

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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From the Head of School

Our Parent Association Diversity Committee has been hard at work in the last few weeks to put together something that hopefully will develop into a strong and lasting school tradition. The week of April 24-28 will be *Community Week* here at School; this is the week following Spring Break. Developed by a group of parents representing a spectrum of perspectives on what constituted “community” this week will endeavor to celebrate our collective strengths and offer opportunities to discuss those things that would limit our harmony as a K-12 school.

Over the last month there has been extensive discussion in the parent forum online and in conversations both in and out of school regarding the Day of Silence on April 26. There has been a wide range of positions taken on this event. Some have seen it as an anti bullying support event, others have seen it as promoting homosexuality, some see it in isolation, some see it as one element of a larger issue. Whatever your point-of-view is, it is no doubt developed by sincerely held ethical, moral or religious beliefs around the subject of sexual orientation. There is a plethora of thoughts regarding this issue that confounds every level of our society; why should we be any different than the rest of America.

The American writer, Samuel Clemens once observed: *The universal brotherhood of man is our most precious possession.* If we take Mark Twain’s viewpoint that no matter who we are, what we believe or where we are from, the brotherhood of man is our starting point in resolving conflict, we will find strength in working together.

Community Week is to celebrate that “brotherhood of man.” Looking at the long-term health of the school community, we must build bridges among all members of our population in order to move ahead with the challenges that face us as individuals in the school and as a school as a whole. I hope you will all support the activities the parent’s have put together for this inaugural Community celebration.

Here is a list of the events that are planned:

Monday: Unity Chain – each member of the school will be given a strip of colored paper to decorate as they choose. The strips will then be looped and connected into one long chain that will be hung down the main hall of the school.

Tuesday: Affirmation – in age appropriate ways, everyone in the school will write something complimentary about everyone in his/her pod or class. These will be read to the group.

Wednesday: Day of Silence – Students on Levels 4, 5 and 6 will have the option to show their support for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students both at SSCPS and elsewhere who experience discrimination and harassment. Students on Levels 1, 2 and 3 will have a discussion on “how we are alike, how we are different and how individual similarities and differences are both good.”

Thursday: Discussion on bullying and how you feel about it and how the school can create an environment that discourages it.

Friday: Community Feast – students and staff are invited to bring in a BAKED GOOD to share with those on their level. Ideally these will be foods that are special to their families, possibly ethnic, or something they have around a family celebration. Please provide enough for about twelve (12) people and make them precut into individual portions.

Thank you to the parents, particularly Cassie Proude, Natalie Hill and Roger Keller for organizing this Community Week. Their efforts can only help to bring us together as a stronger school.

Mike Munhall

Thursday	4/13	Cooking Project Bake Sale	12:00 pm
Thursday	4/13	Visit from Songwriter Jake Armerding	
Friday	4/14	K-12 Science / Earth Day	
	4/17-4/21	Spring Break	No School
Monday	4/24	Classes Resume	8:15am
Monday	4/24	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Monday	4/24	Nominating Committee Board Candidate Interview	7:00pm
Tuesday	4/25	Nominating Committee Board Candidate Interview	3:15pm
Tuesday	4/25	Faculty Meeting	3:30pm
Wednesday	4/26	SEPAC	8:30am
Wednesday	4/26	SSCPS Publications Bake Sale	12:00pm
Thursday	4/27	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Saturday	4/29	SSCPS hosting Middle School Regional Science Fair	



A Message from The Green Team: TRASH TALK

Join us for our Earth Day celebration this Friday, April 14th! One-way to stretch yourself and become more “Green” is to produce **ZERO WASTE** during **LUNCH**. Americans produce 154 million tons of garbage every year . . . enough to fill the New Orleans Superdome from top to bottom, twice a day, every single day of the year. We can reduce our personal contributions to the ‘trash habit’ by reducing the amount of non-recyclable products in our daily lunches. Easy things to include:

- ❖ A lunch box of reusable canvas, aluminum or nylon
- ❖ Reusable containers for sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, crackers and drinks – buy in bulk and divide out the food items
- ❖ Tableware that can be washed
- ❖ A cloth napkin – washcloths work beautifully and are really inexpensive
- ❖ Minimum waste Cut-Rite wax paper sandwich bags are easy to re-cycle and contain no toxins

Reducing trash also has a positive impact on your budget, since we pay a significant premium for items in smaller, single-serve packages.

For more information or to share ideas, please contact jengebretson@sscps.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK’S UPDATE:

SSCPS ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT – MAY 11– 6:00pm - HINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH, THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT is hosting Jake Armerding, one of New England's leading singer-songwriters. *The Boston Globe* describes him as "the most gifted and promising songwriter to emerge from the folk scene in years", and he has performed at Club Passim in Cambridge, the Newport and Falcon Ridge Folk Festivals, the Old Ship Coffee House in Hingham and other venues across the country. Besides being an amazing mandolin, fiddle and guitar player, he loves his craft and likes sharing his talents with young people. He will be bringing along some of his CD's (\$15 each) or students can access his website at www.jakearmerding.com if they would like to find out more about his music. We welcome Jake to SSCPS, and many thanks to the parents who helped fund these workshops.

THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A New or Used self propelled walk behind 10 horsepower Lawnmower with a 26 to 30 inch wide cut
- 10-15 yards of Natural Organic Mulch
- Pansies and ivy for our four flower pots

If you would like to donate any of these items or know someone that would like to donate them, we would generously appreciate it! Please call Paul Connick at 781-820-6319 to schedule a pickup. Thanks!

SCHOOL TRUSTEES NEEDED - This May is the Annual Meeting of the School. Each Annual Meeting is a time for new Trustees to take office. Several of our current members are leaving after extended service to the school. We need to find people to fill their shoes and provide leadership and governance of the school to meet our future with strength. If you know of anyone who would make a good Trustee and has the time to serve, please contact Board Chair Kathy Arthur Tyler at kyler32@comcast.net or Mike Munhall at school mmunhall@sscps.org. as soon as possible. The Board is in need of people with expertise in fundraising, finance and/or education.

LUNCH ORDERS

Attached please find the April lunch order form for the last week of April. This is due to the office no later than 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 13. A copy of the April lunch menu may be found on website at www.SSCPS.org.

Also attached is the May lunch order form and menu due to the office no later than Thursday, April 27, 2006. Please include payment for any outstanding PB&J letters at the time. Thank you.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

ROAD RACE: The 1st annual South Shore Charter Public School 5k successfully began in less the ideal conditions on Saturday morning. Special thanks go out to Debbie Shephard and Jennifer Sandland for their great efforts in getting this race off the ground in such a short period of time. Results will be posted on the website and outside of Will Glennon's office.

REMINDER: P.E. classes will be outdoors for the remainder of the year (weather depending) so please remember to bring your water bottle to gym class.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Wolf in sheep's clothing."

Level 2: "Actions speak louder than words."

THANK YOU!!!!

Dear Level I and II - Thank you for bringing money for June's pod bake sale. We made \$146.27. Thank you to all who baked and who supported our bake sale. The money is going to Mary-Martha Learning Center. Sincerely, Maris Kaplan

LEVEL 1 ACTIVITY BOOKS

The order forms for the Activity Books are due this Friday. Remember - all children from Level One appear in the book - along with tons of fun games and activities. Help us raise money for a Library at SSCPS. Forms are available outside of Velma's door. Any questions? Contact Melissa Freitas @ 781-337-9724

CALLING ALL POETS! April is National Poetry Month, and the Harvard Coop is celebrating by sponsoring a POETRY CONTEST during the month of April. All poets from grades K-12 are welcome, and poems will be judged in four age groups: K-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Winners in each age group will receive gift cards to the Coop for their winning entries. SSCPS poets can drop off their entries (submissions will NOT be returned, so copies are acceptable) in the large envelope outside the Title I office (#22) on Level 3. There are name labels available, or include author's name, grade, school address, and phone. Deadline for submission is MONDAY APRIL 24th at 3 pm. Questions? Call Bev Bruce (x336) or Claire Overlee (x321).

LEVEL III BOWLING PARTY at the Hanover Bowladrome , 58 Rockland Street on Friday, **April 28 from 6:30-8:30**. Tickets are on sale from Ned Brigham, Jake Botelho and Myles O'Loughlin for **\$8.00**. Tickets cover bowling shoes, pizza and soda. If any parents would like to help chaperone please contact Kate Brigham @ 781-925-0024 or katebrigham@comcast.net.

ATTENTION ALL SOUTH SHORE WRITERS, POETS AND STORY TELLERS. The high school Writer's Project is currently taking submissions of literary pieces to be published in a **literary magazine** for the school community to enjoy. Please submit writing pieces to **Room 104** and **include a brief biography**.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 2006 / 2007 ELECTION FOR THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION WILL BE ONGOING THROUGH APRIL. The Election Ballot, which includes a short survey about the PA, is attached to this newsletter. Cast your vote, complete the questionnaire, and return the ballot to the school's front desk no later than Friday, May 5 at 3:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact David Whitemyer, 781.681.3586, dwhitemyer@rcn.com

THE RACE IS OVER AND THE RESULTS ARE IN...

In the kids 1k fun run Keith Callahan came in first, Brooke Albert second, third place Tanner Demaggio, fourth place Josie Hirsch, fifth place Elise Sandland, sixth Ian Coletti, seven place Adam Murphy and eight place Dylan Shepherd. Every junior participant finished the race and should be very proud of themselves. Good job everyone.

For the 5k race first place went to Marc Blandin, second place Jean Pierre and third place Daniel Ball. Although we didn't have a separate division for men and women, Amy White placed first of the female runners. Thank you everyone for supporting the road race and showing up in the not so desirable weather.

A special thanks to everyone that helped make the event happen: Tara Iorio for helping out with check in and as our designated photographer, Denise Demaggio with everything from donations to check in, Jenn Sandland for organizing the volunteers and over seeing the race, Ellen LaCourt and Anna Marie Webber for setting up the food and clean up, the Malnati family, and Richie Boyle for passing out water to the walkers and runner, our timers Craig Smith, Kelley Walzer, Laura and Noah Goodale and Will's Mom and Niece Doris and Chelsea and all the parents who volunteered to chaperone the kids on the fun run, too many to mention. An extra thanks to Scott Freitas for volunteering his EMT services and Fallon for donating the use of the ambulance.

I hope everyone had a great time, Debbie Shepherd

SEPAC WORKSHOP

Everyone knows that yelling does not teach necessary skills the child needs to learn in order to comply. But at times we can break down to the frustrations of everyday live. If you ever feel that there must be a different way to handle a situation then come to the “**Yelling Doesn’t Work**” workshop.

This workshop is designed to provide you with the following

- ✓ An insight into why a child misbehaves and how changing your behavior will in turn change theirs.
- ✓ Learn to recognize the function of behavior and how a front-end approach will show results.
- ✓ Functional Assessments, which are at the heart of a Positive Behavior Support Plan, are discussed at length and samples plans are provided.
- ✓ Learn what you can do to help a child comply at home and in the classroom using positive behavior supports.

Material will be provided during the meeting so prior reservation is required by 5/5.

When: May 15, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM
Where: SSCPS – Music Room
Presenter: Federation for Children with Special Needs
All are welcome to attend Parents, guardians, teachers, staff and their guests
Reservation info: Prior reservation is required by 5/05/06
Send email to ciambrie@gis.net or call Mickey Ciambriello at 781/982-8964

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2006-2007 Job Openings:

- Middle School English/History
- Middle School Science/Math
- Learning Services Teacher
- Lunch Coordinator
- On-call Substitute Teachers
- Possible Opening High School Science

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

ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Spring is here! Looking for a fun outdoor activity to do as a family or with friends? Try a Quest!

Quests are educational treasure hunts, which involve following clues to find a hidden (never buried) plastic box. Once found, everyone can sign the guest book and sign their own book with the rubber stamp provided. After successfully completing 10 Quests your child will be eligible to receive a patch.

South Shore Quests are located on public lands and parks within easy driving distance of the school. Most take from about 30 minutes to 2 hours. Many SSCPS students and their families have enjoyed questing since we began in 1998. A limited number of books are available for \$6 from Cyndie Connolly on Level I. They can also be purchased (same price) at the Hingham Public Library, or the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. For more information, email Cyndie at cconnolly@sscps.org, or cyndiegreenhill@comcast.net.

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

South Shore Charter Public School - Parents' Association

2006 – 2007 Officer Elections

Please check the candidate's box or write in a candidate on the line provided. Return this form to the school's front desk by **3:00 PM Friday, May 5, 2006.**

Also, please complete the brief survey questions at the end of the ballot.

OFFICERS

Chair

- David Whitemyer
- _____

Vice Chair

- Tim Coletti
- _____

Treasurer

- KT Leary
- _____

Secretary

- Melissa Freitas
- _____

GRADE REPRESENTATIVES

Kindergarten

- Kerry Griffin
- _____

Grade One

- Tim & Janet Coletti
- _____

Grade Two

- Debbie Cerilli
- _____

Grade Three

- Anne Veilleux Williams
- _____

Grade Four

- Malee Nuesse
- _____

Grade Five

- Bev Bruce
- _____

Grade Six

- Harriet Guiney
- _____

Grade Seven

- Beth Farmer
- _____

Grade Eight

- _____
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Grade Nine

- _____
- _____

Grade Ten

- KT Leary
- _____

Grade Eleven

- Valencia Evans-Mills
- _____

Grade Twelve

- Sue Goodale
- _____

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Fundraising & Events

- Debbie Shepherd
- _____

Library Committee

- Pam Hatch & Bev Bruce
- _____

After-School Enrichment

- _____
- _____

Health & Safety Committee

- Cindy Ferguson
- _____

Arts & Music Committee

- Nanci Jaye
- _____

Diversity Committee

- Cassie Proude
- _____

Orientation Committee

- Janet Coletti
- _____

Community Service Committee

- Katherine Kardok
- _____

SURVEY

Parent / Guardian (Optional) _____

Student / Pod / Grade (Optional) _____

What would you like the PA to do over the next year? The next five years? _____

How would you like to help the PA (i.e. volunteer opportunities, project ideas, etc.)? _____

Why do you attend PA meetings? Or, what would get you to attend meetings? _____

What presentations or topics of discussion would you like to have at the PA meetings? _____

Lunch Order Form

Lunch for the of Last week of APRIL and Month of MAY

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, April 13, 2006

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of: 4/15 – 4/19

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK

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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Week of 5/1 – 5/5	<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 5/8 – 5/12	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday EARLY RELEASE No Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pizza #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday PB&J Lunch - or - Salad
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Week of 5/15 – 5/19	<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 5/22 – 5/26	<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 5/29 – 6/2	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday MEMORIAL DAY No School	<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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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

Less credit due

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 – May, 2006

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1 <i>Italian Cold Cuts</i> <i>With lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</i>	2 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	3 <i>Roast Beef</i> <i>With American Cheese and mustard</i>	4 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	5 <i>Tuna Salad</i> <i>With lettuce and tomato</i>
8 <i>Turkey</i> <i>With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</i>	9 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	10 EARLY RELEASE NO LUNCH	11 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	12 PB&J Lunch <i>-or-</i> Tossed Salad <i>With Italian Dressing and pita bread</i>
15 <i>Ham, Salami & Provolone Cheese</i> <i>With lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</i>	16 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	17 B L T <i>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</i>	18 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	19 <i>Tuna Salad</i> <i>With lettuce and tomato</i>
22 <i>Ham and American Cheese</i> <i>With lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</i>	23 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	24 <i>Turkey and American Cheese</i> <i>With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</i>	25 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	26 PB&J Lunch <i>-or-</i> Greek Salad <i>With Greek Dressing and pita bread</i>
29 MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	30 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	31 BLT <i>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</i>	6/1 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	6/2 <i>Tuna Salad</i> <i>With lettuce and tomato</i>

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