

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Light classical music permeated the room as many charter parents and guests wandered among the outstanding artistic donations at the Annual Arts Social and Auction last Saturday evening. Oil paintings, water colors, jewelry, prints, and photographs by local artists and our own students drew much interest while guests chatted and enjoyed the excellent food and libations. Thank you to Nanci Jaye and David Kellem for organizing the evening to support the art and music department here at school. KT Leary donated food and organized the kitchen with an additional wonderful donation of food from school parents Christine Bowker-Wickersham and Clark Wickersham at Fifty-Three South Restaurant at 42 Washington Street, Norwell. Refreshments were donated by John and Jennifer Kelleher and Karen and Ed Peterman. Parents: Greer Tocci, Harriet and Patrick Guiney, Mike Banagis staffed both the kitchen and bidding tables and Kathy Tyler did the checkout. Students: Adam Maclean, Bridget Hatch, Jordan Kellem, and Shannon Leary all pitched in to create a wonderful display of the art work. Those leaving with their art treasures under their arms looked as though they had found the best kept secret on the South Shore. Thank you to everyone who made is a memorable evening.

I hope everyone enjoys their break and return on the 26th refreshed for the remainder of the winter's work.

Mike Munhall

Thursday	2/15	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	2/15	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thursday	2/15	Health & Safety Committee	7:00pm
Saturday	2/17	Enrollment Lottery	10:00am
Mon-Fri	2/19-23	Winter Break	No School
Monday	2/26	Classes Resume	8:15am
Mon-Thurs	2/26-28	Level 1 Exhibition of Mastery Week	
Friday	3/02	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	3/02	High School warnings mailed	
Saturday	3/03	High School Drama Festival – Norwell High School	9:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daffodil Days are here again! Support the American Cancer Society. The Literary Magazine, Angie's Project is running this year's sale. A bunch of daffodils is \$7. Forms are due Tuesday, February 27th. Contact Carlee Russell or Angie Pepin with any questions.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Reminder for PE class: When the temperatures are 32 F or below students must wear jackets in order to be allowed to go to gym class. If they do not wear a jacket they will not be permitted to go to gym class.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the lunch menu and order form for the month of February. Orders are due Thursday, February 15th, by 3pm. Thank you.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATE GILL WHO HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND TO JONATHAN ALEXANDER ON HIS ACCEPTANCE TO ANNA MARIA COLLEGE.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!!!

Many of you may have noticed that for the past ten days the Parent's Discussion Forum has not been available. About ten days ago "hidden programs" attached to emails in the discussion forum were attempting to breach our network security. This placed the school's computer network at risk and could have created serious problems for the school both academically and administratively. While we have the necessary software and hardware security system to protect our network, no system is foolproof and the only sure way to keep a problem from happening is to eliminate the source of the problem. Thus the discussion forum was closed. Alternatives are currently being studied to restore the discussion forum and hopefully it will be operating again soon.

Level III and IV had their annual ski trip last Friday. Thankfully Pat's Peak had enough snow. Although they got off to a late start, the kids really had a great time. Thanks to the Level III & Level IV teachers and parents for putting this trip together. 'Hopefully no one froze too much. Thanks to Lenny and Linda Goggin for their help with the kids who stayed back at the school. Lunchtime brought them a "food fest", which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The Spain 10 day trip leaves this Friday! The kids (and teachers) are so excited! What a great opportunity for everyone. They will visit Madrid, Segovia, Toledo, Cordoba, Granada, and more. Thanks, Claire, for all of your hard work getting this to fruition. And thanks to Claire, Jody and Angie for donating their vacations to accompany these students. They are very fortunate to have such enthusiastic teachers!

Thanks to everyone for their help in making the Art Auction such a success this past Saturday. The art and jewelry donations were more than generous and magnificent, and the food was amazing as usual. The parent volunteers did a great job providing an elegant atmosphere.

School Council met this past Monday to talk specifically about projects and workshops. A number of issues were discussed about improving projects, but a further discussion of vision and purpose for projects, the necessity of thematic strands across levels, and accountability will be discussed at the next council meeting in March.

This week is Level IV's Science Exhibition of Mastery week. Thanks to the teachers and judges for making this great display of scientific talent happen. Also, thanks to all the teachers and parents who helped make the Level II and III Exhibitions of Mastery such a success last week.

Enrollment applications are due by Wednesday, February 14th. Please check with the kids to see if they have any of these, and pass them along to Pam. The lottery will be held this Saturday morning at 10:00am.

K-8 warnings will be mailed home this Thursday, February 15th. Parents please be on the lookout for these. If you have any concerns about your child's academic progress, contact your child's teacher and level coordinator.

The faculty will be meeting on the Tuesday that we return from vacation, February 27, at 3:30. Cheryl Lawson will be here to continue providing information on students on with Asperger's Syndrome and Autism and how to meet the needs of these students in the classroom.

Have a restful and peaceful vacation!

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

ART NEWS

Come check out **Mardi Gras Festival and Opening at Hingham Harbor Gallery**, Rt. 3A across from Stars, **Sat., Feb 17th, 12-5...** Celebrate with the music of **Fat City Band** and revel in the creations (mardi gras masks from the **Art Workshop Students** at your favorite South Shore Charter Public School...It is a great event, free music, and refreshments....be sure to join us and dress up if you please!!!! Local politician, Bob Hedlund will be present to help with the festivities.....Questions, call Marianne at x304.

Also, congratulations to Boston Globe All Scholastic recipient, **Bridget Hatch**, who was awarded an **Honorable Mention** for her watercolor painting, Trash. Bridget has been with the arts program for three years and is looking forward to more art next year as a senior.

Be sure to check out the array of 3D projects in our lobby area. Some of these larger pieces will be relocated in the Spring in time for the Duxbury Art Complex Outdoor Sculpture Contest.

The collection of masks and mirrors are being transported to the Hingham Harbor Gallery for Saturday's opening. See you there!

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "A dog is a man's best friend".

Level 2: "Two wrongs don't make a right".

FROM LEARNING SERVICES

For information on 2006 Tax Benefits for Parents; Getting Records in Order; Planning for the Future – from a Special Ed Advocate from Wrightslaw (02/05/07) please visit the following site:

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/nltr/07/nl.0205.htm>

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The minutes from last Tuesday's PA meeting are available online for review. They can be downloaded from the PA website — there is a link under the "news and announcement" heading. <http://www.sscpspa.org>

Box Tops for Education- Thank you to the many families who have submitted Box Tops so far this year. We have already raised a few hundred dollars just since the start of school. I will be submitting Box Tops again on February 27th. Please gather up the Box Tops that you have collected and bring them to school. Each one is worth .10, and there are a few Bonus Box Tops out there that are worth .30 each. There is an envelope at the front desk where you can leave them. Please bundle up your box tops in a baggie or an envelope before you leave them. Also remember to put your family's name on the package so that I can thank your child for their contribution. If you have questions about the Box Tops for Education program you can contact me at bwhitemyer@rcn.com. Thank you very much for your continued support. Bethany Whitemyer

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Nurse

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

ECO-TIPS FROM THE SSCPS GREEN TEAM

The Idle Rich

Did you know that idling your car uses plenty of gas and that translates to wasting gas money? Remember when you are idling in line at the school or while waiting somewhere, that a car idling longer than one minute uses more gas than re-starting the vehicle. And do you know where the expression "Idle Rich" comes from? This stems from the first explosion of cars in America . . . only affordable by the rich, the cars were fairly unreliable and there were virtually no mechanics to fix them. Often the cars would break down on the roadways, stranding their passengers. People in horse-drawn carriages would pass these marooned motorists and mock "the idle rich." ☺

The Green Team wants to wish all of the families and faculty of the South Shore Charter Public School a wonderful and restorative February vacation!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

"CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS" – Used cartridges are being collected again this year to earn money for our School. There is a box in the main hallway next to the computer room. They accept ink cartridges and cell phones. We are happy to pick up if you have a large amount. Please call Luke, John or Grace Ryan with any questions at 781/925-9541.

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

Lunch Menu – March, 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Turkey</i></p> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	6 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	7 <p style="text-align: center;">Ham and Salami</p> With Provolone Cheese lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	8 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No Lunch</i></p> Early Release	9 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PB&J Lunch</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>-or-</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greek Salad</p> With Greek dressing and pita bread
12 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Roast Beef</i></p> With American cheese and mustard	13 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	14 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>BLT</i></p> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	15 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	16 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuna Salad</i></p> With lettuce and tomato
19 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ham</i></p> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	20 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	21 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Turkey</i></p> With American cheese and mustard	22 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	23 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PB&J Lunch</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>-or-</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tossed Salad</p> With Italian dressing and pita bread
26 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></p> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	27 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	28 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Roast Beef</i></p> With American cheese and mustard	29 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cheese Pizza</i></p>	30 <p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p>

2 % milk, chocolate milk, strawberry milk or orange juice is included with the purchase of lunch or may be purchased for 25 cents. If your child has forgotten a lunch, a Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$2.00. A note from the office will go home that week for reimbursement.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of March, 2007
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 1, 2007

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 3/5 – 3/9	<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 Early Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday PB&J Lunch - or - Salad
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Week of 3/12 – 3/16	<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 Sub ½ sub Wheat
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Week of 3/19 – 3/23	<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 3/26 – 3/30	<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 SCHOOL
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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 ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
Number of PB&J Lunches ordered	_____	X	\$3.00

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

\$_____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Choice of 2% 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.