

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Attached to today's Update are a few proposed policies that you need to review and give formal response to if you wish. If you have comments about the Attendance Policy, Dress Code, Good Standing Policy or Electronic Devices, please address your responses to me at mmunhall@sscps.org. The Board of Trustees will be voting on these at their next meeting on June 16th. *Mike Munhall*

Thursday	6/09	Parents Association	7:00pm
Friday	6/10	Level 2 Play	
Sunday	6/12	Year End Family Picnic Camp Wing	11:00 – 5:00pm
Monday	6/13	Level 1 Science Fair Week	
Monday	6/13	Art Force Field Trip	
Monday	6/13	School Council	3:30pm
Tuesday	6/14	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Wednesday	6/15	6 th Grade Portfolios	
Thursday	6/16	2 nd Grade History Expo	
Thursday	6/16	Board of Trustees	7:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SSCPS 1ST ANNUAL END OF YEAR PICNIC –THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH 11AM-5PM at Camp Wing, Duxbury. We are looking forward to a great day of fun and activities. Don't forget to bring your picnic lunch. There are 2 scholarships still available, contact Rich Levitt. For more information on the day's event contact Laurie Rumpf at 781/706-8545.

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.

Reminder – Return completed Satisfaction Survey's to the Front Desk no later than Friday, June 24th.

SSCPS FAMILY PORTRAIT DAYS - Reserve a Time! There are a few time slots available for Saturday, June 18th. To make a reservation please call Cindy Vallino at 781/827-3290. 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).

LONGWATER TRANSPORT

Longwater Transport, our non-profit, 'for a fee' bus service is going to have a bake sale and sell drinks at the picnic on June 12th in the hopes of lowering the cost of the bus for the 05/06 school year. If you would like to bake for it, or want to buy baked goods while you are at Camp Wing, we appreciate the support. Donated baked goods or boxed drinks can be brought to the event, or picked up the day beforehand by me. Please give me a call if you can support this effort. And a huge thank you to all the people who cooked and baked for the April Social, and the SSCPS Carnival. You have all been amazing in your support of these events.
Thank you KT Leary 781-925-1257

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed with this update is the Menu and Lunch Order Form for the month of June. Orders are due to the office by 3:00pm on Thursday, June 9, 2005. Thank you.

ON THE LEVELS...

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

LEVEL 1: "Two heads are better than one"

LEVEL 2: "Let bygones be bygones."

AWARDS FOR 4TH GRADERS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH AT 11AM IN THE LEVEL 2 GREEN. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

THE MARKETING PROJECT IS HAVING A LEVEL IV SEMIFORMAL, UNDER THE STARS, ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH. The dance will be held at the U.S.S Salem located at 739 Washington St. in Quincy. Each student will be able to bring one outside guest. Each student is FULLY responsible for the behavior of non-SSCPS students and will be held accountable for the actions of his or her guest. A signed permission slip from BOTH the parent or guardian of the SSCPS student AND the parent or guardian of the guest will be required for admittance. The guest price is \$20. The ticket prices for SSCPS students will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. We look forward to a wonderful evening!

PROJECT NEWS

THE YEARBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED! Extra copies may be purchased for \$25.00 each and will be available in the lobby before school or during project time on Monday and Wednesday. For more information contact Kendra Whiting at ext. 329.

MUSICAL MELTDOWN CONCERT DVD AND TAPES NOW AVAILABLE!

The Wave project is now selling DVDs and VHS tapes of the Musical Meltdown Concert! The DVDs cost \$10 and the tapes cost \$7. Send your order forms to WaveWorks, Room 207. The order forms are attached to this weekly update. If you have questions, contact Evan Davis-Drennan in Level 4. NOTE: VHS tapes are only available in limited quantities. Order yours today!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Parents Association will be held this Thursday, June 9th at 7:00pm.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE BIG HAIRCUT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! On June 3rd the largest number ever of students and faculty donated their hair at The 3rd Annual BIG HAIRCUT. We donated over 115 inches from 10 individuals to LOCKS OF LOVE, an organization that makes wigs for children who lose their hair due to disease. The givers were: Level 5 – Kelly Barber, Level 4 - Catherine Paquin, Shannon Leary, Jackie Hannigan, and teacher Jenn DuLong; Level 3 - Zoe Estabrooks, Kirstyn Quaglieri, Talia McCauley, Hannah Hayes; and Level 2 - Megan Bateman. Excellent additions to this year's event were: a craft table sale and raffle benefiting Locks of Love, orchestrated by Jackie Perry and Dianna Carney; drum roll by Andrea Kim; room prep by Alicia Radl. Thank you to everyone who made this event happen!

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.

COMMUNITY INTEREST:

AFTER SCHOOL LATIN: We're just wrapping up the 2nd successful year of Latin with our very popular teacher, John McVarish. This fee program is for middle/high school students and meets one day a week after school. If you are interested in signing up for next year, please contact Pamela Hill at pkoines@aol.com or 781-383-9461.

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

Musical Meltdown Concert Order Form

DVDs: _____ x\$10.00

VHS Tapes: _____ x\$ 7.00

TOTAL Enclosed: \$_____

We accept either cash or checks. Make your checks out to SSCPS The Wave. Please send this form, with the money or check, to WaveWorks, Room 207. Contact Evan Davis-Drennan in Level 4 with any questions.

Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Pod Teacher: _____

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DRESS CODE

All students, faculty, staff and visitors must abide by the following dress code or you may be asked to leave the school premises or be subject to the school's disciplinary code.

1. No profanity, offensive language or symbols, offensive or insinuating imagery, drug, alcohol, or tobacco language or symbols may be displayed on clothing, backpacks, etc.
2. Shorts or skirts must be as long as the tips of one's fingers with arms held to their sides.
3. The straps of tank tops, shirts (etc) must be at least one inch in width.
4. Midriff and stomach area must remain covered at all times.
5. Clothing must be clean and in good repair.
6. All clothing must be worn in an appropriate manner as judged by faculty.
7. Dress code for field trips, after school and extracurricular activities is the school dress code or at the discretion of the Administration in consultation with the activity advisor.

GOOD STANDING STATUS

A SSCPS student is considered to be in "Good Standing" unless any of the following are true of the student:
The student

- Has any failing grade from the previous quarter in the present school year
- Did not complete his or her public Exhibition of Mastery for the previous semester
- Has been suspended once during the current school year

SSCPS students who are not in "Good Standing" may not do the following:

- Represent SSCPS in any dramatic, academic, or athletic competition
- Go on SSCPS field trips (this does not pertain to normal, local project visits) or participate in extracurricular activities.
- Qualify for any SSCPS award, scholarship, or fellowship
- Serve on the Student Board, School Council, any SSCPS committee, or student Judicial Council.

The Head of School or Principal may decide to waive any "not in good standing" consequences upon a written appeal by the student. This request for appeal must contain the student's statement of the events that led to the loss of "Good Standing" and grounds for the appeal. The Head of School or Principal will meet with the student within five (5) days and render a decision within two (2) days following the meeting. Such a decision may not be appealed.

ATTENDANCE, TARDINESS, AND EARLY DISMISSAL POLICY—

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has mandated that all students be in school at least 95% of the 180 scheduled days. Failure to maintain that attendance rate may affect a student's right to appeal MCAS testing results as well as affect the standing of the school. Regular attendance and promptness are also essential to a student's academic career, social development, and sense of responsibility. Therefore, each student is expected to attend all scheduled classes.

Any student Grade 9-12 student who accumulates more than ten (10) absences for a year will receive a failure for that course or courses. Any student Grade K - 8 who accumulates more than ten (10) absences for a year may repeat the year. The students whose number of absences reaches five (5) will be notified.

Absences in the following categories would not be counted as part of the 10 permitted:

- a) Illness verified by Doctor's certificate
- b) Medical, dental, legal appointments verified by note from the professional
- c) Religious observances
- d) Death in the immediate family
- e) Extenuating circumstances approved by the Principal in advance

TARDINESS—Excessive tardiness jeopardizes a student's academic progress, future employment, or college admission. Students are to be present for first class at 8:15AM. Students who arrive after 8:15 AM are considered tardy. Late students report directly to the Attendance Secretary. Students will not be allowed to enter a class once the class has started without a permission slip.

Students arriving late and missing class must make arrangements **by the end of the school day** to make up missed work.

Students who are tardy must have a written explanation from their parents. This explanation will be given to the Attendance Secretary upon arrival or no later than the next morning. The parental note should state the specific reason for the tardiness and include a phone number that can be called for verification.

EARLY DISMISSAL—A student being dismissed early requires a note from the parents stating the time and the reason for the dismissal be submitted to the School Secretary the morning of the dismissal. The student who is to be dismissed must report to the School Secretary and parent/guardian must sign the Early Dismissal Log before leaving the building.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAM DAY ATTENDANCE—Exam schedules will be published at least one-week prior to examination periods. Students are expected to abide by published attendance regulations.

POLICY ON CELLULAR TELEPHONES, PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES, AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

South Shore Charter Public School exists to improve the learning, knowledge and skills of each of its students and to build a community of individuals who work together for the common good. One of the functions of the school is to create an environment in which teachers can teach effectively and the greatest number of students can study effectively with the least amount of disruption. To that end, members of the community need to interact in constructive ways in all settings during the school day. These settings and environments should be as productive as possible including hallways and common areas. These should be places where each person can interact freely and constructively with those around him or her. In order to accomplish that, students and teachers, should be as free of outside interruptions as possible.

The proliferation of electronic devices in recent years has become an increasingly distractive force in schools. Cellular telephones, Ipods, disc players and other electronics have been readily accessible to many students. It is important that electronic devices not be a presence that disrupts the learning situation.

Therefore, the use of cellular telephones, pagers, personal listening devices (radios, disc players, I-pods, etc), and other electronic devices (Game Boys, etc) is forbidden during the school day: 8:15 AM to 3:00 PM.

The use of Personal Data/Digital Assistants (PDA's or Palm Pilots) and laptop computers is restricted to academic use only, i.e. recording appointments and assignments and/or note taking.

Use of any of the afore mentioned devices will result in the device being confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Repeated violations may result in disciplinary action as per the Code of Conduct.

**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

AGENDA

June 9, 2005

7:00—9:00 PM

100 Longwater Circle

Norwell, MA

Review and Approve Minutes from May 12, 2005

New PA Officers Introduction

Committee Reports

*Arts/Music ~ Fundraising ~ Health ~ Library ~ PAC ~ Transportation ~ Volunteer
Reconstitute the Diversity Committee*

Grade Representative Reports

Activities and Updates for each grade

School Council Report

Education Committee Report

Student Representative Report

Dan Nardo

Board of Trustees Report

Executive Director's Report

Mike Munhall

'05-'06 PA Meeting Schedule

David Whitemyer

Emergency Communication & Safety

Peter Finney

French Program Update

Katherine Kardok

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

Lunch Menu – June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>30 Memorial Day</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>31 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>1 Turkey With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</p>	<p>2 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>3 PB&J Lunch or Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>6 Roast Beef With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</p>	<p>7 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>8 Salami With provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>9 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>10 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>13 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>14 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>15 Chicken Salad With lettuce</p>	<p>16 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>17 PB&J Lunch or Tossed Salad With Creamy Italian dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>20 Turkey With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</p>	<p>21 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>22 Ham With Provolone cheese and mustard</p>	<p>23 Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>24 1/2 DAY NO LUNCH</p>

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

Lunch Order Form

Lunch for the Month of JUNE

Due to the office by 3pm, Thursday, June 2, 2005

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 6/13 – 6/17	<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
Week of 6/20 – 6/24	<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 #_____	Friday Early Release NO LUNCH

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.

June 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 29	May 30 Memorial Day No School	May 31 Full Faculty 3:30pm	1 Butterfly Release Education Committee 3:30pm	2 Parent Workshop Title 1 3 & 6pm Level 5/6 Awards Senior Parent Dinner 6:30pm	3 THE BIG HAIRCUT 2:00pm	4 GRADUATION 11:00am Level 3 Pizza/Gym Night Hingham
5 Portrait Day	6 Science Exhibition of Mastery – Level 2 and Grade 5 and Project Exhibition of Mastery – Level 4 and Grade 6	7 Kindergarten Open House 5pm Development 7pm	8 Craft/Bake Sale Art Force	9 Parent Association 7pm	10 Level 2 Bully Play Level 4 Semi 6pm	11
	Executive Committee 7:00pm					
12 Year End Picnic Duxbury	13 Art Force Field Trip School Council	14 Move Up Day Finance 6:00pm	15 6 th Grade Portfolio	16 2 nd Grade History Expo Board of Trustees 7pm	17 Term Ends K-11 Level 3 Dance	18 Portrait Day
	Science Exhibition of Mastery – Level 1					
19	20 Level 3 Awards 2pm	21 Last Day Classes Level 5 & 6 Level 3 Georges Island	22 Level 5 & 6 Finals (dismissal at noon) Governance 7pm	23 Level 5 & 6 Finals (dismissal at noon)	24 Level 5 & 6 Finals Closing Ceremonies Last Day of School Early Release	25 Portrait Day (Raindate)
26	27	28	29	30		