

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Now that our dedication and anniversary celebration is complete and a fond memory, we can turn our gaze toward the activities of the remainder of the year. Three weeks from Saturday is graduation. Before and after that weekend there is a multitude of events to join in.

- * This evening at Hingham High School we have the Musical Meltdown Concert. Looking over the program, there is a huge variety of music with many of the students in the lower grades participating. It should be a wonderful event.
- * This coming Saturday is our last makeup snow Saturday. It is important that students attend classes this day. The school's attendance record is an important element of our review by the state and every student's attendance is important.
- * Ice cream, hot dogs, games, dunk tank, prizes will all be on campus this Saturday afternoon for the Spring Carnival. Parents, students, teachers and staff are going all out to have a fun-filled afternoon for students, their friends and anyone from the area...bring your friends. The proceeds from the carnival will fund next year's projects.
- * The Playwriting and Production Project also has their spring performance this weekend in the Auditorium at the Hingham Town Hall. This student directed production of David Ives's *All In The Timing* will be performed Saturday at 7:30 PM and Sunday at 2:00 PM.

These are all great opportunities to support your school and students.

Mike Munhall

Wednesday	5/11	Spring Meltdown Concert – Hingham High School	6:00pm
Thursday	5/12	MCAS Make up day	
Thursday	5/12	Governance Committee	6:30pm
Thursday	5/12	Parents Association Meeting Rock Monkey Movie Night	7:00pm
Friday	5/13	Level 2 Community Service Field Trip	
Saturday	5/14	Snow Day Make Up	8:15-11:45am
Saturday	5/14	Family Fun Day Carnival	12:00-4:00pm
Saturday	5/14	Playwriting Performance – Hingham Town Hall	7:30pm
Sunday	5/14	Playwriting Performance – Hingham Town Hall	2:30pm
		MCAS week begins – Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10	
Monday	5/16	School Council	3:30pm
Monday	5/16	Executive Committee	7:00pm
Tuesday	5/17	Finance Committee	5:50pm
Wednesday	5/18	Dan's Project Drama Performance	6:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TICK SEASON IS UPON US

There have been a few reported cases of ticks on our students. Our wooded grounds are not immune from the little crawly things and students may pick them up most anywhere on campus, just as they can at home. We have consulted with our pest management company and been told that there is no chemically safe spray that can be used around children. Prevention is the best policy. The school does not allow students to play in the woods. Please teach your children – and check them daily – for ticks and other bugs. An informational flyer is attached that offers guidance on how to spot a tick and what to do if you find a tick on your child.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN TOD AND AARON BOND, who competed in the TechBoston Robotics Olympics at Northeastern University this past Saturday. SSCPS came in first in two events and third in one event. The events included such things as picking up a ping-pong ball and dropping it in a target. Look for pictures and videos from the competition at www.jaguarstyle.com as well as an article in the next issue of the Longwater Ledger. High School math teacher Kevin Slesinsky, who served as coach for the event, is very thankful for Dan and Aaron's hard work!

SSCPS FAMILY PORTRAIT DAYS - Reserve a Time!

We are pleased to be working with photographer, Cindy Vallino of MarshView Studio in Marshfield to offer our families' fine art photographic portraits. Don't miss this unique opportunity to get a beautiful portrait and to benefit our school. (30% of proceeds will go to supporting programs at SSCPS.) Portrait sessions are being reserved for Sunday, June 5 and Saturday, June 18. Grad portraits are also available for our juniors and seniors. Further details and reservation forms are available from Ellen or Maria at the front desk.

FRENCH PROGRAM SEEKING INTERESTED STUDENTS

French is a dominant language in Europe, and spoken in over 43 countries in the world. It is the language of diplomacy and of much literature. At SSCPS, French was once an option for all students. Two years ago French was eliminated from our curriculum for budgetary reasons. However, a large group of parents has kept French available to students as a fee-based program. We are enthusiastic about keeping this language an option for students as an after school program and are hoping that next year we can increase our participation in this program. Please contact **Katherine Kardok at 781-659-7540** if you would like to be a part of this wonderful language program, or if you would like more information about the French Program.

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, May 12, 2005. Thank you.

ON THE LEVELS...

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

LEVEL 1: "Keep your fingers crossed."

LEVEL 2: "Cold shoulder"

REMINDER TO KINDERGARTEN PARENTS! Please return the completed Kindergarten surveys ASAP.

ATTENTION LEVEL 2 PARENTS – MCAS WEEK BEGINS ON MONDAY, MAY 16TH. Testing will be on selected days during the next 2 weeks for 4th grade students (3rd grade student will be taking practice tests as well). All students should come to school on time, have had a healthy breakfast and be well rested.

LEVEL 3 STUDENTS will be on a field trip and travel to Lowell, MA for an interactive tour of the mills on Monday, May 23rd.

MCAS FOR LEVEL 3 will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday May 17th and 18th and also on Wednesday and Thursday May 25th and 26th. Please remember to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast in preparation for a successful testing experience!

LEVEL 3 PIZZA & GYM NIGHT- SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH FROM 6-8 at the Hingham Recreation Center, 210 Central Street. Tickets will be \$7 and on sale at school from Brynn Pollets and Ned Brigham starting May 16th. The Rec Center has a jukebox, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, air hockey and arcade games. The Rec Center requires a specific student chaperone ratio so ticket sales will end Thurs June 2nd for planning purposes. This is for 5th and 6th graders only. Any parents who would like to chaperone please contact Kate Brigham at 781-925-0024 or katebrigham@comcast.net.

FROM WORLD LANGUAGE

*Spanish Level III & Señora Mary give a big Gracias! to Karen Peterman for bringing in homemade refreshments for our Cinco De Mayo celebration.

*Spanish Level IV Gracias to Steve, Jen and all the folks at El Sarape Restaurant who helped Señora Mary and the students to have a fiesta for Cinco de Mayo.

PROJECT NEWS

OPENING THIS WEEKEND! The award-winning SWP Productions presents *ALL IN THE TIMING* by David Ives. Heather Brady and Debra Greene direct your favorite South Shore Charter actors in this hilarious evening of off beat one acts. The show will play two performances at Hingham Town Hall (Off of 228) this Saturday at 7:30PM and this Sunday at 2PM. No tickets or reservations needed, \$5.00 donation at the door. Rated PG-13. For more information, visit the show's official website at www.allinthetiming.com. Don't miss out on SWP'S final show this year!

THE COOKING PROJECT WILL BE RUNNING A BAKE SALE AND IS LOOKING FOR BAKED GOODS FOR THE MAY 14TH FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL. PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR BAKED GOODS ON SATURDAY MORNING.

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

PARENTS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 12TH AT 7:00PM. Child care is available as the Rock Monkey Project will hold a "Movie Night" featuring "*The Spongebob Squarepants Movie*" beginning at 7:00pm. A donation of \$5.00 per child or \$10.00 for a family.

THE 2005/06 ELECTIONS FOR THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION ARE BEING HELD MAY 26, 2005. There are still a few grade rep and officer positions open. If you are interested in being elected for one of these positions, please contact Maria Sullivan, 781-837-5858, SullivanSeven@aol.com no later than Friday, May 13th..

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMING SOON! THE BIG HAIRCUT! FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD

Look for the sign up sheet outside room 23, even if you prefer doing the cutting ritual in private. Remember-you need 10 or more inches, a permission slip signed by your parent/guardian (look for slips in envelope outside room 23 on Level 3), and a special someone to cut your hair at the big event. Questions-Claudia 781/925 9060.

WALK WITH US. WALK FOR US. – 10th grade student Alison Hayes has been undergoing treatment at The Floating Hospital for the past year. On June 12th at 9am "TEAM ALISON" will be walking six miles along Boston's waterfront to benefit THE FLOATING HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AT TUFTS NEW ENGLAND MEDICAL CENTER. We realize that this date conflicts with our SSCPS End of Year Picnic. If you are unavailable to join our team as a walker, please consider showing your support by making a donation to our team. Please visit www.harborwalk.kintera.org for more information. THANK YOU. THE HAYES FAMILY.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL SO UNIQUE ... A parent's perspective

I have been thinking a lot about the school and its families recently. I would like to give you my perspective on what we as a community of families has done and what we have left to do. Back in 1994, Tim Anderson and Pam Cooney from Hull are parents of two boys who wanted more for their children than the education they were getting in the traditional public school system. They wanted a voice in their children's education. Tim and Pam got other parents involved in the founding of the school. Through a lot of hard work and bureaucracy our school was founded. It was a learning process for everyone and with parent volunteerism and commitment our school is what it is today.

Remember why you chose the SSCPS. You chose the school because of its reputation. We have full enrollment and over 300 students waiting to get into the school because our school is so unique. Like us the parents of these students want the best education for their children and are tired of the traditional public school system. If all you wanted was to drop your children off and leave your children's education in the hands of strangers then you wouldn't be here. The only way to keep our school a unique place of learning is to keep parents involved and give them their voices. We need your voice and your energy. Take pride in our school by volunteering and supporting school events. It's not all about how much money we can make, but it is about working together for a common goal: the support of our children and their school. Not everyone can show up for every event or volunteer for every committee, but there is much that you can do from home, however, don't leave all the work to others. If you have pride in our school then so will your children.

Debbie Shepherd
Parent

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, May 5, 2005

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 5/16 – 5/20	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Salad -or- PB&J Lunch
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Week of 5/23 – 5/27	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Sub ½ sub Wheat
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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
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
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.



**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
FAMILY FUN DAY CARNIVAL
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2005
12pm-4pm**

Invite your friends and family to join us for our 1st Annual Carnival!!!! This will be a fun filled day with moonwalks, a dunk tank (Mike Munhall and Dr. G. as targets), relay races, field games, egg carry and many other events. There will also be hot dogs, pizza, cotton candy, ice cream, popcorn, a bake sale and other food items. One of the events will be a white elephant sale. Anyone who has gently used items (please no clothes) and would like to contribute can bring them to the school.

Make sure your child attends school this day. They will be spending the morning setting up and the afternoon running the carnival. All students are needed to help out. Community service hours will be earned for all students who volunteer at the carnival and the proceeds raised will benefit Projects.

We need parent volunteers to aid students in running this event. Help us make this a huge success by volunteering your time. Please fill out the bottom and return it to the front desk by May 11th. If you have any questions, please call Karen Boyle 781-792-1872 or Cathy Frederick 781-356-2721.

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEER

I can volunteer from 12-1
 I can volunteer from 2-3
 Volunteer to set

I can volunteer from 1-2
 I can volunteer from 3-4
 Volunteer to clean up

Child's(ren's) name(s) and pod _____

Parent name(s) and phone number _____

*****NOW AVAILABLE*****

SSCPS T-Shirts

Exciting NEW Design

on

100% Cotton Heavyweight Navy Shirts

Get yours while supplies last!

On Sale

Saturday, May 14th

12:00-2:00

ONLY \$10.00 each

Sponsored by the School Store Project

(Day's Profits to benefit all SSCPS Projects)

SSCPS First Annual End of Year Picnic!

Sunday June 12, 2005

11:00am-5:00pm

At Camp Wing in Duxbury

Join other SSCPS families for a day of community and fun.

Activities for the day include:

Swimming, paddle-boating, playground games, fishing, climbing the TOWER of POWER, feeding the farm animals, taking a garden/nature walk, playing soccer, basketball and just having fun!

***Cost is \$25 per family, includes all activities!!**

*** bring your own picnic fare/fishing pole**

***At least one adult must attend with family**

Please make check payable to SSCPS and leave at the front desk. Label envelope with "End of Year Picnic". Please include the tear-off below with your check by June 6th.

(Scholarships Available-contact Rich Levitt)

Picnic will be held rain or shine.

Directions to CAMP WING

Take Route 3 to Exit 11 (Route 14). At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 14 (Going West - Toward West Duxbury). Follow Route 14 for 1.3 miles until the road forks (just after Fire Station & the Ashdod Animal Hospital). At the fork, bear right onto Union Street for .5 miles to Keene Street. Turn Right on Keene; continue for .7 miles, Camp Wing will be at the end of the road, on the left #742. PARK along street and in Designated Parking Lots.

Check out the Bulletin Board on your way in for a list of the day's events and times for activities.

Family name: _____

Number attending: _____

OPENING *THIS* WEEKEND!

Don't miss out on the fun!

SWP PRODUCTIONS

*At The South Shore Charter Public School presents
A New Production of . . .*

All In The Timing

Visit: www.allinthetiming.com

This critically acclaimed, award-winning evening of four one-act comedies combines wit, intellect, satire and just plain fun!

*Written by
David Ives*

*Directed by
Heather Brady & Debra Greene*

with

Debra Greene Pat Landis Amanda Selig

Aaron Roundtree Justin Selig Tim Gallant

Jimmy Beggan Jamie Clark Greg Josselyn

Saturday May 14 2005 @ 7:30PM

Sunday May 15 2005 @ 2PM

\$5.00 Donation

NO RESERVATIONS OR TICKETS REQUIRED

@ SANBORN AUDITORIUM, HINGHAM TOWN HALL
210 Central Street Hingham, MA

The production is rated PG-13.

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 10am Level 3 & 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 Rock Monkey Movie Night	13 Playwriting Performance Level 2 Community Service Field Trip	14 Snow day Make up 8:15-11:45am FAMILY FUN DAY Playwriting Performance 7:30pm
15 Playwriting Performance 2:30pm <i>Rain date –</i> Family Fun Day	16 School Council 3:30pm Executive Committee 7pm	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 Finance 5:50pm Last Day for Seniors	25 End of Year Picnic Planning Meeting 8:15am Dan's Drama Project Performance 6pm	26 HS Debate Exhibition of Mastery Night Level 5 & 6	27	28
	23-27 MCAS Week Continues			25-27 ----- Senior Finals -----		
29	30 No School Memorial Day	31 Full Faculty 3:30				