

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Wednesday	5/31	High School Academic Awards	12:00pm
Thursday	6/01	Art Force & Art Works field trip to MIT	
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	2:00pm
Friday	6/02	Level 4 Dance	6:00pm
Saturday	6/03	Class of 2006 Graduation	3:00pm
Sunday	6/04	SSCPS 2nd Annual Carnival	12pm-3pm
Monday	6/05	SEPAC Workshop “Yelling Doesn’t Work”	6:30pm
Tuesday	6/06	Level 3 Georges Island	
Tuesday	6/06	Grade 4 Science Fair	
Tuesday	6/06	New Kindergarten Parent Night	5pm-7pm
Tuesday	6/06	Parent Association Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	6/07	K Poetry	
Wednesday	6/07	School Climate Meeting	2:00pm
Thursday	6/08	Grade 3 Science Fair	
Thursday	6/08	Level 1 Beach Day	
Thurs-Sat	6/08-6/10	8th Grade Montreal Trip	
Friday	6/09	2nd Grade Play	
Friday	6/09	Undertoe Benefit Concert	7:00-9:30pm

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

CALLING ALL FACE PAINTERS!!!

We need some volunteers to help with face painting at the Carnival on Sunday. This is a great way for High School students to earn community service hours. If you are interested in helping, please contact Donna Walsh at 781/335-1483

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.

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The students and staff would like to thank the anonymous person who has so generously donated several instruments to the school's music program. We all truly appreciate your kindness.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Turn over a new leaf."

Level 2: "Put a feather in your cap."

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 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEVEL 3 STUDENT NOAH ELLIS on the debut of the new PBS series "Fetch!" which debuted Monday, May 29th. Check the local station for viewing times. or visit www.pbskids.org/fetch.

LEVEL 3 END OF YEAR POOL PARTY! All Level 3 Staff and Students are invited for a year-end celebration on Saturday, June 17th at 12:00pm. RSVP to Terry Bond at 781/337-8938 if you are planning to attend.

ATTENTION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM STUDENTS & STAFF: You are invited to a year-end Pool Party on Sunday, June 25th at 12:00pm. RSVP to Terry Bond at 781/337-8938 if you are planning to attend.

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. The agenda is attached to the back of this Update.

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

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

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

AGENDA – 6 JUNE 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>May 2, 2006 PA Meeting Minutes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:05 – 7:15 | Announcements | |
| | <i>Welcome 2006-2007 PA Volunteers / Leaders</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>PA End-of-the-Year Report</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Election Ballot Questionnaire Responses</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>2006-2007 PA Meeting Schedule</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Other Announcements</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:15 – 7:40 | Committee Reports (as needed) | |
| | <i>Arts & Music Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Fundraising & Events Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Health & Safety Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Library Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Diversity Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Orientation/Welcoming Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Community Service Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>PAC Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7:40 – 8:00 | Grade Representative Reports (as needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:00 – 8:10 | Executive Director Report | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:10 – 8:25 | Other Reports (as needed) | |
| | <i>Education Committee</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>School Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Board of Trustees</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Student Representative</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:25 – 8:30 | Old Business | |
| | VOTE: <i>May 2 discussion and motion for the PA to fund three 2006 scholarships</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | New Business | |
| | <i>PA Writing (Letters, Flyers, Publications) Review & Approval Process - DW</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Review proposed revisions to the SSCPS Code of Conduct – TG</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9:00 | Adjourn | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SSCPS Parents' Association 2005 – 2006: End of the Year Report

SSCPS Parents, Faculty, and Trustees,

It's been a wonderfully active year for the SSCPS Parents' Association (PA) and parent volunteers. With passion and energy, parents have done so much to support the school. But most importantly, we have strived to create a community where parents and guardians can share ideas, work towards common goals, and have fun with each other, all while advocating for our children.

Please see the list below for a sampling of things that the PA has accomplished this school year. It's an impressive list, but is a just sampling of the things we've done. Many more hours have been logged by parents who spend time in the classrooms, directly supporting the work of the teachers.

Though the PA has progressed in organization and has accomplished a lot, we have room for improvement. The PA suffers slightly from an identity crisis, unsure of whether we're a fundraising organization, a forum for parent concerns, a place to find out what's going on at the school, a collection of willing volunteers, or all of the above. We've started working on clarifying the role of the PA in the school with some great conversations at the April & May PA meetings, and with a survey included on the April PA election ballot.

The PA would like to reach out more to all of the parents as a way to encourage them to become more involved in the school. The PA would also like to enrich communication with the school faculty, to let them know we're here to help them when needed.

The PA is looking forward to a great 2006-2007 school year. The parents who have volunteered so much of their time this past year are already focused on events for next year, planning and coordinating people and dates. To those of you who are parents, please stay involved in the school. To our SSCPS faculty and trustees, please know that the parents are committed to keeping this school a rich environment; and are here for you and the students. Enjoy your summer.

David Whitemyer
PA Chair

Special Events & Fieldtrips

- Organized and hosted a day of service at Safe Children's Farm for Level 2 students.
- Hosted the Cross Generational Project Group at Camp Wing.
- Organized the January 2006 All-School Talent Show, held at Hingham High School.
- Arranged a January bowling social for Levels 1 and 2.
- Coordinated all-student flower gifts and a luncheon for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Reactivated the PA Diversity Committee, which then created Community Week in April, to celebrate the diversity and unity in our school community.
- Arranged a springtime weekend "Spring Fling" social for Levels 1 and 2.

Fundraising & Events

- Planned the October Harvest Festival to benefit the SSCPS sports teams.
- Organized the Annual SSCPS Auction in November – the event and the gift drive -- to benefit the South Shore Charter School Educational Foundation.
- Arranged a Karaoke Night, raising money to help pay for training staff in Open Circle curriculum.
- Ran a springtime flower bulb sale/fundraiser, with money going to help pay for training staff in Open Circle curriculum.
- Organized an April Road Race at Wompatuk State Park, to benefit the SSCPS sports teams.

- Organized the annual May Carnival, with money to benefit class projects.
- Organized a book sale, cookie dough sale, and local retailer voucher program, with money going to help pay for a school library. Created and sold Level 1 Activity Books, to help raise money for a library. Almost \$1500 was raised this year.
- Contacted and coordinated advertisers to help pay for the printing of the school directory.
- Organized a Walk for Hunger, held at the school, with collections of food going to Hurricane Katrina victims. Over 900 cans of food were collected.
- Organized a March Art Auction that made close to \$4000 for the school's arts program.

Communication / Advocacy

- Grade Representatives K through 12 communicated with their children and with other parents to bring monthly reports to the PA meetings.
- Wrote ListServe Internet Discussion Forum guidelines and distributed them to parents using the online Parents Discussion Forum.
- Wrote, printed, and distributed the "PA Purple Packet," a booklet of information, event dates, and committee descriptions, encouraging parents to volunteer at the school.
- Provided parents with information about the "choking game."
- Scheduled and organized seminar for parents and faculty about bullying.
- Scheduled and organized seminar for parents about talking to your adolescent about sexuality.
- Scheduled and organized seminars for parents about getting organized and alternatives to yelling.
- Attended monthly Board of Trustees meetings and delivered Parents' Association reports.
- Worked on a "French-for-Fee" school program.
- Communicated parent/student health concerns to the school, such as backpack weight, Life Packs for lockers, hand washing, and EEE.
- Informed parents about the Hatch Amendment Rights and about the Protection of Pupil Rights Act.

Miscellaneous

- The PA awarded three \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Created a how-to-plan-a-SSCPS-event informational sheet.
- Volunteered in classrooms throughout the school and in all levels, and chaperoned numerous field trips.
- Volunteered at the school's front desk, providing administrative help.
- Volunteered on school committees (i.e. Education Committee, School Council, etc.)
- Created a temporary library and mobile book carts (as requested by teachers).
- Created a summer play group for incoming kindergartners.
- Founded an Orientation/Welcoming Committee to provide information to and help incoming families.
- Founded an After-School Enrichment Committee, which had science programs, chess lessons, knitting and cooking classes, and a class on making mazes and labyrinths.
- Helped with Xeroxing and distribution of the Weekly Update.

BEAUTIFUL HAND MADE APRONS FROM THE COOKING PROJECT

\$8.00 for plain apron

\$10.00 for decorated aprons

\$10.00 for aprons with names on them

\$13.00 for decorated and ones with names on them

RETURN THIS PART TO KRISTA MALERI LEVEL 2

POD: _____

NAME: _____

TYPE OF APRON: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____

CIRCLE ONE

Small

Medium

Large

Xlarge

See Amanda Toma, Level 3 John's Pod, for forms.

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

South Shore Charter Public School

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.