SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE October 12, 2005 Vol. 10, Issue 2

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Charter School Opponents are Organizing Again....

Your child's school needs your voice. The annual attack on charter schools is in full swing again at the State House. The school superintendents, school committees and teacher's unions are hard at work lobbying legislators on the merits of their latest proposal to undo charter schools. Next Tuesday, October 18, 2005 there will be a joint legislative hearing at the State House to hear testimony on two pieces of legislation regarding charter schools. We are asking any of our parents who work in Boston or who are able to go to the capitol on Tuesday to join us, and parents from other charter schools across the state in talking with our state representatives and senators about our opposition to the latest proposals.

I will be driving the school van to Boston on Tuesday at 10:00 AM. and returning by 3:00 PM. The hearing is at Noon in Gardner Auditorium. The rest of the time is available for parents to visit with their legislators and express their feelings about this current attack on their child's education. If you would like to go on the van, please contact Pam Algera at palgera@sscps.org. For more information please visit the Massachusetts Charter School Association's website at <u>www.masscharterschools.org/</u>. Also included in this update is a listing of your local State Senators and State Representatives with their contact information.

House Bill 1131 and Senate Bill 300 are the two bills we are opposing.

While the House bill reduces the financial strain on local districts, it puts charter schools in the position of every year having to go to the legislature for the additional funding and justifying our existence annually. Charter schools would never be able to do any long-range or even year-to-year planning because the funding would never be assured. Currently SSCPS receives on average \$8,500 per student. You can imagine what would happen to the school if it only received \$5,000 per student. The Superintendent's Association refers to this as "leveling the playing field."

The Senate bill in sum says that a new charter school cannot be considered "innovative" if *any* aspect of its curriculum is also found in the district school and thus should be denied a charter.

Please consider going to the State House either on the school van or on your own or in a carpool. Your children and your school need your help. *Mike Munhall*

Wednesday	10/12	Technology Committee	3:30pm
Wednesday	10/12	Governance Committee	6:30pm
Friday	10/14	SALLY FOSTER ORDERS DUE	
Friday	10/14	Level 3 and 4 – Backpack Safety	1:00pm
Friday	10/14	Art Force Harvest Fair	3:30-5pm
Saturday	10/15	Board of Trustees Retreat	8:15am
Saturday	10/15	Fall Festival	12:00 – 4:00pm
Monday	10/17	School Council	3:30pm
Tuesday	10/18	Levels 1-4 Warnings Mailed	
Thursday	10/20	Cooking Project Bake Sale	12:00pm
Thursday	10/20	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL - Looking for a fun fall event for the kids? Don't miss out on this years' festival to be held on Saturday, October 15 from 12PM-4PM at SSCPS! The event includes a moonwalk, a haunted classroom, games, pumpkin painting, prizes, face painting, eating contests, and more! It's a perfect way to get your family into the Halloween spirit! All proceeds go towards the Charter School growing sport programs. Please come and support your home teams!

CALLING ALL BAKERS FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday Afternoon, October 15, from 12 to 4, the Fall Festival will be held to benefit all Jaguar Sports Teams. Please help Support the Teams by donating something for the Bake Sale or Concession stand. (Candy, water bottles, Apple Cider, baked goods--whole or individually packaged, and assorted snack foods). All donations can be brought to school on Friday, Oct. 14. For more information please contact Jane Sullivan 781-837-5858. Thank you for helping our growing sports program.

THE SALLY FOSTER FUND RAISING ORDERS ARE DUE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH! Stock up on

wrapping paper, cards, gifts and magazines. Profits are to benefit ALL SSCPS PROJECTS! Contact Kristen or Aine in the Store Project (room 208) if you have any questions.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch order for the remainder of October. Lunch orders are due to the office no later than 3:00pm on Thursday, October 13th. Please call JoAnn at extension 109 if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

- Next Ski/snowboard club meeting will be 10/31.
- Next soccer match will be Tuesday Oct. 18th vs. Codman Academy at Roberts Park 5:00 pm start.
- Basketball meeting Thursday after school at 3:30. Should last 30 minutes.
- Fencing Club interest meeting will take place Thursday at 12:45 pm.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Hit the nail on the head." Level 2: "When in Rome do as the Romans do."

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

The art department will be organizing a fundraiser. Each student will create a piece of original art that can be transfered to mugs, aprons, magnets, etc. The students will be guided through the process during art class and come home with the original work as well as a brochure of reproducible items. This will be done in time for the Christmas and Chanukah Holidays. Please keep this in mind when considering your gift giving this year. Original art is always great especially when you know the artist personnally. Keep your eyes onthe backpack for this one. Questions or need of extra paper for sibling artists call Marianne @ x304.

WORKSHOP AND PROJECT NEWS

THEATRE WORKSHOP – The Theatre Workshop will be producing their first fundraising event of the year entitled *FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE*! Students will be presenting original skits and improvisational scenes. This one night only event will be on **Friday, November 18** (7:30PM) at SSCPS. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance for students and \$7.00 in advance for adults. At the door, all tickets will be \$10.00. For more information, please contact Kathy Seavey at 1-781-982-4202 extension 302. *Come and join the fun*!

JESSICA'S PROJECT – CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE – Needs parent volunteers to help out on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00. Please talk with Jessica if you can help. Room 201, email: jengebretson@sscps.org, 781-982-4202 x 310. Thank you!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE - Just a note to thank all of those who have responded to the Volunteer Form in the purple packet. We continue to collect the forms and have already initiated activity in some of the areas. Forms are being collected at the front desk!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to unpack books from our old library and shelve them in our new space near the auditorium. We will be meeting on Saturday mornings from 9-11am, and Wednesdays from 1-3pm. On early release Wednesdays, we'll meet from 10am-12 noon (dismissal). Please join us! Contact: Alida Hanson 781/383-8788 or hansont1@comcast.net

AUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

As part of our annual auction, we count on parents to solicit the business' they work for or frequent for donations. If you have a service you would like to donate here are some suggestions of items that were donated in the past: wine dinner for 8 in the home of the highest bidder, a case of wine, photo sessions, a day on a sail boat, cooking classes, a weekend cottage rental, 1 week, time shares, legal service, carpentry labor, homemade wines, woodcarvings and hand craft items. Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the donation form, additional copies are available at the front desk. If you have any questions you can email Debbie Shepherd at <u>idazdj@aol.com</u>.

Thank you from the Auction Committee!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/AIDES – ALL GRADES SUBSTITUTE REGISTERED NURSE

Send cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS – EARN MONEY FOR SSCPS Convert your spent printer, fax, and copier cartridges and unused cell phones into cash for SSCPS! Cartridges for Kids recycles these unwanted items and reimburses the donating school. A drop box is located in the Recycle Center in the main hallway. Contact the Ryan's at 781/925-9541 or Luke (9th grade), John (Level 4) or Grace (Level 2) for more information. We would be happy to pick up donations at local businesses!

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



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

AUCTION ITEM/SERVICE DONATION FORM

On behalf of our shining stars we invite you to contribute to our 10th annual SSCPS fundraising auction. The proceeds from the goods and services that are donated are used to enrich the learning experience of South Shore children. We greatly appreciate any contributions big or small. Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000.

SSCPS was established in 1995. We are a regional Kindergarten-to-grade 12 school that teaches 468 South Shore children in a nurturing and challenging environment.

Thank you for considering us in your yearly charitable donations. If you have any questions you can call Debbie Shepherd at 781-585-6023.

Sincerely, **SSCPS** Parent Association

Please complete this form and send to:

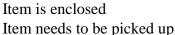
Mail: South Shore Charter Public School 100 Longwater Circle Norwell MA 02061 Attention: Debbie Shepherd, Fundraising Committee Chair

781-982-4201 Fax:

This year's auction, **ON BEHALF OF OUR SHINING STARS**, will be held on Saturday November 5th at South Shore Charter Public School.

DONORS INFORMATION

Name of Business			
Contact Person			
Address			
City/State/Zip			
Telephone	Fax	Email	
		ATION ITEM	
Donation title			
Description			
		Value of donation_\$	
DELIVERY OF DONATION Item will be delivered to SSCPS			\wedge





Lunch Order Form Lunch for the Month of OCTOBER

Due to the office by 3pm, Thursday, September 29, 2005

Student Name							
Pod Teacher/Advisor				i	Grade		
Please <u>CHECK</u> oj	ff the day lun	ch will be order	ed and <u>CIRC</u>	<u>LE</u> your	selection.		
Week of [] 10/17 – 10/21	Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	[] Tuesday Pizza #		ub	[] Thursday Pizza #	[] Friday Salad -or- PB&J Lunch	
Week of [] 10/24 – 10/28	Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	[] Tuesday Pizza #	DIS	nesday RLY MISSAL LUNCH	[] Thursday Pizza #	[] Friday Sub ½ sub Wheat	
Number of Subs/Wheat orderedNumber of ½ subs orderedNumber of Pizza Slices orderedNumber of Salads/PB&J Lunches orderedLess credit dueTotal Amount Enclosed			·	X \$3 X \$1	.00 .00 .50 .00		

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Milk IS included with the purchase of a meal or can be purchased separately for 25 cents.

[] Reduced Lunch of 40 cents a day* [] Free Lunch*

* Complete and return the Income Eligibility Form to use the lunch guidelines.

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.

State Senators and Representatives by Town To send mail use the name and room number at State House, Boston, MA 02133

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