



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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BEING THANKFUL IN 2004

On October 14, 1789, George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation was published in *The Boston Centinel*. Found among his words, is the line: "--for the great degree of tranquility, union and plenty—which we have since enjoyed;--" This young country 215 years ago certainly had much for which to be grateful. As we enter our tenth year this Thanksgiving in 2004, SSCPS has much for which to be appreciative also. The purchase of the new building last December, its renovation, the move, and the addition of 190 new students have certainly been opportunities for the school to demonstrate its resourcefulness. All things considered, we have weathered the events wonderfully well. There are some in particular whom we would like to thank. A list like this is always difficult to generate but I think it's important for us acknowledge the amazing accomplishments that the last year has brought to our school and community.

- ✂✂ The 137 new families who have joined us in looking for a better education for their children
- ✂✂ The 278 students who followed the school from Hull to the Norwell campus
- ✂✂ The sense of unity of purpose that is growing from being in one location
- ✂✂ The Board of Trustees, for the vision to plan for our eventual home
- ✂✂ Tappé Associates, for designing our renovations and overseeing the construction
- ✂✂ R.W. Paine Construction, for believing in SSCPS and working tirelessly to finish the renovations so we could begin school
- ✂✂ Steve May, for overseeing the construction from the school's side
- ✂✂ New England Office Connection, for flawlessly moving us several times this year
- ✂✂ New Parent Association, for reorganizing and supporting the school in many ways
- ✂✂ NCB Development Corporation, the bank that holds our mortgage
- ✂✂ US Department of Agriculture, for guaranteeing our mortgage
- ✂✂ Boston Private Bank, for purchasing the bonds for our renovation
- ✂✂ Mass Development Corporation, issued the bonds for our renovation
- ✂✂ Dwight Berg, our consultant who walked us through the purchase and renovation process
- ✂✂ John Kerry, US Senator who wrote a letter to help the school get its loan
- ✂✂ Garret Bradley, State Representative for supporting us in many ways
- ✂✂ Bob Hedlund, State Senator for supporting charter schools and SSCPS in particular
- ✂✂ Bob Nyman, our new State Representative, for supporting charter schools
- ✂✂ Massachusetts Charter School Association, and Marc Kenan for his work in advocating for charter schools
- ✂✂ Students for every good effort they make to grow
- ✂✂ Town of Norwell Building Inspector, Tim Fitzgerald; Fire Chief, Paul Rosebach; Health Commissioner, Brian Flynn
- ✂✂ Our new neighbors in Assinippi Park
- ✂✂ Our mail carrier
- ✂✂ Yianni's Pizza, for daily providing lunch to many of our students
- ✂✂ Longwater Transport Group, for providing bus service to many of our students
- ✂✂ Parents who provided food for the Rechartering Site Team
- ✂✂ Parents who provided food for staff appreciation days
- ✂✂ Parents who drive class field trips
- ✂✂ Parents who spend time copying for teachers
- ✂✂ Parents who assist in classrooms
- ✂✂ Parents who worked on clean up day last spring
- ✂✂ Parents who helped build the Garden Project garden
- ✂✂ Two dads who built the new computer lab
- ✂✂ Parents who drive their children to school everyday
- ✂✂ Parents who support their children with their work

- ☞☞ Parents who support their children’s teachers
- ☞☞ Parents who help to make arrival dismissal orderly
- ☞☞ Parents who put on the Spring Auction
- ☞☞ All the parents who volunteered for the various committees
- ☞☞ Members of our community who regularly support the school in the Annual Fund
- ☞☞ Members of our community who supported the *Build for the Future* capital campaign matching challenge
- ☞☞ The entire community for the great Rechartering Site Visit last month
- ☞☞ The Learning Services team for their strong work on the Special Education review last week.
- ☞☞ Teachers and staff for hard work in getting school started this year
- ☞☞ The teachers and staff who come to school each day and give their best efforts to work with our students.

Robert Frost in his poem *Stopping By the Woods on a Snowy Evening* ends by saying: “...I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep.” Our school has miles to go before it reaches its full promise, but let us take this holiday to be grateful for what we have achieved so far and thankful for the good efforts of everyone in our extended community that is South Shore Charter Public School. *Mike Munhall*

Thursday & Friday	11/25 & 11/26	Happy Thanksgiving -No School	
Monday	11/29	Strategic Plan Goal Setting – Scituate	6:00pm
Tuesday	11/30	Full Faculty	3:30pm
Wednesday	12/01	Art Force Bake Sale	Mid Day
Wednesday	12/01	Personnel Committee	7:30pm
Thursday	12/02	Theatre Arts Project Performance	6:00pm
Saturday	12/03	Holiday Auction Broad Cove Auction Hall - Hingham	6:00pm Pre-Auction Preview 7:00pm Walk-ins Welcome

Calendar of Events for December attached.

***** SPECIAL HOLIDAY AUCTION - DECEMBER 4 *****

Items include:
 RED SOX memorabilia,
 overnight stays at BOSTON PARK PLAZA and QUINCY MARRIOTT,
 exciting GIFTS for kids and teens from SpringBrook Kids,
 Brockton ROX fantasy,
 tickets to THE COMPANY THEATRE,
 a HOT- AIR BALLOON RIDE,
 FAMILY PHOTO SHOOTS,
 student-made QUILTS and JEWELRY,
 PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY, and ***much much more...***

Reserve your seats today by calling Rich Levitt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SODA POP RECORDS 3RD ANNUAL TALENT WAS AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS! The project raised over \$1,000. Thank you for coming and supporting our project. The winners were:

Level 1 & 2 – Caroline Wyse with her original dance steps.

Level 3, 4, 5, 6

?? **1st Place** (\$150 prize) – Level 3's Jackie Perry with her rendition of Sheryl Crow's "Soak of the Sun" on guitar and vocals.

?? **2nd Place** (\$75 prize) – Level 5's Maurice Wagner singing "Let Me Love You" by Mario

?? **3rd Place** (\$50 prize) – Undertoe (Luke Ryan, John Ryan, Tee Smith, Michael Smith and Emily Cunningham) playing "Island in the Sun" by Weezer.

Congratulations to this year's winners and thank you to all the participants.

CLASSICAL BENEFIT - The Hingham Symphony Orchestra has released 100 tickets to the SSCPS community for its upcoming December 5 performance at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. The program includes both ethereal and electrifying music from Bach, Beethoven, Bizet, and Massenet. Tickets sell for \$25/adult, \$20/senior, and \$10/children...BUT...the HSO will keep only \$5 for every ticket with the remainder going to SSCPS! For more information, contact Nancy Smalzel at 781/740-8106.

THEATRE ARTS PROJECT PERFORMANCE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

Join the members of this project in the Auditorium at 6:00pm as they perform three plays. The 1st is titled "Polar Bear Prowler" which is about 2 gals and 2 guys at a research center in the Arctic that is haunted by a ghost. The 2nd play is called "The Record Player" where a young girl travels through a dream world with 2 friends and they meet The Monkees, The Beatles, and The Byrds. The 3rd is called "Goin to Massachusetts" where a man and his wacky family travel across the US to Massachusetts seeking a job as a janitor. Hope to see you there!!

ITEMS FROM THE LOST AND FOUND WILL BE DONATED SOON! If your child is missing any clothing (sweatshirts, sweaters, etc.) or other items, please look through the Lost & Found located near Level 2.

HOME LANGUAGE SURVEY attached to this newsletter. Please complete and return to the front desk. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Thanks to all the parents who helped with our first Teacher Appreciation Lunch! The smell in the corridors was so pleasing the students even wanted some! There are a few dishes for pick-up in the faculty room.

The next Appreciation will be in the form of a cookie swap, on Tuesday, December 14, 2004. Cookie goodie bags will be assembled and distributed for the staff of SSCPS. We do, however, need lots of elves! Please e-mail Ann Selig seligfam@aol.com or call 781-925-4491 if you can bake two dozen of your favorites to be brought in on Dec 14 in the morning for assembly. Donations of ribbons, colored plastic wrap, food gift bags/boxes would be accepted also. Come along if you would like to help with assembly.

This is a great low-key way to get involved in your child's school! Thanks again to all, who make this little appreciation for the staff successful!

I WANT TO HELP MY CHILD AND HIS FRIENDS LEARN!

Would you like to share in your child's learning and help make an impact on South Shore Charter Public School? Our teachers need the help of parents to make the classroom experience happen. If you

would like to spend a few hours from time to time at school, please let us know...we can use your good work. Contact: Alida Hanson at 781-383-8288 or hansont1@aol.com

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE – Thank you to everyone for getting your Boxtops in. Box Top for Bingo will end on Monday, December 6th and a drawing for prizes will take place. Bingo sheets are available at the front desk. So far Box Tops has raised \$105.00 for the library.

ON THE LEVELS...

ANY CHANGES IN DISMISSAL INSTRUCTIONS must be submitted in writing to the classroom teacher. If the teacher does not have the written note they will follow the dismissal instructions submitted in September.

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

LEVEL 1: “Don’t cry over spilled milk” **LEVEL 2:** “The show must go on.”

SPANISH SAYING OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER: No todo lo que brilla es oro!

PROGRESS REPORTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED –Students in grades 9-12 received their 1st quarter Progress Reports on Tuesday, November 16th during advisory. Progress Reports will be distributed on Wednesday, December 1st for students in grades K-8. Parents will receive an acknowledgement with each report that will need to be signed and returned to the School.

PROJECT NEWS

HELP FEED THE HOMELESS! The cooking project and the Art force are selling decorative wooden spoons for \$5.00. All of the profits will go to Project Bread, which is a non-profit organization that feeds the homeless in Massachusetts. If you want to buy a spoon, please come to Krista’s Pod or call ext. 320 by December 8th.

ART FORCE PROJECT TO HOLD BAKE SALE! Wednesday, December 1st 12:00-12:30pm in the Level 2 Great Room. All items under \$1.00.

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR EASTERN SERVICE WORKERS ORGANIZATION OF FROXBURY–

The Art Force Project is collecting new and/or like new warm hats, scarves, gloves and blankets. Please bring your donations to Room 308. For more information contact Nicole Keiley at ext. 317.

YEARBOOK PROJECT IS LOOKING FOR PHOTOS! Contact Kendra ext. 329 or Seth ext. 316.

Coming Soon ... The Marketing Project will be conducting a fundraising event throughout the month of December. Look for some exciting raffles.

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

LEVEL 4 STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN THE SWIM ACROSS AMERICA FUNDRAISER –

Natalie Glines is participating in this campaign to raise money for her swim team and the Special Olympics. She has already exceeded her original goal to swim 100 miles. Natalie’s new goal is 1,000 miles by March 1st. If you would like to sponsor Natalie with a pledge, sponsor sheets are available in Julia’s pod or by contacting Natalie at 781/925-0074. Thank you for your support!

BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE FOR THE ANIMALS – Level 3 students Sarah Walzer and Madison Dell are collecting bottles and cans to raise money to help care for the animals in the Science Room. Please bring rinsed donations to the blue bin outside Room 308. Thank you.