charter Public School. Friday, May 6, we will be celebrating the early work of those people as well as those who have joined the adventure along the way. We will be recognizing the approval of our new five-year charter. We are also celebrating the process that has given us a permanent home on the South Shore...the dedication of our school building and the honoring of key individuals who made this facility a reality. Lt. Governor Healey will be here along with a representative from President Bush, government leaders, bankers who loaned us the funds to purchase and remold the building, our architect, builder and others will be here for this momentous day. During the day's events, we will also be dedicating the playground as "Robin's Nest" in honor of our long time Primary School Principal, Robin Coyne. It will be an exciting day as we honor our past and prepare for our future...I hope you will join us.

Mike Munhall

Wednesday	4/27	Finance Committee	5:50pm
Thursday	4/28	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	4/29	Level 4 Dance (HS Great Room)	6:00pm
Saturday	4/30	SNOW DAY MAKE UP	8:15 – 11:45am
Saturday	4/30	Community Building Social for Parents	7:00pm
Tuesday	5/3	Health Curriculum Parents Advisory Group	7:00pm
Wednesday	5/4	Education Committee	3:30pm
Wednesday	5/4	Charter School Anniversary Gala – Boston	
Thursday	5/5	Charter School Presentation Ceremony – So. Boston	
Thursday	5/5	1 st Graders to Museum of Fine Arts	
Friday	5/6	SSCPS Building Dedication Ceremony	10:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS – Natalie Glines, Dan Housley, Emily Cunningham and Joseph Zimo. Natalie and Dan received 1st place awards and Emily and Joseph received 2nd place awards at the Massachusetts Regional Middle School Science Fair held in Plymouth on April 9th. All four students will go on to present their projects at the State Science Fair to be held at Worcester Polytechnical Institute in June. We all wish them the Best of Luck!

AD SPACE AVAILABLE - We all love the Directory - it's our link to the SSCPS community. Now, for the first time ever, the School is offering the opportunity to advertise your business in the Directory. We are inviting all SSCPS parents who own a business – landscaping, legal services, music lessons, and any other industry – to

consider using this widely used tool to reach our community and potential customers. Imagine the reach your ad will have to 300 families! Costs are full page (\$100), 1/2 page (\$60), and business card (\$30). All proceeds, after printing costs, will benefit senior scholarships and sports. For more information, or to call in your ad, please contact Melissa Freitas at 781-337-9724 or Kim Dalton at 781-878-5143.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the Menu and Lunch Order Form for the month of May. This is due to the office by 3:00pm on Thursday, April 28, 2005. Thank you.

ON THE LEVELS...

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

LEVEL 1: "In hot water."

LEVEL 2: "His bark is worse than his bite."

SODA POP RECORDS PRESENTS THE "MUSICAL MELTDOWN CONCERT" SSCPS's 1st Spring concert will be held Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00pm at Hingham High School. Admission is free. Be there to see performances by Wardie's Level 1 and 2 students and Level 3 and 4 music classes and guest appearances from high school students. It will be a great concert. We hope you can clear your calendar and join us!

NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

The Art Department has been very busy. High School student Adam MacLean and teacher Marianne Buckley Curran helped design and layout the invitations and paperweights for the 10th Anniversary of the Massachusetts Charter Schools. Student Bridget Hatch along with some parental support coordinated the note card fundraiser for the entire student body. Anyone wishing to order cards on their own may drop by the Art Room for a form.

Several students from the 8th grade and high school level will be participating in Duxbury Art Complex's Outdoor Sculpture Contest. We are collecting several items for the sculptures such as, pennies, mirrors (broken pieces are good), bamboo and CD's. If you have any of these, please drop off at the Art Room.

The School will be entering the Second Parish Art Show in Hingham. More details to come.

Be sure to look for our 4x5 food canvas painting at the South Shore Arts Festival this June. Eight high school students are creating their rendition of what our community means to them.

PROJECT NEWS

JOIN THE PLAYWRITING AND PERFORMANCE PROJECT for their upcoming spring production! SWP Productions will present a new take on David Ives's comedy ALL IN THE TIMING on Saturday, May 14 @ 7:30PM and Sunday, May 15 @ 2PM at Hingham Town Hall's historic Sanborn Auditorium (228 Central Street). No tickets or reservations needed! \$5.00 Donation. This critically acclaimed, award-winning evening of four one-act comedies combines wit, intellect, satire and just plain fun. Directed by Heather Brady and Debra Greene, this unique staging presents the comedies in the traditions of 1920's Vaudeville with a modern twist. Rated PG-13.

SEWING SUCCESS TO HOLD MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, MAY 6TH – Admission and drinks are free but if your stomach grumbles we will be selling snack foods and baked goods. The movies start at 4:30 for those who come early there will be twister groups in the Level 4 Village Green. We will be showing two movies "The Incredibles" and "Finding Neverland".

WHITE ELEPHANTS PLEASE - ASSIST THE SEWING SUCCESS PROJECT in their effort to amass wonderful finds for a White Elephant table, which will run at the SSCPS Family Carnival on May 14th. The items that you contribute toward the White Elephant table should be better than items found in the average yard sale. We are looking for good quality nick knock items. Please be sure that items are not broken or dirty, test all electronic devices prior to donation. Items can be left with Kitty Hillson in classroom 200. All proceeds will support the general project fund. If you have questions, please call Kitty at (781) 982-4202, x314.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING – Saturday, April 30th 8:30am – At the April Parents' Association meeting, there was a discussion pertaining to the enforcement of the code of conduct and a concern regarding disrespectful students towards staff and fellow students. A motion was passed for a special PA meeting with administration and faculty to discuss how we can help support the school's enforcement of the Code of Conduct.

THE 2005/06 ELECTIONS FOR THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION ARE BEING HELD MAY 26, 2005.

All Parents and Guardians of South Shore Charter Public School students are members of the PA. A "Core Group" consisting of the officers of the PA, a representative from each of the thirteen grades, and the chairs of the standing committees will be responsible for the PA meeting its stated objectives and goals. The Representatives will serve as conduits for thoughts and ideas from parents in the grade they represent. These representatives, chairs and officers are required to attend all monthly meetings of the PA. If you are interested in being elected for one of these positions, please contact Maria Sullivan, 781-837-5858, SullivanSeven@aol.com before May 4th.

CHANGE OF DATE: THE LAST PLANNING MEETING FOR THE JUNE 12TH FAMILY FUN DAY WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH 8:15AM (NOT MAY 11TH). ALL ARE WELCOME. CONTACT EVENT ORGANIZER: LAURIE RUMPF 781/837-5494 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

HEALTH CURRICULM PARENTS ADVISORY GROUP - Parents who would like to assess a potential abstinence program and similar subjects for presentation to the administration will be meeting at the school on Tues, May 3rd at 7pm in the parents room. Further agenda information available - email josandland@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE BIG HAIRCUT! FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD - GET YOUR SISSORS READY!

OPERATIONS

PARKING Please refrain from parking your vehicle in front of the main and back entrances and leaving your car unattended to enter the school. If you need to enter the school, please park your car in the parking lot. These areas are marked as fire lanes during school hours. Also, do not park up on the grass along the right side of the front entrance. This area is not to be used for overflow parking.

NO SMOKING! Reminder that SSCPS is a SMOKE FREE ZONE. There is NO Smoking allowed on school property.

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 Month of MAY

Due to the office by 3pm, Thursday, April 27, 2005

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
5/2 – 5/6	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	-or-
	Wheat		Wheat		PB&J Lunch

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
5/9 – 5/13	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
5/16 – 5/20	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	-or-
	Wheat		Wheat		PB&J Lunch

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
5/23 – 5/27	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

Number of Subs/Wheat ordered	_____	X	\$5.00
Number of ½ subs ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
Number of Pizza Slices ordered	_____	X	\$1.50
Number of Salads/PB&J Lunches 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.

Reduced Lunch of 40 cents a day* Free Lunch*

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

Please note: If your child has forgotten lunch, a lunch of Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$2.00. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.

Lunch Menu – May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 Italian Cold Cut With provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>3 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>4 Turkey With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</p>	<p>5 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>6 PB&J Lunch or Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>9 Roast Beef With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</p>	<p>10 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>11 Chicken Salad With lettuce</p>	<p>12 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>13 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>16 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>17 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>18 Salami With provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>19 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>20 PB&J Lunch or Tossed Salad With Creamy Italian dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>23 Turkey With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</p>	<p>24 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>25 Ham With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>26 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>27 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato</p>

Milk is included with the purchase of lunch or may be purchased for 25 cents.



COMMUNITY BUILDING SOCIAL

You are invited to the S.S.C. P. S. “Community Building Social” on Saturday April 30th from 7:00pm -9:30pm. There will be a \$5.00 donation at the door, which includes light fare and non-alcohol beverages. A cash wine and beer bar will be available.

Come share great food, conversation and meet fellow parents! Theme baskets such as: ‘toolbox’, ‘gardening’, ‘welcome baby’, ‘sundae-bar’, ‘family fun’, ‘gourmet’ and ‘Yankee Candle’ will be raffled off. There will be a silent auction, which includes a week time-share vacation, a case of wine, a CD player, gift certificates, a set of antique German china, etc.

All proceeds benefit our future science lab. All faculty members are invited as non-paying guests. If you have any questions or would like to help out by bringing an hors d’oeuvre or baked goods, call K.T. Leary at 781-925-1257 or Debbie Shepherd at 781-585-6023.

We welcome new and older parents to come and mingle and get to know the greater SSCPS community!

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
SWP PRODUCTIONS

ANNOUNCING OUR SPRING PRODUCTION!

David Ives's

ALL IN THE TIMING

Four One Act Comedies Directed by
Heather Brady and Debra Greene

2 PERFORMANCES ONLY!

Saturday May 14 @ 7:30PM

Sunday May 15 @ 2PM

Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall
228 Central Street, Hingham

NO TICKETS OR RESERVATIONS NEEDED!

\$5.00 Donation

This production is rated PG-13.

LET'S GET ORGANIZED



A Skill-Building Workshop for Families of Children with Special Needs

On May 14, 2005 from 8:15 am to 11:45am

at South Shore Charter Public School

in coffee room by level 3 classrooms

(note: this is a make up snow day and a reservation is needed to attend)

We invite you to join us for “LETS GET ORGANIZED”, our free skill-building workshop for families of children with special needs. Children do not come with instructions, and neither do the challenges you face when raising a child with a disability. This workshop will help parents work with their own strengths and successes with concrete written materials to strengthen their organizational skills.

“LET’S GET ORGANIZED” With so much paperwork; so many doctors, reports, school papers—how do we keep it all straight? The focus of this workshop is to:

1. Discuss the importance of developing good organizational skills;
2. Identify methods of organizing records;
3. Recognize the importance of emergency preparedness; and
4. Consider effective ways to build a community for your child.

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will have a three-ring binder, organizational supplies, and lots of ideas on ways to bring order to the mountains of paperwork that relates to their child’s medical and educational needs.

Workshop Given by Karen Douglass, Southeast Regional Coordinator of Family Ties.

Reserve a seat by May 1, 2005 space is limited

Contact:

Jody Bearce at seaflower1@comcast.net

Shore Charter School Public School PAC Contact Person

South Shore Charter Public School FAMILY PORTRAIT DAYS



The South Shore Charter Public School is pleased to be working with award-winning photographer, Cindy Vallino, to offer our families unique fine art photographic portraits. Portraits make wonderful gifts, artwork for your home, and keepsakes for generations to come.

30% of proceeds from portrait sessions will benefit SSCPS.

Come join us for this special event and support our school!

DATES:

Sunday, June 5

Saturday, June 18

Reservations available 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



PRICING AND SESSION INFORMATION.

Groups of three or fewer:

\$100 – 20 minute session

Groups of four or more

\$125 – 30 minute session

Proofsheets are provided to each group.

The session fee includes one 8 x 10 color or black/white print.

Additional prints may be purchased.

LOCATION:

MarshView Studio located in Marshfield, MA

Ocean views, gorgeous foliage and the marshlands of the South create a unique backdrop for your portraits.



DON'T MISS OUT ! MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY. COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

Cindy Vallino is well known locally for her fine art and portrait photography. She received 1st prize for photography in 2003 and 2004 from the Duxbury Art Association, 1st prize in 2004 at the Pembroke Arts Festival, and overall "Best in Show" in 2005 from the North River Arts Society. Examples of her portrait photography may be seen on her website: www.vallinophoto.com. Cindy is also a SSCPS parent!

South Shore Charter Public School FAMILY PORTRAIT DAYS

REGISTRATION FORM

Family Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Home Address (Reservation Confirmation Sent by Mail): _____

No. in Group (Circle One): 3 or Fewer (20 minute session / \$100)* 4 or More (30 minute session / \$125)*

Preferred Date (Circle One): Sunday, June 5 Saturday, June 18 No Preference

Preferred Time (Circle One): Morning Afternoon Early Evening No Preference

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO RESERVE A TIME.

A CONFIRMATION OF YOUR RESERVATION WITH THE ASSIGNED DATE AND TIME WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.

**Session fees must be paid on the day of the portrait. Personal checks and cash are accepted.*

May 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Charter School Week Begins	2	3 7pm Health Curriculum Parent Meeting	4 Education Committee Charter School Anniversary Dinner	5 1 st Grade to MFA Charter School Celebration	6 Building Dedication Level 4 Movie Night Academic Warning Level 1 - 6	7
8	9	10	11 Plymouth DA's office visit Level 3 and 4 Spring Meltdown Concert 6pm Hingham HS	12 MCAS Composition Makeup Grade 4,7,10 2nd grade to MFA Parent Association 7-9pm	13 Playwriting Performance Level 2 Community Service Field Trip	14 Snow day Make up 8:15-11:45am FAMILY FUN DAY Playwriting Performance
15 Playwriting Performance <i>Rain date – Family Fun Day</i>	16 School Council Level 1-4 Exit Letters	17-20 MCAS Week - Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10			21 Level 5 & 6 Prom Sheraton Braintree	21
22	23 Level 3 Field Trip	24 Last Day for Seniors	25	26 HS Debate Board of Trustee 7:00pm Exhibition of Mastery Night Level 5 & 6	27	28
	23-27 MCAS Week Continues			26-27 ----- Senior Finals -----		
29	30 No School Memorial Day	31 Full Faculty 3:30				