

# **SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

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### **FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL**

Here we are at the end of our tenth year. It has been a year of huge growth, both collectively as a school and individually as 468 students and their families. Our challenges have been many and our resolve has been equal to those challenges. The move, the re-chartering, the new Parent Association, all thirteen grades in one building and numerous other events have made this year a lesson in cooperation. It has only been by working together that we have made this historic move to our permanent home and begun to work together as a full K-12 community that can look back in satisfaction at our work and see that it is good and that the future is bright for our school. Time and again I hear from people in our region about what they have heard regarding the strength of our program. The extensive waitlist of about 300 students attests to the need for a school like ours. Our teachers, our students, our staff and parents all make this community happen. At the end of this year today, we can take a moment to appreciate all we have and all we have done together and look forward to next year with anticipation.

This time of year signals a transition for many of us. Several families are moving out of the area; we wish them well in their new home. Several students will be continuing their education at other institutions; we know they will do wonderful things wherever they go. Several staff members are moving on to other realms of activity and I want to mention their contributions to our program.

Mark Veader, a nine-year veteran of the school, will be moving on to Brookline High School. Mark has been the Level Coordinator for the high school the last several years and taught upper level math. Mark also helped the school to expand its horizons by leading projects that traveled to Central and South America to aide some of the world's poor and hungry. He has touched many lives both here and abroad and we thank him for that.

Elaine French, has been a stalwart of our Learning Services program. Coming to us several years ago after her retirement from Hull schools, Elaine never quite acted like a typical retiree. To the contrary, she sets a pace for herself and the Learning Services team unrivaled in the school. With the transition this year in taking on 200+ new students, Elaine led the review of each student to ascertain each student's needs and made the necessary accommodations. Her cheerfulness, her skill, her professionalism and her boundless love of children of all ages will be sorely missed.

Vinnie Zappi, is moving to Florida. Vinnie is the man who has kept the wheels of the school greased the last five years. As our maintenance man, he kept all three buildings in Hull patched together and then masterfully coordinated our move to Norwell last summer. Forever positive and jovial, Vinnie has provided a ready hand to students, teachers and parents. Enjoy the sun, Vinnie.

Rich Levitt came to SSCPS in 2003 as our first Development Director. Taking on a monumental task to get the school's fundraising program going was no easy task and he has worked tirelessly to move the school forward internally and in making connections with the outside community. Rich was our first basketball coach and project coordinator as well. Due to budget constraints, we have to cut this position. Rich's work, dedication and the professionalism he has brought to the school will be missed.

Ashirah Klein, one of our Level 1 teachers, has decided it's time to get married and is moving to Pennsylvania to be with the man she loves...how wonderful is that? New to SSCPS this year, Ashirah quickly brought together a wonderful program for her students and has been an integral member of the Level 1 team. All the best in your new life, Ashirah!

Also new this year, Seth Jacobson has taught English in the high school and made some terrific connections with our students. Seth came to us from the Norwell Mariner and is considering heading back in that direction. Wherever you go Seth, best wishes.

Sheila Joyce our biology teacher will be teaching in Plymouth next year. Sheila has given the high school students a great flavor of the natural world around them and worked conscientiously to help us build a stronger science program.

Kevin Slesinsky, our robotics and math teacher in the high school is working on a program to teach in Boston next year. We thank him for his long hours and efforts to give students a taste of technology we didn't have previously.

Linda Hetue is moving to China. Our occupational therapist, Linda is following her husband, Harry Cochran (who has been on our Technology Committee) as he makes connections with the growing opportunities in Asia over the next few years. 祝好运

Justin Opitz has been teaching our guitar project this year. An accomplished musician himself he has allowed our high school students to explore their musical talents.

We have had several people who have aided our program this year and given teachers and students the necessary support to make the show roll on. Valerie Bruneau has helped Level 4 immeasurably with programs and coverage in this tough spring with Julia Silzer being gone. Terri Brenner has aided our Level 1 program. Krista Connolly has helped Level 2 move ahead with its program while working toward her Masters degree. Heather Walsh has been helping the students in the Title 1 program to learn to read more fluidly. All these aides are instrumental in the entire program and we wish them well as they move on to other activities.

South Shore Charter Public School is people working together. Without all these individuals just mentioned and those coming back in the fall our program would be merely a building. The dedication of the people who have chosen to be here and give of themselves every day is what creates the magic that helps students to grow and thrive. I wish our entire staff a restful and enriching summer and our families a joyous time in all their summer activities. See you August 30<sup>th</sup> for another great year. *Mike Munhall*

<b>Wednesday – Friday</b>	<b>6/22 – 6/24</b>	<b>Final Exams Grades 9-11 Noon Dismissal</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6/22</b>	<b>Governance Committee</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6/23</b>	<b>Level 4 Beach Day</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6/24</b>	<b>Level 1 Breakfast</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6/24</b>	<b>Level 4 Moving Up Ceremony</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6/24</b>	<b>Level 2 Awards</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6/24</b>	<b>Last Day of School – Dismissal at noon</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REMINDER – RETURN SATISFACTION SURVEY’S TO THE FRONT DESK BY FRIDAY, 6/24.**

**FOOD PANTRY DRIVE FOR WELLSRING FRIDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>** – June’s Pod is sponsoring a food pantry drive to help stock Wellsprings low supply of items this summer. Please donate an item and place it in the box in the lobby or in June’s Pod. Thank you!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT LAURA GOODALE** who has been selected to participate in the Global Young Leaders Conference. This conference will provide Laura an opportunity to collaborate with students from around the world to both study and resolve global conflict. For more information visit the Congressional Youth Leadership Council’s website at [www.cylc.org](http://www.cylc.org).

**THANK YOU!** Ellen, Maria and Pam would like to send a huge thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time to help with office duties this year under the coordination of Jennifer Sandland. A special thank you to Teri Otis for her time and effort each Wednesday copying and distributing the Weekly Update. Have a great summer!

## ON THE LEVELS...

### **LEVEL 1 ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR BREAKFAST**

June 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 Level 1 will be hosting a breakfast for Level 1 students and parents. It is a nice way to end the year and everyone can say goodbye for the summer. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact your pod parent(s). If you have any other questions you can contact me at 781-585-6023. Thank you, Debbie Shepherd

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

## 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!

**COOKBOOKS ON SALE!** The Cooking Project will be selling cookbooks for \$1.00 during the remainder of the school year. Please pick up your copy in Krista’s Pod. Thank you!

**THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROJECT (ICEP)** would like to announce that the Children’s Books are now in! We would like to apologize for the delay in the printing; the second process took longer than we had originally thought. If you have purchased a book, please send an email confirmation to me (Dan Nardo, Project President [dnardo@uss-salem.org](mailto:dnardo@uss-salem.org)) and your book will be mailed or sent home with your child. We would like to thank you for your patience and support. Dan Nardo, ICEP President

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

**Survey from the SSCPS Parents’ Association regarding the Meeting Dates for School Year ’05 - ’06 is attached to the weeks’ update.**

### **FUNDRAISING MEETING AND WE NEED YOUR HELP**

On Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at 273 Elm Street, Kingston, there will be a fundraising meeting to plan the October Harvest Festival and the Annual Auction on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Children are welcome. If the weather is nice bring your bathing suits to swim in the pool. There will be snacks and drinks for everyone. Please RSVP @ [jdazdj@aol.com](mailto:jdazdj@aol.com) or call 781-585-6023 See you there! Debbie Shepherd.

### SUMMER READING LIST BOOK SALE

Summer reading list books will be on sale, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in the fundraising room near Level 1. Walden Books ordered a limited amount of the required summer reading books. Those who ordered books will get their orders filled first. Parents are welcome to purchase books on Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30-3:00. If you are unable to come in and wish to pay by check, students can bring in a check made out to S.S.C.P.S. and we will fill in the amount and send home a receipt with the total. Thank you, Terri Brenner

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** has raised \$394.42 this year for our school library. Thank you to everyone that has contributed. We did have a few contests, which included Box Tops for Bingo and an ice cream party that was awarded to a classroom for the most box tops collected. If there is a Level 3 or 4 student interested in taking the Box Tops over as a Community Service please contact Vicki Doyle (doylepvs@adelphia.net) Remember to save your box tops over the summer! Another collection will be started in the fall. Thanks and have a good summer.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**FULL TIME JANITOR STARTING 7/1/05**

**PART TIME AIDES FOR 2005/06 SCHOOL YEAR – LEVELS 1, 2 AND 4**

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

### 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](mailto:pkoines@aol.com) or 781-383-9461.

**AUGUST AND FALL TUTORING WITH BARBARA GLADSTONE** - Certified Teacher and certified Orton-Gillingham tutor. For more information call 781-749-2824.

**WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SSCPS.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG)**

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## SURVEY:

### Proposed SSCPS Parents' Association Meeting Dates for School Year '05 - '06

All South Shore Charter Public School parents are part of the Parents' Association, and its effectiveness depends on the direct support and participation from as many parents as possible. Meetings are held once a month during the school year, and all parents are invited to attend.

Below is a list of potential times and dates for next year's Parents' Association meetings. So that the meetings are held at a time convenient to most, please mark off your preferred choice from this list, and hand it in to Maria Sullivan at the school's front desk before the last day of school. Or, you can email your choice to [sullivanseven@aol.com](mailto:sullivanseven@aol.com). The final '05 - '06 PA schedule will be included in the August mailing.

#### Tuesday evenings

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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**Other** (please provide recommended day of week, time, and explanation for preference):

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