

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Tomorrow night is the Annual Meeting of South Shore Charter Public School as well as the May meeting of the school's Board of Trustees. I encourage you to attend. The annual meeting is the main time of year when new trustees are admitted to the Board and others leave. Five current Trustees will be leaving the Board tomorrow and two new members will be taking their seats. Dr. Stephen Locke, Dr. Barbara Fournier, and Dr. Matt Lind have served their time on the Board with dedication and care for the school; we thank them for their interest in making SSCPS a stronger institution.

This annual meeting will signal a significant transition in the history of the school. Two Trustees, Miriam Brownwall and Kathy Arthur Tyler have been long serving and key leaders of the Board.

Miriam joined the Board in 1997 as a school parent. She has been a member of every Board committee and served in leadership positions of Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, chair of Governance Committee, chair of Development and most recently as Vice Chair of the Board. But beyond the positions she has held is an abiding love for this school that has motivated her dedication. It would be difficult to make a list of the school events Miriam has not attended. She was usually there, often standing in the back of a room inconspicuously but no less present to see our students perform or graduate. For a time she taught silk-screening to the high school students. One of her students is now known to many of us as Johnny Cupcakes. Miriam's presence on the Board has helped the Board keep its house in order. Known as a taskmaster, Miriam is a wealth of knowledge about the details of the school's past, DOE regulations and has served as the conscience of the school. When any decision has had to be made in the time I have known her, Miriam's one question will be, "what is best for the students?" While she is leaving the Board to be a more active grandmother, I am sure we will still see her in the back of the room keeping an eye on the student's growth here at the Charter School. Thank you, Miriam!

Kathy Arthur Tyler joined the Board in 2000 and quickly became Treasurer of the Board. The early years of this century were turbulent for the School. The Board and much of the community were at odds on many issues. The Annual Meeting in 2002 adjourned without any officers of the Board. A month later, into this fray stepped Kathy Arthur Tyler to be Chair of the Board. The last four years have been eventful ones for our school and we are most appreciative that Kathy has been at the helm during this time. Her calm, thoughtful, yet assertive leadership has brought the school from an under enrolled fledgling school in rented facilities with a divided community to a school with full enrollment and a strong waitlist, its own permanent home and a community that is moving in the same direction. Kathy's love for community was shown in her spearheading the Open Circle program for the school. She has always looked for the school do better than it has, had the best teachers, supported the students in the best manner and looked toward the future with confidence. I have seen her go head to head with state legislators who oppose charter schools and speak up at Charter Association conferences with clarity of purpose and forward looking ideas. She was the right person for the school in these recent years and we are better for her leadership. She has helped secure the future of this school and for that we are truly grateful. I will miss her counsel and our Tuesday breakfasts, but I wish her well as she considers exciting options for her future. Thank you, Kathy!

Mike Munhall

Weds – Fri	5/24-5/26	Senior Final Exams	
Thursday	5/24	Board of Trustees Annual Meeting & Regular Monthly Meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	5/24	Dan’s Theatre Project Performance – Hingham Middle School	7:00pm
Monday	5/29	Memorial Day	No School
Tues-Fri	5/30-6/02	MCAS Testing Continues ...	
Tuesday	5/30	Faculty Meeting	3:30pm
Wednesday	5/31	SEPAC Meeting	8:30am
Wednesday	5/31	High School Awards	1:00pm
Thursday	6/01	Education Committee	3:30pm
Thursday	6/01	Senior Parent Dinner	6:30pm
Friday	6/02	1st Grade Play	
Friday	6/02	THE BIG HAIRCUT – High School Great Room	2:00pm
Friday	6/02	Level 4 Dance	6pm-10pm
Saturday	6/03	Class of 2006 Graduation Ceremony	3:00pm
Sunday	6/04	SSCPS 2nd Annual Carnival	12pm –3pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SSCPS 2ND ANNUAL CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH 12-3PM

To volunteer or for more information contact

Melissa Freitas 781.337.9724 or via email at MelissaFreitas@msn.com

Colleen Whittemore 781.340.5889 or via email at collwhi@aol.com

PLEASE NOTE: THE END OF YEAR PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL – Sawhorses are now being put out when students are in the paved playground area in the rear of the building. If you drive to the back and the sawhorses are up, the SAWHORSES ARE NOT TO BE MOVED AND CARS MAY NOT ENTER THE AREA. Also, remember not to enter the parking lot from the back (rotary) entrance.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the menu and order form for the month of June due to the office no later than 3:00 pm on Thursday, June 1, 2006. Any orders received after Thursday will be returned and you may order again the following week for the remainder of June. Thank you.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: “Where there is a will there is a way.”

Level 2: “As the crow flies.”

LEVEL 1 ACTIVITY BOOKS

Last chance - don't miss out on this great book. All of the level one students appear in the book along with many fun games and puzzles. We still have a few more for sale - contact Melissa Freitas at 781.337.9724 or Pam Hatch at 781.293.1915. A big thank you to everyone that already ordered one. We hope that all of the children are enjoying them!

JUNE'S POD IS HAVING ONE MORE FOOD DRIVE. WE NEED THE FOLLOWING:

Fruit cups, Dry Cereal, Water Bottles, Crackers, Lemonade, Juice boxes, Waffle mix, Pancake mix, Muffin mix, Granola bars, Rice, Mac & Cheese. Donated items may be placed in the collection box in the front lobby.

LEVEL 2: Third grade social studies class is in need of green and blue clay. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

KRISTA'S COOKING PROJECT HAS WEBSITE called www.cooking1.zoomshare.com. There are photos, games and lots more. The project members will be adding items each project class, so please visit our new site

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BOARD ELECTIONS were held on Tuesday, May 23rd. Congratulations to the 2007 Student Board Officers:

Zak Mertz – President
Aaron Roundtree – Vice President
Nora Jordan – Secretary
Justin Selig – Treasurer
Ryan Brenner – Parent Association Representative
Kate Gill – Town Moderator

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

THE NEXT PA MEETING IS JUNE 6. The next Parents' Association meeting — the last one before summer break and the first one for the incoming PA volunteers — will be Tuesday, June 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. No special presentations or discussion topics are currently on the agenda, but there will be time to talk about summer PA projects and plans.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2006-2007 Job Openings:

- Middle School English/History
- Middle School Science/Math
- High School English
- 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 Shipps, SSCPS, 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 0206 or email kshipps@sscps.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE BIG HAIR CUT FRIDAY JUNE 2! HIGH SCHOOL GREAT ROOM - 2:00pm. JOIN US FOR A BENEFIT CUT FOR LOCKS OF LOVE!!!

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.

SUMMER ART CLASSES FOR TEENS given by Marianne F. Buckley Curran through the Fuller Craft Museum. Classes in linoleum block printing, drawing and painting in plein aire and Artist Trading Cards. Brochures are in the lobby. Questions see Marianne in the Art Room or call x304.

SUMMER CARE FOR SSCPS STUDENTS – Full time summer care is available for students. For more information please contact Terry Bond at 781-337-8938. Register early – space is limited!

THE HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS is holding an Adoption Information Meeting! May 31, 2006 7-9pm at the Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, MA 781/834-5535. For more information contact Rosemary Broadbent at 617/927-0669.

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

William Shakespeare's
Romeo and Juliet



Leonard Bernstein's
West Side Story



Presented by...

The Theater Arts Project
The Theater Arts Project

Bake Sale!

Thursday, May 25th
7:00-8:30 pm

Hingham Middle School

Admission-\$4.00, (kids 5 & under free)

See Dan in room 205 with any questions.

Raffle!

Hope to see you there!

June Lunch Order Form & Menu

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, June 1, 2006

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 6/5 – 6/9	<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 6/12 – 6/16	<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 No Lunch
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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.

Lunch Menu – June, 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Italian Cold Cuts With lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	6 Cheese Pizza <i>(Level 3: no lunch due to field trip)</i>	7 Roast Beef With American Cheese and mustard	8 Cheese Pizza <i>(Level 1: no lunch due to field trip)</i>	9 PB&J Lunch -or- Tossed Salad With Italian Dressing and pita bread
12 Turkey With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	13 Cheese Pizza	14 B L T Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	15 Cheese Pizza	16 EARLY RELEASE No Lunch

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Parent Association Diversity Committee Survey

Name (optional) _____ Student on Level (circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6

The Diversity Committee of the Parent Association is making plan for the 2006-2007 school year and would like the input of the school community as it moves ahead. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return it to the Front Desk at the School by Monday, June 5, 2006. Thank you for your time. Please use the reverse for additional thoughts.

1. What is your opinion of things that have gone on this past year in the diversity initiatives?

2. What are your ideas for promoting understanding among members of the school community?

3. What was your reaction to Community Week?

Mon. = Paper chain (linking us all together) _____

Tue. = Writing something nice about another student _____

Wed.= Day of Silence.(How are we different & how are we alike) _____

Thur. = Speaking about bullying _____

Fri. = Feast day (bringing in food to share with class mates) _____

4. What would you like added, kept the same or changed for next year's Community Week celebration?

5. What role do you see the diversity committee playing within the school?

6. Do you feel the school's curriculum is culturally balanced with in your child's level?

7. How would you define diversity for the school?

8. Would you like to join the diversity committee? YES! Not at this time Eventually No

Please contact Cassia Proude proudes@msn.com , Roger Keller fabk@juno.com or
Natalie Hill nataliehill@earthlink.com to join.