



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Five-Year Charter Renewal Visit Next Week

All Commonwealth Charter Schools such as SSCPS operate under charters granted by the State for a five-year period of time. This being our tenth year of operation, we are once again up for renewal. This past summer we submitted our charter renewal application and the process of gathering information about our school culminates next week with a four-day visit to the school by a team of evaluators. The educators on this team will examine everything about the school: our academic program, our finances, our mission. They then make a report to the Department of Education about what they find. With this report and data that we have submitted over the last four years, the State Board of Education will vote in January or February on our continued operation.

With our new facilities, our more stable governing structure, our strong high school showing on MCAS and steady improvement of many areas and programs over the last four years, the Board of Trustees and I are confident that we will be renewed. However, this next week is an important one for us all. The administration and all the teachers will be overly busy working with this evaluation team during these four days. In addition, we will be hosting these visitors, so we have asked the Parent Association to spearhead the preparation of meals for the team. If you would like to help with this, please contact Maria Sullivan at sullivanseven@aol.com or 781/837-5858.

This is our opportunity to show the state what a wonderful place South Shore Charter Public School is for educating the young people of southeastern Massachusetts. We have much of which to be proud and I know that it will show through to our visiting team.

Wednesday	10/20	Annual Meeting & Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thursday	10/21	Parent Conferences Level 5 & 6	6:00pm
Thursday	10/21	Title 1 Parent Information Night	6:30pm
Friday	10/22	Level 3 PE Field Trip	
Saturday	10/23	Jaguars Fall Festival	1:00pm
Tuesday - Friday	10/26 - 10/29	Charter Renewal Site Visit	
Wednesday	10/27	8 th Grade Parent Information Night	7:00pm
Thursday	10/28	Level 4 Art/History Field Trip	
Friday	10/29	School Picture Retake Day	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT THE JAGUARS – Saturday, October 23rd the Jaguars Basketball teams are having a Fall Festival from 1:00 to 4:00 pm to raise money for new uniforms. The Festival will be held in the front parking lot and will include pumpkin painting, costume contests, face painting, games prizes and much more! The cost of admission is \$5.00 for students and \$7.00 for adults. **SEE YOU SATURDAY!**

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION – On Tuesday, Boxtops for Bingo sheets were sent home with an instruction sheet. Cut the boxtop on the dotted line and glue, staple or tape to the bingo sheet. Forms can be placed in the Boxtop collection box at the front desk. Additional forms will also be at the front desk. Also sign up for the Boxtops Booster Club and earn points for our School. Check out their website at www.boxtops4education.com. We are not collecting Campbell soup labels at this time. Thank you for helping raise money for our library.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM DURING SCHOOL VACATIONS – if you are in need of childcare during the February and/or April vacations, please let Maura Ballou know as soon as possible so that a program can be made available. Maura can be reached at ext. 107.

SPECIAL THANKS TO DR. JAMES COX AND SOUTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER for graciously agreeing to serve as the School's on-call physician (a DOE requirement) and waving their retainer. Thank you SSMC!

REMINDER FROM THE NURSE – Please emphasize the importance of hand washing to prevent the spread of germs. Also, all medication (including over the counter) must be ordered by a physician before the Nurse may administer it at School.

DON'T FORGET – Sally Foster orders due on October 25th.

LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED ON A WEEKLY BASIS

Beverages (Milk, Chocolate Milk or Orange Juice) are \$.25 each and are not included in the price of a lunch.

Remember to return a weekly order form for each child no later than Thursday 3pm.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - A teacher would greatly appreciate having a volunteer in her room to help set up projects and help with Level 1 class work on the following days throughout the year: Wednesdays, 9am to 12pm and on Fridays, 9am to 12pm. Please contact Alida Hanson, (Volunteer Committee), at 781/383-8288 if you are interested and a day will be scheduled for you. Come once a week, once a month, or once a year--whatever fits your schedule? Volunteer hours are very important to the well being of our School.

DO YOU HAVE CARPENTRY SKILLS? Storage space is hard to come by in our new building, and a teacher really needs a sturdy cabinet to store supplies that are now on the floor, looking unsightly and getting wrecked. Please call Alida Hanson, (Volunteer Committee) at 781-383-8288 for details.

POD PARENTS STILL NEEDED FOR A FEW LEVEL 1 AND 2 CLASSES – contact Anne Veilleux at 781/925-9285 or cashmere07@aol.com.

SCHOOL COUNCIL/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS STILL NEEDED:

School Council Members – one for Level 3 and one for Level 4 -

Education Committee Member – one for Grades 7-12

LOOKING FOR HELP WITH HOSPITALITY DURING THE CHARTER RENEWAL SITE VISIT – Every 5 years a Charter school undergoes a review by an independent site visit team, which then makes a report to the Department of Education. This month we are hosting a review team from Tuesday, October 26 through Friday, October 29. We like to treat our visitors to refreshments from morning until late afternoon. If you can help with set up, cleanup or food donations contact Maria Sullivan @ 781/982-4202 ext. 100 or sullivanseven@aol.com. More specific details to follow.

EXTENDED DAY NEWS

THE EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM CAN BE REACHED AT 617/750-1435 DURING PROGRAM HOURS. To reach Maura Ballou during non-program hours call 781/982-4202 ext. 107

THE WEATHER IS CHANGING - Please make sure your child has warm clothing for the playground. The afterschool program goes outside most days.

ON THE LEVELS...

SAYING OF THE WEEK

Level 1 “Hit the nail on the head.”

Level 2 “Live and let live.”

SPANISH SAYING OF THE MONTH: October: Más vale tarde que nunca.

TERRA NOVA TESTING will be held on the week of November 1st for grades 1-12.

PLEASE JOIN LEVEL 4 ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 29 AT 1:00PM as they begin their level community service events. Level 4 will be raising money for the South Shore Elder Services Inc. In lieu of the "Stroll the Mall for Meals on Wheels" the students will be walking 3 miles in Assinippi Park. Level 4 is always looking for small community services projects that can be done during their weekly Community Time.

PROJECT NEWS

THE ART FORCE PROJECT IS SEEKING SUPPLIES – This Level 2 project is in need of paints, paintbrushes, crayons, markers, colored pencils, paper, glue and any other art supplies for their project. For more information contact Nicole Keiley at ext. 317. Thank you!

HELP THE CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT "RAKE TO HONDURAS!" Autumn is here and the leaves are falling. This year the members of the Children's Book Project are raking leaves to raise money for their project. For more information contact Project Leader, Howard Bean at ext. 301.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **LEVEL 4 PART TIME AIDE**
- **LEVEL 1 PART TIME LEARNING SERVICES AIDE**
- **PART TIME JANITOR/MAINTENANCE**

Send cover letter, resume and a list of references to Kristine Shipp, Business Manager Office #3.

BOYS BASKETBALL COACH NEEDED - For more information, contact Dr. Gorsuch at ext. 102.

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

The annual Mass Audubon Walk for Wildlife will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2004, starting from the North River Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield. For more information contact Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Office at 781-837-9400.

Website ~ www.sscs-ma.org