

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Wednesday	3/15	Finance Committee	6:15pm
Thursday	3/16	Development Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	3/16	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	3/17	Levels 1-4 Progress Reports Distributed	
Monday	3/20	School Council	3:30pm
Tuesday	3/21	Level 3 Museum of Science Field Trip	
Wednesday	3/22	Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 Boston Symphony Orchestra	
Thursday	3/23	High School Dance/Social	6:00pm
Friday	3/24	Professional Development Day	No School for Students

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE – SSCPS ANNUAL PICNIC – SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH - CAMP WING, DUXBURY

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch order form for the remainder of March. A copy of the March lunch menu may be found on our website at www.sscps.org. This order form is due to the office no later than 3:00pm, Thursday, March 16, 2006. Thank you.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

1ST ANNUAL SSCPS ROAD RACE, SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH WOMPATUCK STATE PARK 9AM-12PM

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

UPDATE ON THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EARLY RELEASE - MARCH 8, 2006

During the early release day on March 8, teachers engaged in a number of different professional development activities. As March is being recognized as community service month, approximately half the faculty and staff spent the afternoon at Boston Food bank sorting and packaging food for distribution to local food pantry, soup kitchens and other social service agencies in Eastern Massachusetts. The remaining faculty worked on curriculum revisions for Levels 2 through High School and Level 1 worked on preparing the report for the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accreditation of our K-2 program.

FROM WORLD LANGUAGE

Señora Mary is looking for Spanish speaking parents or relatives who would be kind enough to come, listen and grade Spanish Exhibitions for Level 4. **When:** In the morning on the following dates: April, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10 & 11. Contact Señora Mary at school at mroman@sscps.org or 781/982-4202 ext. 334. We need your help. Gracias.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Practice makes perfect."

Level 2: "When it rains it pours."

BSO FIELD TRIP REMINDER: The second, third and fourth grade field trip to the BSO is Wednesday, March 22. Permission slips and fees should be turned into the classroom teacher by Friday, March 17. If you have questions about this field trip, please call Ted at ext. 315.

LEVEL 2 is looking for D volt batteries and miniature light bulbs (smaller than night bulb size) for our Science unit on Circuits and Electricity.

STUDENTS COMPETE FOR SPEAKING AMERICAN - Thank you to all who participated in Speaking American. The talks were all very well done and all participants should be proud of their hard work. The winners who will move on to the next round are: 3rd grade- Abby McDonough and Leah Whittemore, 4th grade- Vinny Smyth and Kaisaac Griffin and 5th grade- Amanda Toma and Zach Johnston. Congratulations!

BLENDER NEEDED

Hello SSCPS. Jessica's Project in Level 4 needs a blender. We are looking to build a bicycle-powered blender. This project is a representation of our understanding of alternative energy and bicycle mechanics. We have refurbished a bicycle and now we need a blender. The blender will be used as a fundraiser for our project. If you have a blender we would greatly appreciate your donation. **Also whoever donates blender gets a free smoothie** For more information contact: Daniel Zotos, Thomas Jennings. Adam Elamine, or Jessica Engebretson.

MADD will be visiting SSCPS on March 21st at 1:00pm and talk to the students in the High School.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to the families we have heard from regarding listing banned websites! Look for homework and research sites in upcoming articles.

This week's picks for great websites are:

- 1) citationmachine.net. Use this site for APA or MLA citations for research papers. It is a free site and very helpful.
- 2) www.dictionary.com. While this is an "oldie" it is a "goodie" site. Bookmark this site on your family computer for easy reference.

We are still seeking people with grant writing experience. We are excited to begin finding money for technology for our school.

Last but not least-thank you to those who have been recording books for us. The next project is to begin recording summer reading selections. All interested please contact Joan Manchester at ext.205.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEVEL 1 AND 2! The coin-collecting contest between Level 1 and Level 2 to raise money for lymphoma research concluded this past Friday. We collected a total of \$1,042.26. Ted's Pod won the pizza party with Susan Dupras. Thank you to everyone who helped.

HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY! Please help June's Pod reach the goal of 100 food items for one of the Brockton food pantries. We have 70 items to go... so bring you item in before the month slips away!

LEVEL 3 IS PARTICIPATING IN THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S "DAFFOLDIL DAYS"! Check the backpacks for more information and an order form. Questions? contact John ext. 308 or Angie ext. 305.

SOUTH SHORE ARTHRITIS WALK – SUNDAY MAY 7, 2006 AT NOON. This is a 3-mile walk starting at the Radisson Hotel (180 Water Street, Plymouth). Registration forms are due on April 1st. For more information, contact Stacey Kirves at kirv4@yahoo.com.

SEPAC UPDATES (SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL)

'Let's get organized' Workshop

When: March 30th at 7:30PM (parent/guardian gathering at 7:00PM)

Registration required by March 23rd

Contact Jennifer Gammon by email, jengammon@yahoo.com, or (781) 331-6795.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION 2006/2007 ELECTION: Volunteers for next school year are needed. PA election ballots will be distributed through the month of April. The election will be held in early May.

The Parents' Association serves the school and participates in the governance and growth of SSCPS. Its goals are to promote a sense of community; to provide strong communications between the parent body and students, faculty, administration, and trustees; and to aid the school through support in the classroom, administrative tasks and school activities. All parents and guardians of SSCPS are members of the PA. A core group, consisting of the PA officers, representatives from each of the thirteen grades, and the chairs of the standing committees, is responsible for meeting the PA's objectives and goals. If you are interested in being elected for one of these positions (listed below, with vacancies in **bold**), please contact David Whitemyer (781.681.3586 / dwhitemyer@rcn.com) or your Grade Representative before Friday, March 31.

Parents' Association Core Group: PA Chair, **PA Co-Chair**, PA Secretary, PA Treasurer, Grade Representatives K-through-13 (**4, 9, 11 & 12**), Arts & Music Committee Chair, Fundraising & Events Committee Chair, **Health & Safety Committee Chair**, After-School Enrichment Committee Chair, **Community Service Committee Chair**, Library Committee Chair, Diversity Committee Chair, **Volunteer Committee Chair**, and Orientation Committee Chair.

THE ART AND MUSIC SOCIAL COMMITTEE would like to thank all the parents and guardians who contributed culinary goodies to our event on March 11th. Our evening was fun, successful and easy to manage. However, KT broke a glass platter and does not know to whom it belonged. Please call if you are missing one (781-925-1257) Also, there has been multiple recipe requests for the peanut butter squares that someone brought. Can you share it? All the food items brought were incredible and all cleaned dishes and containers are in the faculty room ready for pick up.

Thank you so much for always being ready to support these events. KT Leary and Kathy Zimo.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- On-Call Substitute Teachers-All grades
- On-Call Substitute Nurse

Please send cover letter, resume and three references to Kristine Shipps, SSCPS, 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 0206 or email kshipps@sscps.org.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

SSCPS PARENT TO RUN BOSTON MARATHON! Good luck to Level 1 parent, Kim Krivitsky (mom of Victoria and incoming K twins Joseph & Jacob) who has been training for the Boston Marathon. Kim will be running to raise money for research leading to a cure to end Multiple Sclerosis. Like so many others, the children's' grandmother suffers the devastating effects of MS. To sponsor Kim in the marathon please visit www.nationalmssociety.org/pledge. Thank you!

WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SSCPS.ORG



South Shore Charter Public School

FIRST ANNUAL ROAD RACE

REGISTRATION FORM

Dust off your running shoes and start training

On Saturday April 8th South Shore Charter Public School (S.S.C.P.S.) will be hosting its 1st Annual Road Race to benefit its sports teams. Walkers and runners are invited. The race will be held at the Wompatuck State Park in Hingham from 9-12. The course will be a 5k for adults and 1k for junior participants, 12 yrs. and under. Registration fees are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 yrs. and under. For runners who would like to get sponsors to help raise their registration fee or above, sheets will be available at the front desk. A continental breakfast will be served after the race to all participants. Come help make the event a success and support our athletes.

Will Glennon
Athletic Director
Debbie Shepherd
Chair, Fundraising Committee

Participants Name _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____ Age _____

Check all that applies:

I will be running [] I will be walking [] Junior participant []

**Return registration form and check by April 2nd. Checks can be made out to S.S.C.P.S.
For questions contact Will Glennon at 781-982-4202 ext. 303**

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of MARCH
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 16, 2006

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 3/20 – 3/24	<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 #_____	NO SCHOOL Professional Day
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Week of 3/27 – 3/31	<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 PB&J Lunch - or - Salad
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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.

Choice of whole milk, chocolate milk, strawberry milk or orange juice is included with the purchase of a meal or can be purchased separately for 25 cents.

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.