

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

COMMUNITY WEEK

The building is alive with the results of Community Week. As you come in the main door you are immediately struck by the flock of “peace birds” folded by our students hanging from the ceiling. Walking down the hall you will pass the flags of the world representing the many nations represented by the heritage of our students. But beyond the outward manifestations of students cooperative work are the many discussions that took place during the week regarding how to live together better and how to respect one another. Parents Cassie Proude and Stacy Rousseau led the organization of the all the weeks activities...Thank you both for making us a stronger community!

“UNDER THE SEA” IS A ROUSING SUCCESS.

The Parent Association’s Annual Auction that was held last Saturday brought together many charter families and friends from the present and the past for a wonderful evening of fun and support for the School. Lots parents, staff, friends, students, and area businesses provided a marvelous array of items for bidding. The overall coordination of all the elements of the auction was spearheaded by Debbie Shepherd for the second year. She was ably assisted by a legion of parents: Barbara Fournier – Piano Playing; Denise Demaggio – Check In; Melissa Feitas – Check Out; Karen Boyle, Kerry Griffin and KT Leary – Food; Kerry Griffin and Lizanne Moffatt – Student Furniture; Teri Otis – Student Quilts; Heidi Harting – Invitations; Pam Algera – Program; and Nanci Jaye – Auction Setup. The decorations were a group effort of art teacher, Marianne Buckley-Curran and many SSCPS students as well as Renee Hearn and Teri Otis. Thanks to all the teachers and students who made the furniture and quilts successful additions to the auction. Malee Nuesse and David Whitemyer were the evening’s auctioneers and David Kellem emceed the evening. Thank you also to all the parents and students who lent a hand with preparation, setup and cleanup. The auction raised over \$25,000 for the school; so it was unquestionably an evening well worth the effort. Thank you to everyone who supported the auction!

GREAT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADES 6-12 AT MIT

The Boston area has one of the greatest concentrations of institutions of higher learning anywhere in the world. When these colleges and universities open their doors to the younger students, it is well worth the time to enter those doors and take advantage of what is inside. Saturday and Sunday, November 18 & 19, The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is opening its door with SPLASH! 2006. This “fun-filled” weekend is open to all 6th through 12th grade students.

“Splash! Invites students and other members of the MIT community to teach one-time classes and workshops on any subject that interests them. It has been held at MIT, on the weekend before Thanksgiving, every year since 1988. The event draws an incredible array of talents, both in the teachers and students. Splash! 2005 hosted over 1,000 students participating in 275 classes over 20 hours. The class subjects included dancing and music, theoretical physics and math, computer science, robotics, hobbies, and many other creative concepts. Students come to Splash to wet their feet in completely new and unusual subjects, or to participate in an in-depth activity like a historical simulation or electronics project. Splash! Can be a life changing experience, and it sparks a new excitement about learning in many of our students. The cost of the program is \$20 regardless of how many classes you take; financial aid is available. Students can view a class catalog and pre-register on our web site, or simply show up for the program.”

If you would like more information or to pre-register, go to <http://esp.mit.edu/web/takeaclass/splash.html>

Mike Munhall

Thursday	10/26	8th Grade Parent Night	7:00pm
Friday	10/27	Level 3 Bake Sale & Candy Count	12:00pm
Friday	10/27	Biology Workshop Benefit Concert	7:00 – 9:45pm
Monday	10/30	Soccer Jaguars home vs. Prospect Hill	3:30pm
Tuesday	10/31	High School Field Trip to Museum of Science	
Tuesday	10/31	Full Faculty/Staff Meeting	3:30pm
Wednesday	11/01	Education Committee	3:30pm
Thursday	11/02	Level 3 Field Trip to Wheelock Theatre	
Friday	11/03	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	11/03	Picture Day Make-up	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TERRA NOVA TESTING CONTINUES– Reminder! All students in Grades 1-8 will be taking the Terra Nova test during next week October 23-27. Students should be well rested and have had a good breakfast!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

With Halloween a week a way, we wanted to remind everyone of the school practice of no costumes on Halloween. This will be in effect for all grades K -12. Thank you for your help.

Please be aware that the school building is not open to students until 7:45 AM. Students should not be dropped off until that time. Also, in the afternoon, students should be picked up no later than 3:30 PM, unless they are under the direct supervision of a faculty member. Thank you for your help with this.

This week students in grades K – 8 are taking the Terra Nova tests. These exams will help us understand how are students are performing against other students across the nation. Results of these tests will be available to parents in December.

Interim academic warnings for K – 8 will be mailed during this week. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s academic progress, please speak with your child’s Level Coordinator and teacher as soon as possible.

Grades for the high school’s first quarter will close on Friday, November 3. The first trimester grades for K – 8 will close on Wednesday, November 22.

MCAS score for grades 3 – 8 have recently arrived and will be mailed out during this week.

We will be having a high school information night for the parents of our 8th graders on Thursday, October 26, 2006 at 7 PM in the auditorium. This is an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about our high school program.

Many thanks to all who helped with Community Week, especially Cassie Proude who coordinated the effort. The results of some of the student activities are displayed in the main hallway – beautiful origami cranes.

The high school walk-a-thon will take place Wednesday, October 25 from 1-3. The high school students will be walking at Pond Meadow Park in Braintree. Thanks to all who have helped raise over \$11,000 so far, especially Denise Demaggio and Deb Cerrilli.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed please find the Menu and Lunch Order for the remainder of the month of October. Also attached is the menu and lunch order form for the month of November. This is due to the office by 3:00pm on Thursday, October 19, 2006. Thank you.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

SOCCER – the last regular game of the season is scheduled for Monday, October 30th. The Jaguars are home against Prospect Hill. Game time is 3:30pm at the Myrtle Street Field in Hanover.

ART NEWS

In preparation for the annual auction, Level III and IV students worked on the “Goldfish” Bowl which was a series of 10 foot by 20 foot sheets of plastic (5) which were secured to the ceiling to create the fish bowl effect. The idea, which generated with Mike was executed by these students, the Art Department and 2 hard working parent volunteers, Robin Gilbert (Ellis Gilbert) and Greer Tocci (Tia Tocci). Thank you very much!!! The students created stencils, traced these pieces onto the plastic and then painted them in with acrylic paints. The finished product was very impressive and hopefully you were able to view the work.

The high school students also contributed a school size mural, which will remain up until Thanksgiving Break. Their intricate process follows, please read on....

After the high school Art Workshop students viewed Randal Thurston’s *Wunderkammern Mural* at the Fuller Craft Museum in September they returned to the studio to create their own silhouette mural. To coordinate with the parents fundraising auction the students were given the theme, *Under the Sea* to work with.

The students were divided into groups and assigned a wall area. After taking measurements they returned to the studio to begin the process of designing their piece. Once the scaled down version was done (2 hours worth) the students assembled the pieces on the wall and together we worked on coordinating, critiquing and establishing a unified direction. Suggestions were made, agreed upon and students returned to studio work. This paring down process occurred three times before the art students were given the green light to scale up to life size in pattern form on graph paper. As they we tell you, **YOU NEED MATH FOR ART!**

The graph paper was checked on the wall, OKed and then used as a pattern to cut on the black silhouette paper. Once the silhouette was cut, it was sighted in place and then adhered to the wall with double sided tape. The following students had a part in this spectacular piece, Suzie Baldner, Zach Darbyshire, Lila Debas, Emily Doolittle, Bridget Hatch, Anna Hill, Rachel Kent, Caroline LaFauci, Shannon Leary, Eliza Lunny, Ahdemn MacLean, Marie Maskell, Chelsea Talcott, SamanthaWholley and Dan Zotos.

ART FUNDRAISER - Once again, we will offer students, their parents and loved ones a chance to turn your child’s work into a gift item. The *Original Works Fund Raiser* from last year was a great success! In two weeks (the week of **November 6th**), your child will bring home their work, a brochure and an order form. If you are interested please fill it out, enclose a check and **return it by November 13th** to your Pod teacher. The orders will be returned in time for Christmas and Hanukkah so plan ahead! The moneys raised go directly into the Art Workshop Fund.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: “Hit the nail on the head:

Level 2: “The show must go on.”

NEWS FROM LEVEL 2:

- The Level 2 field trip to the Ecotarium in Worcester as a big success. Thanks to Nicole for organizing a great trip and to the parents who chaperoned.
- Upcoming Level 2 Field Trips and dates of interest:
 - November 15th – Wheelock Theatre to see “Holes”
 - December 1st – 3rd Grade Roman Plays
 - December 7th - Museum of Fine Arts
- Level 2 is still looking for pod parents. Please call your child’s pod teacher if you are interested.

NEWS FROM LEVEL 3:

- Level 3 will be going to the Wheelock Family Theater to see *Holes* next Thursday, Nov. 2nd.
- Don't miss this great opportunity!!! SSCPS Apparel is now available for ordering! Hats, T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Fleece items will be available for the Holidays!! See samples in the school lobby. Order forms have been distributed, but are also available at the front desk. SUPER idea for gift-giving!

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

- High School Students are participating in the Walk-a-Thon today, 10/27.
- Tuesday, October 31st the students will be visiting the Museum of Science.

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - Please help our school earn extra money by collecting Box Tops for Education. Box Tops can be found on hundreds of products, from Ziploc baggies and Kleenex tissues to Cheerios and Gogurt. Our school earns 10 cents for every Box Top we collect. The funds raised this year at our school will help develop our library. There is an envelope at the front desk where you can leave your Box Tops. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for more information about Box Tops, as well as recipes, coupons, and special offers. You can also earn money for our school by starting your online shopping at stores like Kohl's, Land's End, Wal-Mart, and more at the Box Tops website. A percentage of your total will be donated to our school. If you have any questions about the program, please feel to contact Bethany Whitemyer at bwhitemyer@rcn.com. Thank you.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Full Time Development Director
Part Time Speech/Debate Coach
High School & Middle School Boys & Girls Basketball Coaches
On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides
On-Call Substitute Nurse

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

COMMUNITY INTEREST

THE NORWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY is hosting nationally acclaimed storyteller Len Cabral on Wednesday evening October 25th at 7 pm. Len will be presenting "Stories to Make You Sleep With the Lights On", and the event is FREE and open to the public. For information, please call 781-659-2015. The library is located off Rt. 123 at 64 South Street, Norwell.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY DAY is being sponsored by Rockland Trust, Saturday, October 28th 10am-3pm at the Norwell branch Rt. 228/Queen Anne's Corner.

ECO-TIPS FROM THE SSCPS GREEN TEAM

Trash aside, everything you rake up out of your yard at the end of the season can benefit your yard! Run your mower over fallen leaves to cut them up fine....then use the cuttings to top-dress your beds and borders 3-4" deep. They are wonderful mulch, and cutting them assures that they won't be blown around the yard, plus they'll break down quickly, benefiting the soil as they do so. They are also a wonderful addition to your compost pile, adding carbon based material to balance all of the nitrogen-rich kitchen scraps. So....this Fall, remember that you can rake your way to a healthier, more eco-friendly yard!

Please join us this Saturday for the school grounds cleanup! We'll be starting up the school compost bins and getting the property ready for the winter.

If you would like to participate or learn more about the Green Team please contact: jengebretson@sscps.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

SSCPS FALL CLEAN UP! Our next community service activity will be cleaning the school grounds on Saturday, October 28th from 9-11 a.m. Please bring lawn bags, rakes, brooms, etc. We hope to see many families there!

DONATIONS FOR FATHER BILL'S - Aidan White (Level 4-Grade 7-Scott's Pod) will be collecting donations for Father Bill's Shelter in Quincy as part of his community service. The shelter relies on donations for all of its residents. The following new items are desperately needed at this time:

Bath towels, disposable razors, deodorant, soap, men's cotton socks, underwear, gloves, hats, crossword puzzle books. Aidan will have a collection box placed in the lobby marked "Father Bill's Place" starting the first week of October. He will also be running a winter coat collection for Father Bill's beginning in November (details will follow).

"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 – November, 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chicken Salad</p> <p style="text-align: center;">With lettuce</p>	<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Italian Cold Cuts</p> <p>With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Dev. Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Turkey and American Cheese</p> <p>With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</p>	<p>14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roast Beef</p> <p>With American cheese and mustard</p>	<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuna Salad</p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ham, Salami & Provolone Cheese</p> <p>With lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Early Release</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Lunch</p>	<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thanksgiving</p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No School</p>
<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ham</p> <p>With American cheese and mustard</p>	<p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chicken Salad</p> <p>With lettuce</p>	<p>30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cheese Pizza</p>	<p>12/1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PB&J Lunch -OR- Greek Salad</p> <p>With Greek dressing and pita bread</p>

Whole 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 November, 2006

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, October 26, 2006

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
11/6 – 11/10	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	No School
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/13 – 11/17	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ Sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/20 – 11/24	Sub	Pizza	Early Release	No School	No School
	½ sub	#_____			
	Wheat				

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/27 – 12/1	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	PB&J Lunch
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	- or -
	Wheat		Wheat		Salad

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

Less credit due

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.

Undertoe & The Strip

Friday, October 27th

7:00– 9:45

AT SSCPS

\$8.00 at door

\$5.00 in advance

Hot Dogs and Pizza

Drinks

Raffle Items from:

Wear & Tear

Bedazzled

Starbucks

South Shore Music

And more

Come support the
Biology Workshop's
trip to Costa Rica!!

