

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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From the Head of School

Many families all over the Commonwealth were huddled around their televisions this past weekend watching the excitement of the NCAA Basketball Tournament. College men deftly maneuvered the ball up and down the court to score points that could lead them to high paying professional NBA positions. At the same time, hidden away at Boston University's Agganis Arena was a room that generated an equivalent amount of energy and cheering focused on scoring baskets, but with a different goal in mind. Dressed in sometimes bizarre colored outfits, these fans and athletes were using robots to score their points. The robots they had designed were able to score points in two areas: shooting low one point shots or high five pointers. Each design was unique but they could all do similar feats. These high school athletes, with the help of university mentors, were pushing themselves to excel at mind skills more than muscle skills. First Robotics <http://www.usfirst.org/> competition was holding its Boston Regional Competition.

Three of our charter students were involved in this competition. High Schoolers Dan Tod, Rob O'Leary and Jim Demore were apart of the competition this year. South Shore Charter Public School was partnered with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School, and Chelsea High School in and together comprised Team 97 "the RoboRuminants." Over a year ago, Dan Tod made a connection with a student at MIT about the First Robotics program. Dan got a few of his classmates interested and they spent three or four nights a week this winter commuting on the T to MIT to work on their robot. Given a challenge from the founder of First Robotics, New Hampshire inventor Dean Kamen, who invented the Segway people mover and holds over 150 patents on other devices, each team had to design a robot that could pick up balls and shoot them into two types of goals. Having visited the workroom and the competition on Saturday, I was amazed to see the depth of commitment of not only our students but high school students, university students, parents, adult professors/teacher and inventors from all over the nation as they built these robots and in cutthroat competition tried to out compete other teams. One team had a banner that summarized the work of much of what I saw in this competition: "We Not Me." Similar to what we hope to see come out of our "Project" curriculum here at school, over and over I could see students committing to working as a team to make their robot the best.

These students probably won't get NBA contracts, but the chances that down the road they will use their intelligence and curiosity to develop something that helps solve their community, their nation or their world overcome a problem are good. MIT wants our students to be a permanent part of Team 97 and will provide student mentors to help with next year's challenge. I would encourage any high school student interested in team building, technology, engineering or inventing to join this marvelous program. There are many programs around our area that help students to show enthusiasm for learning, I hope if students are interested they, or their families, take the time to get involved. I would also like to praise Dan Tod for showing the initiative to get this program going for himself, his friends and his school. Take a few moments next time you are in the building to look at pictures of Saturday's competition on the glass wall. Also, our team came in 8th out of 40 teams...well done guys!

Mike Munhall

		MCAS Testing Continues.... Grades: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 10	
Thursday	3/30	June's Pod Bake Sale	11:00am
Thursday	3/30	SEPAC Workshop	6:30 – 9:30pm
Friday	3/31	High School 3rd Quarter Ends	
Saturday	4/01	“Karaoke Night” Parent Social	7:30 – 10:00pm
Monday	4/03	Finance	6:00pm
Tuesday	4/04	Level 3 Field Trip Museum of Fine Arts	
Tuesday	4/04	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	4/05	SEPAC	8:30am
Wednesday	4/05	Professional Development Early Release Day	12:00 Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GET YOUR TICKETS FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!
BE COURAGEOUS AND YOU MIGHT JUST WIN A PRIZE!**

Volunteers will be out during pick up time Thursday in order to sign up people interested in attending “Karaoke Night”. The buzz around school is that Dr. Ron Larrivee is a great entertainer! The staff has seen him “in action”. Just ask, they will tell you...

It's going to be a great night! Where else can you get great food, fantastic entertainment, and lots of laughs with friends, all for just \$10.00? And if you show some spirit you can chose from many prizes some of which include: Tickets to the ROX; TAEKWONDO Training; Gift Certificates from Hair Salons; for a Manicure; Trader Joe's Basket; or Gift Certificate for a 3-Meal Package from The Make & Take Kitchen.

We're looking for a head count to help KT with her food preparations. So sign up for this adult social and support our teachers' training in Open Circle.

Saturday, April 1, 2006 7:30p.m. - 10:00p.m. at SSCPS

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS that are unclaimed will be donated TO CHARITY this SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST. Please make sure that your child's belongings are claimed by the last day of each month, in order to avoid unplanned donations."

IT IS A BLOOMING FUNDRAISER! Flowers bulbs are now on sale to support teacher training in the Open Circle program. Fundraising packets are going home today and can be returned until Friday April 7. Didn't get one? There are extras at the front desk! Friends and family will love the summer flowers, so make sure to ask everyone!

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the April lunch order form and menu due to the office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2006. Thank you.

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.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Road Race set for Saturday April 8th at 9:00 am, Wompatuck State Park in Hingham. Registration can be found online at www.sscps.org or you can find applications in the main lobby.

Next week during dismissal parents will have the opportunity to register for the race while they wait in line to pick up their children. From 2:30 – 3:30 forms will be available at both the front door and back door locations. The fee for the race is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

Softball: Anyone interested in playing softball still has a chance to sign up and join the team. Practice will begin Wednesday, March 29th after school. Vans will transport students to Camp Wing in Duxbury for practice.

Track: Conditioning will begin for track Wednesday March 29th. The following practice will be Friday March 31st.

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Art News- Please be sure to view the art student work of the month in the lobby. There are two framed pictures, one created as a graphic photography assignment by **Shannon Leary** and a still life of Marine Boots and an American Flag in pastel by **Katie Sullivan**. The pieces are framed and will be displayed for the month of March. Running concurrently are the selected pieces for the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Show. The pieces include work from Level 4 students: **Sarah Finn and Lydia Shannon**, High School students: **Danielle Bailey, Samantha Wholley, Bridget Hatch, Suzie Baldner and Alison Hayes**.

The Art Workshop has purchased two glass display cabinets, which will hold work for the students' 3D pieces. At present, Level 5 plaster pieces are being displayed there and the adjacent wooden case. Please be sure to check out the student creativity.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Got up on the wrong side of the bed"

Level 2: "That's the last straw."

COMMUNITY SERVICE

HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY! There are only a few days left to donate your peanut butter and jelly for the Brockton food pantries. Help us reach our goal of 100 jars by Friday, March 31st. Thank you!

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

The next Parents' Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting agenda is attached to the back of this Update. The April meeting will include a discussion about the role and function of the Parents' Association. As always, if you have any announcements or items you'd like to bring up at the meeting, but cannot attend, please contact your grade representative or David Whitemyer (dwhitemyer@rcn.com).

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION 2006/2007 ELECTION

Become involved in the SSCPS Parents' Association. Volunteers for next school year are needed. Ballots will be distributed in April. The election will be held in May. If you are interested in being elected to a PA position, please contact David Whitemyer ([781.681.3586](tel:781.681.3586) / dwhitemyer@rcn.com) or your Grade Representative before Friday, March 31. Vacancies / Volunteers Needed for: PA Co-Chair, Grade Representatives 4, 7, 9 & 12, Community Service Committee Chair, Volunteer Committee Chair.

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

Come Play Soccer! We will be meeting at The South Shore Sports Center in Hingham on Wednesday March 27th at 4:00pm. So far the interested players are in Level 1 and 2. Please call or email Jamie McCarthy at 781-635-6076 jamie_mccarthy@hotmail.com.

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

**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

AGENDA – 4 MARCH 2006
7:00—9:00 PM

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| 7:00 | Call Meeting to Order | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:00 – 7:05 | Review and Approve Minutes
<i>March 7, 2006 PA Meeting Minutes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:05 – 7:10 | Announcements

<i>Open / Vacant PA 2006 / 2007 positions</i>
<i>Special Brainstorming PA Meeting / Schedule Change</i>
<i>Other Announcements</i> | <input type="checkbox"/>
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| 7:10 – 7:40 | Committee Reports (as needed)

<i>Arts & Music Committee</i>
<i>Fundraising Committee</i>
<i>Health Committee</i>
<i>Library Committee</i>
<i>PAC Committee</i>
<i>Volunteer Committee</i>
<i>After-school Enrichment Committee</i>
<i>Diversity Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/>
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| 7:40 – 7:50 | Other Reports (as needed)

<i>Education Committee</i>
<i>School Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:50 – 8:00 | Old Business

<i>VOTE: 3/7 motion that the money raised at the April 1 Karaoke Night to be used for Open Circle Staff Training.</i>

<i>Teacher Appreciation Week (May 1 – May 5) – Karen Boyle</i> | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:00 – 9:00 | New Business

<i>Information: Hatch Amendment Rights – Kasundra Brown-Corbin</i>

<i>Special Discussion: What is the Role of the SSCPS Parents' Association?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9:00 | Adjourn | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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 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

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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
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.