

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPDATE

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Take the
Annual Satisfaction Survey
 on the SSCPS website at:
www.sscps.org

Wednesday	6/06	Education Committee	3:30pm
Thursday	6/07	SSCEF Spring Fundraising Dinner at 53 South	6:30pm
Friday	6/08	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	6/08	Level 2 Talent Show to support Locks for Love	12:30pm
Friday	6/08	Level 3 Social	7:00-9:00pm
Monday	6/11	Executive Committee Meeting – Panera Bread @ Derby Shops	7:45am
Monday	6/11	School Council	3:30pm
Weds-Fri	6/13-15	High School Final Exams – Early Release for High School Students Only	
Thursday	6/14	Beach Day Level 4	
Friday	6/15	8 th Grade Move Up Ceremony	10:30am
		6 th Grade Ceremony	10:30am
		4 th Grade Ceremony	10:00am
Friday	6/15	Last Day of Classes – Early Release	12:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST YEARBOOK – Maris Kaplan, a Level II Student in Alice’s Pod lost her yearbook. If found please return to Alice or Maris – No questions asked – Thank you!

A FEW TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE SPRING WINE DINNER! Support SSCPS and enjoy a 5 course dinner at Fifty-Three South in Norwell on Thursday, June 7th Reception at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:00pm. \$75/person. Reservations required. Call 781.792.0001 for reservations.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS! – In order to access your School files from home please use the schools FTP service. Use Internet Explorer and type in ftp://*your user name* @jaguarstyle.com. If you do not remember your user name and password, please see Bob Jesus in person or email Bob at rjesus@sscps.org

SSCPS has posted the 2006 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) School Report Card on our website. Visit www.sscps.org to view.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Please make every effort to pick up your child's medication by the last day of school. Any leftover medication is appropriately disposed of or destroyed. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Dupras at extension 104.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The seniors are gone after a great send off at graduation on Saturday. Thanks to Mary Carter, Pam Alger, Kristine Shipps and the entire high school faculty for a great ceremony. Everything about the graduation was done in the warm, Charter way, and will undoubtedly be one of the students' most cherished memories. Thanks to everyone who took time out to make it more festive for the students. And a special thank you to Mary Carter for *all* of the senior events. The students really had a chance to take some time to enjoy each other before leaving on their journeys.

Thanks to Andre, Wardie, Lucille and all involved in the Spring Concert last week. What an undertaking! The kids really enjoyed themselves, and the performances were fantastic!

Thanks to Claudia, and to all the donators for the "Big Haircut". This is such a great way for our students to reach out to others. I think everyone was moved by the event. It is a really thoughtful SSCPS Charter tradition, one that I know that we are all proud of.

Level I and Level III both have their Exhibition of Mastery's this week, as well as Science Fair.

The 8th Graders came back from their trip to New York City. It sounds like they had a blast. Thanks to Julia, It will be great to hear about their trip.

The 7th Graders went on a scavenger hunt in Boston yesterday. This was a great field trip. Thanks to Jessica, Scott, Amy, and Lenny for putting this together for the students.

The Biology MCAS for the 9th Graders finished up this morning. We are finally done with MCAS for the year. Results of these exams will not be known until late August or September.

School Council will meet next Monday, June 11th, at 3:30 in Ed's room.

Finals for the high school students will be next week, and the schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, June 13 8:30-10:00; Block A 10:30-12:00; Block B

Thursday, June 14 8:30-10:00; Block C 10:30-12:00; Block D

Friday, June 15 8:30-10:00; Block E

Attendance will be taken during morning meeting at 8:15. Students will then proceed to their appropriate classroom for their first exam. Students who do not have a first exam may report to school at 10:15 for the second exam. They must sign into the school at that time. Students who do not have a second exam may leave at 10:00 following the first exam. They must sign out at this time. Students must remain in the exam room until all students have completed the exam. Students should bring something to work on if they finish the exam early. All high school students are expected to leave the building at 12:00.

K-11 Grades close on June 12th. Report cards/progress reports will be mailed home on Thursday, June 21st.

Next week will be the last update of the year.

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the Menu and Order Form for the month of June. Orders for June are due Thursday, June 7th by 3pm.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Turn over a new leaf".

Level 2: "Let bygones be bygones".

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need help organizing/packing up the Level I & II Science area for our summer construction project. If you are interested in helping Cyndie Connolly down in Level I & II pack up, organize and purge her storage closets, please email her directly at both of the following email addresses cyndiegreenhill@comcast.net and cconnolly@sscps.org. We have only three weeks left before the renovation begins and we would love the help! This will need to be an activity for adults only, since there are glass items that could possibly break.

LEVEL 2 NEWS:

A big thank you to Tanya Maniscalco for organizing the Level 2 Cookie Social. It was a big hit and we owe it all to Tanya! Thanks to the families who were able to attend and to everyone who donated treats! The kids enjoyed their first Level 2 social!

Science Fair Schedule for Level 2: A schedule will come home with each student with a time for their presentations.

Tuesday, June 12th--4th grade presentations

Wednesday, June 13th--3rd grade presentations

Level 2 awards ceremony will be held on Friday, June 15th at 10am. This is an awards ceremony for 4th grade students. Families of those students are welcomed to attend.

NICOLE'S LEVEL 2 ART FORCE PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP! The project is collecting paper towels, trash bags, and cat food (wet or dry) for the Quincy Animal Shelter. The donations are being collected in Nicole's pod or in the bin in the Level 2 Great Room. Thank you!

ATTENTION LEVEL 3 AND 4 STUDENTS: Purchase your tickets on Thursday, June 7th for the Spanish Luncheon to be held on Tuesday, June 12th. The food will be provided by Moe's Restaurant and tickets are \$8.00 each.

LEVEL 3 CROSS GENERATIONAL PROJECT, lead by John Costanzo, has been very busy this school year. This SSCPS project has visited nursing homes, bringing handmade gifts, collected gifts for "Toys for Tots", and adopted the non-profit organization of Lakota Kidz as their most passionate charitable undertaking. In order to raise funds to provide heat for homes in poverty-stricken Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, which is home to the Lakota Sioux nation, students sold 'Johnny Cupcakes' pins, and designed and had printed posters and bumper stickers. This established a working relationship between John's students and the S.S. VoTech School printing department, in the process. The students then sold their bumper stickers, raffled off a scooter, 2 computer 'voice' soft-ware programs, and hand-made jewelry to raise funds to heat children's homes this winter.

Besides raising funds, the Cross Generational project posted information at SSCPS to help spread awareness of the level of poverty in Wanblee, the poorest town in Pine Ridge Reservation. A direct result of this publicity enabled the students to have approx. 200 children's coats donated by the company Rugged Bear- for shipment to Wanblee this fall. With the money the students raised, shipping costs for the coats will be covered, and 3 homes will receive heat vouchers.

The Cross Generational project's publicity for Lakota Kidz inspired 2 local churches to join in the fundraising and awareness efforts, with a bake sale, an arts and craft sale and handmade quilt raffle. One church also collected funds to purchase and donate bikes to the younger kids in the Head Start program in Wanblee. John, and his project students, have shown intergenerational and intercultural compassion, creativity, salesmanship, partnership, and demonstrated the power of kindness, even when it is performed anonymously as it will be in Pine Ridge.

THE SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PROM WEBSITE IS UP! Please visit the web gallery of these pictures, where you can view and order prints that will be delivered directly to the school if ordered before May 25, or directly to you after the May 25th date. For log in information, please see Mary Carter or email mcarter@sscps.org.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

FCC Transportation accepting application for next year school covering select areas of Randolph/Avon line, Randolph to Oak St., Braintree, Braintree/Quincy line and Weymouth (not Route 18). Transportation available to Braintree Commuter T and Randolph/Holbrook Commuter T. Many MBTA and BAT bus lines available.

A preliminary route can be viewed at <http://www.webspawner.com/users/fcctransportation/index.html>. Please call 781-267-1246 for a recorded message.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE We all are aware of how important it is to keep our students involved with their reading over the summer months. Here are suggestions on how to do this:

Barnes and Noble Bookstore Summer Reading Program

Barnes and Noble is sponsoring a Summer Reading Program which starts on May 29 through September 2, 2007. (All Barnes and Noble Bookstores are participating in this program).

Students read eight books of their choosing. These books can be from the library, home, borrowed from a friend etc. They complete a reading journal form supplied by Barnes and Noble. A parent/or guardian must sign off on this form and return the form to Barnes and Noble where they are given a coupon to receive a free book. All free books are pre-selected by Barnes and Noble. This is for grades 1-6. Each student is limited to two free books.

The Library Committee was able to obtain the reading journal forms from Barnes and Noble and these forms will be distributed to Levels 1 - 3 before school ends in June to help students who would like to participate in this program

Local Libraries

Contact your local library in the town that you are from. Most Libraries have a reading program during the summer months to help encourage students to keep up with their reading.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Immediate Openings:

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Nurse

Openings for the 2007-2008 School Year

Level II Elementary Teacher Full Time

Level III Elementary Teacher Full Time

Level IV Middle School History and English Teacher Full Time

Level IV Middle School Math and Science Full Time

Full Time Elementary/Middle School Spanish Teacher

Learning Support (Sped) Elementary K-6 Teacher Full Time

Part Time Speech Therapy Assistant (FTE 38%)

4 Part Time Level I Teacher Aides (50% FTE)

Part Time Level III Teacher Aide (50% FTE)

Part Time Level IV Teacher Aide (50% FTE)

Part Time Learning Services (Sped) Teacher Assistant (88% FTE)

Part Time Title I Tutor/Aide (FTE TBD)

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Nurse

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The June 1st **5th Annual Big Haircut** benefiting Locks of Love, was a great success due to the greatest turnout ever-14 participants, for over 130 inches of hair to be made into wigs for young cancer survivors. Former SSCPS teacher **Jen DuLong** returned to us this year to once more have Cassie Noncent cut her hair. SSCPS parent -**Anne Marie Webber** joined us -cut by daughter Julianne.

Level IV

Austin Matthews cut by Taylor Gorman

Level III

Casey Hague cut by Zach Johnston

Isabelle Seal cut by Gracie Ryan and Kelsey Long

Ashley Shephard cut by Becca Otis

Kayleigh Wright cut by Carlee Russell and teacher Angie Pepin

Mathew Algera cut by mom Pam and siblings Kyle & Alyse

Level II

Shane Webber cut by sister Molly

Jake Hague cut by Paul Sullivan

Greg, Joe, and Phil Frederick cut by mom Cathy

Thanks also go to Level III photographers-Katie Aucella, Jena Doyle, and Amanda Toma, to the High school workshop - Design Engineering - for room set up, to Jody Regan and Tania Phillips for organization support, to Keith Barry for drumming , and to Grace Moore as Registrar.

Eat healthy, keep those split ends trimmed, and see you next year with *your* 10 inches of hair! - *Claudia*

HELP SUPPORT ALISON'S TEAM AS WE PARTICIPATE IN THE 5TH ANNUAL HARBOR WALK

Dear Friends,

My name is Alison Hayes and I am a senior here at the South Shore Charter Public School. For the past three years I have been treated for Leukemia at Tuft-New England Medical Center Floating Hospital for Children, and the care I have received there has been phenomenal. The Floating Hospital has done so much for my family and I that we like to give back in any way we can.

Each year the Floating Hospital for Children organizes a fund raising walk. The six mile Harbor Walk raises funds to support vital programs throughout the Medical Center. The Harbor Walk takes place around South Boston Harbor and is on June 10th. This will be the fourth year that family and friends will walk together in my honor. As a team our goal is to raise \$5,000. In past years the school community has been a great supporter of Alison's Team. Please help us again this year as we try to reach our goal.

You can make a general team donation or sponsor a specific walker by going to www.harborwalk.kintera.org and clicking on Alison's Team. You can also contact my family directly at 781/925-3507 if you have any questions or would like to sponsor us. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Alison Hayes

PAJAMA DONATIONS! Casey O'Brien, a level two student in Kendra's pod is having a pajama drive for a charity called the **Pajama Program**. "The Pajama Program, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, provides **new**, warm pajamas and books to needy children in the United States, and around the world, many who are waiting and hoping to be adopted. These are youngsters who may not know the comforts of a mother or father to tuck them into a cozy bed and read them a bedtime story. Too many have been abandoned, most deprived of any love at all." If you would like to donate NEW pajamas or books to the Pajama Program you'll find a drop box outside Kendra's class in level two. If you have any questions or need further information please contact Casey O'Brien at caseyroseobrien@hotmail.com or 781-753-6738.

"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 – June, 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Turkey With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	5 Cheese Pizza	6 Chicken Salad With lettuce and tomato	7 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	8 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
11 Ham and Salami With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	12 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	13 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	14 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	15 Early Release <u>No Lunch</u> <u>Last Day of</u> <u>School</u>

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.

Have a Great Summer!

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of June, 2007
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, June 7, 2007

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
6/11 – 6/15	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Early Release
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	
	Wheat		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 ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
Number of PB&J Lunches ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

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