

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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From the Head of School

May 1-6, 2006 is National Charter Schools Week. As I look down our main hallway this morning and see the “community chain” that is hanging from the ceiling representing all the students and staff in the school, I am heartened that our little school is part of a larger national movement to make education better for all students. Even though I have been with the school a mere four years, the stories I have heard about the founding days of the school demonstrate the passion felt by those early SSCPS pioneers as they looked to find something better for their children. While in some ways we are different than that school of eleven years ago, we still need people of passion for charter schools to speak up as our state legislators once again juggle the funding process that is so key to the financial health of the school.

The latest challenge to charter schools is from the Massachusetts School Superintendents Association. Their proposal is before the legislature as Amendment 1520, filed by Representative Deborah Blumer (Framingham). This amendment in essence limits the individual town districts to a \$5,000 contribution to a student’s education at a charter school. \$5,000 is about half of the current tuition funding SSCPS gets for each student. If this amendment passes, it would leave the charter schools in the position of each year having to go to the state legislature to get more funding make up the difference. Since the districts would get more than their full funding with the this Blumer Amendment while charter schools would get less, the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association has gone on record as opposing the passing of this act. The legislature is considering and may vote on this bill this week.

I encourage you to contact your state senator or representative [this week](#) and tell them of your opinion of this bill. You can get more information about this at the MCPSA website.
<http://www.masscharterschools.org/advocacy/index.html>

While charter schools celebrate their work next week, they/we can never take for granted what they have. There are political forces that feel threatened by our existence and look for ways to undo our good work. Thank you for your continued support.

Mike Munhall

Thursday	4/27	Fundraising Committee	9:00am
Thursday	4/27	Governance	6:00pm
Thursday	4/27	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	4/28	Level 3 – Bowling Party	6:30pm
Saturday	4/29	SSCPS hosting the Regional Middle School Science Fair	9:00am
Tuesday	5/02	Level 3 Field Trip to Lowell Mills	
Tuesday	5/02	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	5/03	Level 2 Field Trip to Plimoth Plantation	
Wednesday	5/03	Technology Committee	3:30pm

Thursday	5/04	Level 4 Field Trip/Lunch El Sarape	
Thursday	5/04	Education Committee	3:30pm
Friday	5/05	K-12 Spanish Day	
Friday	5/05	High School Prom – Clarion Hotel – Hull Tickets are now available...	7:00 – 11:00pm
Friday	5/05	Level 3 Social	6:30-9:30pm
Saturday	5/06	Level 1 & 2 Spring Fling	2:00-4:00pm
Saturday	5/06	Level 4 Lock-In Fundraiser	8:00pm – 8:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY WEEK has been going well with activities throughout the School. On Friday to celebrate the conclusion, a *Community Feast!* will be held. Students are invited to bring in a snack or baked good to share with their class or pod. (Items should be in small portions to feed 10-12). Sign-up sheets are available in each classroom. If you are unable to send in a food item, paper goods and utensils will also be needed. Volunteers to assist in the classrooms would be appreciated between 10:30 am – 1:30pm. For more information, please contact Cassie Proude, Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee at proudes@msn.com.

SSCPS IS HOSTING THE SOUTH SHORE REGION V STATE MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

Saturday, April 29 from 9:00am –2:00pm. Over 70 students from more than twenty school districts are currently registered to participate in the fair. The top 40 participants will advance to the State Fair, which takes place in Worcester, MA in June. Judging takes place from 9:00am – 12:00pm and the awards will be presented at 1:00pm.

ATTENTION! THE SSCPS ANNUAL ALL SCHOOL YEARBOOKS are on sale now for **\$20.00 until Friday May 19th**. After that they will be sold for \$25.00. So buy your yearbooks now! Checks can be made out to SSCPS and left at the front desk or with Jared in room 104 or with Kendra in Room 309.

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 kt Tyler32@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

Enclosed please find the May lunch order form and menu due to the office no later than 3:00 pm on Thursday, April 27, 2006. Thank you.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: “April showers bring May flowers.”

Level 2: “His bark is worse than his bite.”

SCIENCE DAY THANK YOU! Thanks to all the parents who worked so hard to help make level one science day such a success! In the morning many of the K,1,2 children were joined by Level 3 students for a scavenger hunt. Next the kids learned first hand about reptiles from Daryn Brown. In the afternoon Level 4 students helped Level 1 children make oobleck, bubbles, and paper from recycled materials. All of this was made possible by the many parents who both volunteered their time and donated materials. Cyndie Connolly

LEVEL 3 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.

LEVEL 3 SOCIAL! The “**Spring Thing**” social will be held on Friday, May 5th from 6:30-9:30pm in the SSCPS Village Green. Come perform in Open Mic or a Dance Off, or just have fun! Come dressed in either your best spring outfit or your craziest spring outfit, and prizes will be awarded for each category! Enjoy music and dancing! Tickets cost \$7.00 each and can be purchased from Jackie Perry or Taylor Gorman.

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**.

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

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - Thursday April 27th at 9:00 am there will be a fund-raising meeting at the school. The meeting will be to discuss the carnival, which is Sunday May 21st and to quickly bring up the Annual Auction, which will be held Oct 21st 2006. Everyone is welcome to come. Karen Boyle is the organizer for the carnival and will need all the volunteers she can get. The carnival is to raise money for projects k-12. Projects will be asked to choose an activity to run at the carnival. Students will be asked to volunteer at the carnival with adult supervision

SEPAC WORKSHOP

“Yelling Doesn’t Work”

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
- Elementary Spanish Teacher
- Lunch Coordinator
- On-call Substitute Teachers
- Possible Opening High School Science

Please send cover letter, resume and three references to Kristine Shipp, SSCPS, 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 0206 or email kshipp@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

The 8th grade chemistry program has an urgent need of the following items. Anything that you can provide would be greatly appreciated by 5/5/2006. Please see Kitty Hillson for drop-off.

Balloons

- (4) 6 volt batteries
- 1 bottle of ammonia
- (100) 1 oz. plastic cups
- 24 wooden dowels 18" in length 1/4" thickness
- 1 box of paper coffee filters
- Fishing line
- 8 funnels
- 40 cups plastic w/ lids
- Graphing paper
- Petri dishes
- Ph paper
- Aluminum pie plates
- Pipe cleaners 5cm, 40 cm and 50cm
- 48 plastic pipettes (eye droppers)
- 1 container of salt
- 1 bag of sand
- 2 boxes of plastic spoons
- 1 box steel wool pads
- 1 box wooden stirrers
- 8 turkey basting syringes (no needles)
- 2 boxes of toothpicks
- 8 40ml glass vials
- 12 baby food jars
- 1 lb. of paraffin wax
- Spool of thin copper wire (bare no plastic insulation)
- Paper towel
- 3 pitchers
- 2 gallons of distilled water
- 5 wax marking pencils
- Scientifically accurate balance
- 8 blocks of florist foam (NOT OASIS)
- 2 Pyrex measuring cups
- 12 threaded flashlight bulbs



Perishables

- 8 sticks of unsalted butter
- 1 tub of margarine
- 1 quart of OJ
- 1 bottle of cooking oil

SWP PRODUCTIONS

PRESENTS

WONDER OF THE WORLD

by David Lindsay - Abaire

STARRING:

Megan Weinstien.....as Lois
Jimmy Begganas Kip
Laura Goodale.....as Karla
Justin Selig.....as Glen
Tammy Jeremie.....as Cass
Pat Landis.....as Captain Mike
Debra Green.....as Barbara

Admission: \$5.00 advanced purchase; \$7.00 at the door

Appropriate for all ages

The performance will be held at ...

**Sanborne Auditorium
Hingham Town Hall
210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043**

On May 12 and 13

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

AGENDA – 2 MAY 2006
7:00—9:00 PM

7:00	Call Meeting to Order	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:00 – 7:05	Review and Approve Minutes <i>April 4, 2006 PA Meeting Minutes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:05 – 7:10	Announcements <i>PA Election Ballots</i> <i>Other Announcements</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7:10 – 7:30	Committee Reports (as needed) <i>Arts & Music Committee</i> <i>Diversity Committee</i> <i>Fundraising & Events Committee</i> <i>Health & Safety Committee</i> <i>Library Committee</i> <i>PAC Committee</i> <i>After-school Enrichment Committee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7:30 – 7:40	Grade Representative Reports (as needed) <i>Kindergarten - 12th Grade</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:40 – 7:50	Executive Director's Report <i>Mike Munhall</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:50 – 8:00	Board of Trustees Report (as needed)	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:00 – 8:05	School Council Report	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:05 – 8:10	Education Committee Report	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:10 – 8:50	Old Business <i>Teacher Appreciate Week luncheon, May 10– Karen Boyle</i> <i>Continued Discussion from April meeting: the role of PA – David Whitemyer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8:50 – 9:00	New Business	<input type="checkbox"/>
9:00	Adjourn	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

- _____
- _____

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 Month of MAY
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, April 27, 2006

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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
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
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
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
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

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.