

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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From the Head of School

Our universe is a marvelous place of a near infinite variety of formations, creatures, cultures and beliefs. It is the variety of the universe that gives us as humans the challenge to understand what it is we are surrounded by. Thus we study science, social studies, history, anthropology, religion, philosophy, art, languages and many other topics.

A year ago, the plans for the “Day of Silence” seemed to create a firestorm of interest among many parents in the community. The Parent Discussion Forum was rife with emails pro and con on the topic and demanding that the administration do something. Once again the Parent Forum is filling with comments about the latest plans for this day of support for gay and lesbian students. Some are asking why the administration hasn’t done anything to get control of the topic and diversity in general. For those who enjoy reacting to events rather than planning them, I can see why they are upset.

In September, two school moms came together to form the Diversity Committee of the Parent Association. Cassie Proude and Natalie Hill met several times and encouraged the participation of other parents; no one responded. These two parents made overtures to the Town of Norwell for an International Festival to be held at the Charter School, but plans fell through because the festival would have needed many parents to coordinate it...we didn’t have the backing. The School hosted the South Shore Multicultural Job Fair in February to encourage the employment of a diverse group of educators at all South Shore schools.

There has been a group of parents that has met twice to talk, initially about bullying, but now is focused more on the “climate” of the school. Bullying is a symptom, not a cause of the climate at the school. This group has had some ideas on the topic. Naturally neither they nor the school want to see any student being victimized or bullied. However, looking at the whole school and assessing the issues in a constructive fashion takes more than a few meetings. We are researching ways to look at the climate of the school. There is a whole science around what makes school cultures work and what causes them to be dysfunctional. We will be assessing what our climate is like.

Once we have some data on the causes of the problems we are facing we will need parents, students, staff and administration to tackle the solutions and not just to point fingers. We are a community of people ranging in age from infants to grandparents. We need to understand one another, support each other, respect one another and learn to live with everyone. The School is attempting to tackle the issues of being a larger, regional school in one building. Your school needs your help. Join the Parent Association; be involved in Board, school and PA committees. Together we can learn to live together in greater harmony.

Mike Munhall

Thursday	3/23	High School Dance	6:00 – 9:00pm
Friday	3/24	Professional Development Day	No School for Students
All Week	3/27-3/30	MCAS Testing Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 10	
Tuesday	3/28	Faculty/Staff Meeting	3:30pm
Tuesday	3/28	Annual Fund Phonathon	6:30 – 8:30pm
Tuesday	3/28	Italy Trip Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday	3/29	SEPAC	8:30am
Thursday	3/30	June’s Pod Bake Sale	12:00pm
Thursday	3/30	SEPAC Workshop “Let’s Get Organized”	6:30 – 9:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCAS TESTING NEXT WEEK – MONDAY, MARCH 27 THROUGH THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH STUDENTS IN GRADES 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 10 WILL BE TAKING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS SECTION OF THE MCAS. STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME, HAVE HAD BREAKFAST, AND BE WELL RESTED.

NO RAFFLES NO AUCTION JUST A NIGHT OF FUN

Come join us for some music, dancing, great food and a lot of laughs on Saturday April 1st at SSCPS from 7:30-10. Ron Larrivee will be the DJ and has a large selection of Karaoke songs to choose from. Ted has agreed to entertain us with his vocal cords along with other staff members. Come cheer them on and maybe join in yourself. Family and friends are welcome. Must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets are \$10.00. All proceeds will be to benefit "Open Circle Training" for level 1-3 staff members. Checks can be made out to SSCEF and left in the basket at the front desk. We are trying to get a count, so please make your reservations now. If you would like to volunteer for the night contact Denise Demaggio at ykeecpr@netzero.net. Denise Demaggio Event leader

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the lunch order form for the remainder of March due to the office no later than, 12:00p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2006. Also, enclosed is the lunch order form and menu for the month of April. This order is due to the office no later than 3:00p.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006. Thank you.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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

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.

The High School students and their Spanish teachers, Martha Abeille and Howard Bean would like to thank the Spanish speaking parents, Gema Gray and Dina Maldonado, for their assistance in evaluating the Spanish Exhibition of Mastery presentations held between March 13-17. We all appreciate your help.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "There is no place like home."

Level 2: "Two wrongs don't make a right."

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.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

The following students have received acceptances: Derek Barton – Emmanuel College; Nicole Campbell – UMass Amherst; Debra Greene – UMass Amherst; Greg Josselyn – Drew University. CONGRATULATIONS!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY! June's Pod and the PA Health Committee have decided to wrap up the food drive at the end of this month.... So PLEASE bring in some jelly and peanut butter before March 31st. We already have 45 jars. Help us make it 100!

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.

THE MARY MARTHA LEARNING CENTER is a homeless shelter for mothers with young children. A group of high school students will be visiting the center and would like to have donations to bring with them. If you could please help in donating any of these items or any other small items, I'm sure that they would be very grateful!

Some of their needs are:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Paper plates
- Paper cups
- Plasticware
- Napkins
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic wrap
- Canned and dried goods
- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Non-permanent markers
- Pens and pencils
- Glue sticks

Thank you so much for your help!

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-12 (**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 COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone involved who donated time and items to making our event the success it was. We would like to also thank everyone who came and supported our event. We especially would like to thank Debbie Shepherd and KT Leary for being such a huge help in making the evening so great. We had a wonderful time and also raised a lot of money for our Arts and Music Programs. Hope to see you again next year! Nanci Jaye and Kathy Zimo.

SPRING IS COMING ... so look forward to beautiful summer blooming flowers with the SSCPS bulb fundraiser to support teacher training in the Open Circle program. Be on the look out for order forms and details to be distributed soon!

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**

**** PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE OF PROFESSIONAL DAY ON FRIDAY, THIS ORDER FORM IS DUE TO THE OFFICE BY 12:00PM, THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006**

**Lunch Order Form
Lunch for the Month of MARCH**

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday
3/27 – 3/31		Sub		Pizza		Sub		Pizza		PB&J Lunch
		½ sub		# _____		½ sub		# _____		- or -
		Wheat				Wheat				Salad

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.

Lunch Menu – April , 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3 <i>Ham and American Cheese</i></p> <p>With lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>4 <i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>5 <i>EARLY RELEASE</i></p> <p>NO LUNCH</p>	<p>6 <i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>7 <i>Tuna</i></p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>10 <i>Turkey</i></p> <p>With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</p>	<p>11 <i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>12 <i>B L T</i></p> <p>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>13 <i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>14 <i>PB&J Lunch</i> -or- <i>Tossed Salad</i> With Italian Dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>15 <i>VACATION</i></p>	<p>16 <i>VACATION</i></p>	<p>17 <i>VACATION</i></p>	<p>18 <i>VACATION</i></p>	<p>19 <i>VACATION</i></p>
<p>24 <i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></p> <p>With Provolone Cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>25 <i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>26 <i>Chicken Salad</i></p> <p>With lettuce</p>	<p>27 <i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	<p>28 <i>PB&J Lunch</i> -or- <i>Greek Salad</i> With Greek Dressing and pita bread</p>

Choice of whole milk, chocolate milk, strawberry milk or orange juice is included with the purchase of lunch or may be purchased for 25 cents.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of APRIL
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 30, 2006

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 4/3 – 4/7	<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 Sub ½ sub Wheat
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Week of 4/10 – 4/14	<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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Week of
4/15 – 4/19

S C H O O L V A C A T I O N W E E K

Week of 4/24 – 4/28	<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
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