SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

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Welcome, Jo Feldman . . .

We are pleased to announce that SSCPS has completed its search for a full-time Learning Services and Assessment Director for 2008-2009. Over the past several weeks, Tom Gorsuch and the members of the Screening Committee reviewed applications, identified the candidates to interview, developed common questions, and conducted the interviews. The Screening Committee interviewed five candidates on Monday, February 11 and Tuesday, February 12. The Committee forwarded the names of two finalists to me on Wednesday, February 13. Since Ted, Tom, and Kristine will have the most direct and day-to-day contact with the new administrator next year, I asked them to sit in on the two finalist interviews. The interviews took place on Thursday, February 14. Both finalists were highly qualified and had extensive experience in the field of Special Education. Ultimately, the decision as to who to recommend came down to the question: which person is the best and right fit for SSCPS at this time. The decision was unanimous: Jo Feldman. In the short amount of time that I have worked with Jo, I have learned that she is someone you can count on, a "can do" sort of person, and one who welcomes feedback and suggestions. She is going to be a great addition to the Leadership Team, the Learning Services, Title 1, and ELL staff, and the school as a whole.

Spring is just around the corner. . .

The daffodil is the first flower of spring and the American Cancer Society's flower of hope. The American Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Day Campaign supports its mission to eliminate cancer through its programs of research, education, advocacy, and patient services. This year, students from Level III raised \$1,425 for this worthy cause, which is a up from the \$500 last year. Special kudos to grade 6 student, Carlee Russell. Since the summer, Carlee has saved \$500 from her babysitting for the Daffodil Day Campaign. While a portion of the increase is directly from Carlee's pocket, much of the rest of it is due to her efforts. She headed up the entire campaign, distributing letters, logging payments, keeping track of orders, advertising, etc. All of this was done with very little help from Angie Pepin, Level III Teacher/Project Leader. Carlee's assistance came from three other students from the project; Jena Doyle, Niamh Dalton, and Meggan Thermitus. Way to go! The commitment by these students to this worthy cause and donating hard earned money to help find a cure for cancer exemplify what SSCPS is all about – a sense of community and doing something for the greater good.

The college challenge and making good decisions...

Since October, I have had the opportunity to work with senior Ryan Schiffer, overseeing his workshop/work study program with Canton Fence Company. In early January, Ryan presented me with a proposal for a special program that he and the company he works for, Canton Fence Company, wanted to sponsor for members of his class. It is a small world, since I knew the Steverman family very well when I was principal of Scituate High School. Ryan's initiative in bringing *Choices* to SSCPS is another example of one of our students demonstrating a sense of community and looking out for others. I asked Ryan to put together a "blurb" for this week's update to let parents know about this presentation:

On Wednesday, March 12th, 2008, Canton Fence Company has generously decided to sponsor a youth seminar based on life choices. Ironically, called Choices, the Steverman family will present to the graduating class of 2008 an unfortunate story of their beloved Son P.J. whose death in 1996 remains a mystery. P.J.'s case was a result of poor decisions made in college. With the help of the Steverman family and the Scituate Recreation Fund, we hope to inform students on the dangerous situations and predicaments involved with the "college experience." Lynda Steverman and her daughters will be coming in to present from 1:30pm until 3:00 in the auditorium. Although this event is exclusive to the senior class, the staff is invited to join with prior reservations. If you're interested in attending or would like to make a donation towards the organization, please contact Ryan Schiffer at ryanschiffer@gmail.com.

Important dates to put on your calendar:

Monday, March 3 – Level II Coffee Hour and Forum on Executive Director Search: 8:30 a.m., Music Room

Monday, March 10 - Thursday, March 14: Community Service Week

Be on the look out for more information about Community Service Week in next week's Update

Thursday, April 3: Gourmet Dinner and Fundraiser at 53 South – back by popular demand! From all accounts, last year's multi-course meal was divine! 53 South is owned by an SSCPS family, the Bowker-Kellys, and the proceeds (after subtracting the preparation costs) will support the Foundation and the school's general fund.

Thursday, May 8: Second Annual SSCPS Student Walk-A-Thon. Building upon last year's successful Walk-A-Thon, our parent organizers have decided to expand their horizons and include a nature walk as part of the Walk-A-Thon. During regularly scheduled gym times, students will travel To Great Esker Park in Weymouth and choose from one of four short Hiking trails. Joanne Keegan, Level II parent, is coordinating the Walk-A-Thon. More details and information in the March Updates.

Prue Goodale

Life: "Life is full of beauty. Notice it. Notice the bumble bee, the small child, and the smiling faces. Smell the rain, and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential and fight for your dreams." Ashley Smith

Thursday	02/28	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	02/28	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	02/29	SEPAC	8:30am
Monday	03/03	Level II Parent Coffee	8:30am
Tuesday	03/04	Parent Association Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	03/05	"Touch a Truck" planning meeting	8:30am
Wednesday	03/05	School Council	3:30pm
Thursday	03/06	Development Committee	6:00pm
Friday	03/07	SEPAC	8:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attached is a **LEADERSHIP PROFILE FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**. As most of you know, Prue Goodale is serving as our Interim Director for this year. Per the MA Department of Education and the Teacher Retirement Board, Prue can only serve for 1 year as full time Director. After that year, the School is obligated to conduct a complete search for a permanent Executive Director. The Search Committee really needs your feedback as we continue with this search process to find a person who is the right fit for SSCPS.

Frank White, Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee

THE SSCPS DIRECTORY WAS HANDED OUT BEFORE THE WINTER BREAK. EACH FAMILY WAS GIVEN ONE COPY WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE YOUNGEST STUDENT IN THE FAMILY. ADDITONAL COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$2.00. PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA AT EXT. 103 OR BY EMAIL AT PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG.



February 2008 College Acceptances

Christopher Frye

Bridgewater State College

Caroline LaFauci

Mass College of Liberal Arts State University of NY – Albany

Salem State College

Patrick Landis

UMass Boston

Shayna Palmer

Bay State College

Aaron Roundtree
CA State Univ. of Monterey Bay

Salem State College

University of Rhode Island

Ryan Schiffer

Johnson & Wales University

Nick Sisson

University of Rhode Island

Shawna Sullivan

Mount Ida College UMass Dartmouth

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the March Order Form and Menu. Orders are due Thursday, February 28th by 3pm.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Basketball:

Please congratulate the High School Boys Basketball team for earning their first victory in school history on February 15th against Boston Collegiate Charter School of South Boston. Applause should be given to coach Kevin Roach and his players Yugi Dubuisson, Aaron Roundtree, Chris Claremont, Johander Paul, Shawn O'Leary and Marvinsky Alcindor for their great efforts and hard work!

Also, I would like to congratulate the middle school girl's basketball team coached by former SSCPS student Amanda Kayiales whose team ended the season with a record of 9-2 and qualified for the Massachusetts Charter School Basketball League's playoffs. The team will play Seven Hills Charter School of Worcester tomorrow evening at 5 pm at the McAuliffe Regional Charter School in Framingham. With a victory tomorrow the team will play of the Championship on Friday.

Please recognize the outstanding achievements of the boy's middle school basketball team coached by Tommy Hughes. The boys finished the season with a 7-4 record and finished in third place narrowly missing making the playoffs.

Both middle school teams will be playing in a tournament in Lawrence beginning the weekend of March 8th.

Ski/Snowboard:

The Ski/Snowboard Club will be going to Wachusett Mountain on Saturday, March 1st. The club will be leaving at 7am from SSCPS and returning at 7pm. Contact Will Glennon for more information.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

The high school students and level II will be participating in the Pennies for Patients program. This program raises money to support research and patient programs for those affected by leukemia and lymphoma. Our program will raise money in honor of Alison Hayes. The campaign will run for three weeks from March 3rd thru March 21st. The class which collects the most pennies/ money will be rewarded with a pizza party. Please support and encourage your children to participate in this fundraising effort.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back and hope everyone enjoyed the break.

Congratulations to the High School Boys Basketball team, for earning their first victory in school history on Friday February 15th vs. Boston Collegiate Charter School 41-37.

Remember Community Service Week is March 10-13. See Ted for further info about activities.

Welcome to Amanda Durante (Level 4 aide), Elizabeth Dodge (Level 1 aide in Shelley's Pod), and Joe Curran (Special Ed aide on Level 1). Please welcome them to the Charter School.

Faculty met on Tuesday at 3:30 in the Music Room. We discussed the 08-09 school calendar and Jo Feldman lead a discussion of student support teams.

NEXT WEEK

School Council meets Wednesday, March 5 at 3:30 in Conference Room by Paul's Office.

Level 1-4 grades close March 7. Grade/progress reports will be distributed March 13.

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level I: "Sour grapes."

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

LEVEL III NEWS

6th Grade student, Kevin Chao, will compete in the Patriot Ledger's regional portion of the National Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 8th at Lombardo's in Randolph. Come and watch this amazing event and show your support for Kevin.

THE LEVEL III STORE PROJECT will be going on a field trip this Friday to tour the Lowe's Store in Brockton. Kayleigh Wright's father will be conduction the tour. We will learn many aspects of running a retail business.

ATTENTION JUNIOR PARENTS – SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday, March 12th 7-9pm – College application process as well as SSCPS exit/graduation requirements will be discussed.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The **MARCH PARENTS ASSOCIATION** meeting will be held Tuesday, March 4, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. All parents and guardians of SSCPS students are encouraged to attend. The agenda is included at the back of this Update.

TOUCH A TRUCK FUNDRAISER

Our first Touch-A-Truck fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 18th, 2008 at the Abington town office park from 10:00 – 2:00. We are looking for people who have or know businesses that have trucks to use that day. The trucks/equipment must be clean and accompanied by a driver for the entire time. Trucks must show up no later than 9:45 a.m. the day of the event and cannot leave until 2:15 pm for safety precautions. Some examples of trucks/cars would be a police car/motorcycle, fire engine, ambulance, cherry picker, dump truck, mail truck, back hoe, skip truck, garbage truck, 18 wheeler –cab only, steam roller, and many others. We are also looking for a minimum of 20 volunteers the day of the event. You can volunteer for as little as one hour or 4 hours. A sign up sheet will be forthcoming in a flyer home to families as well as available on the Google groups. These volunteers are needed to help position trucks, direct traffic, take tickets, etc. More details will be forthcoming in future updates and flyers. We currently have 3 coordinators to plan this event. At least 2 more would be very helpful and it doesn't require a lot of time. The next planning meeting will be at the school on Wednesday March 5th from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Please help support your school. This can be a very profitable fundraiser for the SSCPS with your help. If you know someone willing to donate their truck and time please contact Kirsten

Mullen at <u>kirstenmullen19@hotmail.com</u> or call 781-982-4094. I am expecting our 4th child at the end of May and I really need your help. Thank you in advance for your support.

SAVE THE DATE--FRIDAY, MARCH 28th – "GIRLS NITE OUT" will be held at Tigerlily's Salon on Rt. 139 in Holbrook. Spa services will be available as well as some vendors selling their wares. Get a manicure, a massage or eyebrow wax! There will be food and plenty to "wet your whistle". Tickets will go on sale very soon. This adult event is for everyone not just SSCPS families so bring all your friends! If you have any questions email Kim Dalton at tkdee3@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Full Time Custodian

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

Email cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager, kshipps@sscps.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE is holding a work day on Thursday, February 28th from 3-4pm. This is open to students of all ages. You **MUST** register your child by Monday, February 25th so that we can be sure to have enough adult supervision. Please email Bev Bruce at bbruce@sscps.org or sign up on the form that is hanging outside of the library.***Please note*** All students must be picked up *at the library* (which is located across from Andre's music room) promptly at 4pm. Children in the after school program that participate will be escorted back to the after school program at 4pm. If you have any questions, contact Melissa Freitas at 781-337-9724.

"CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS" – Thank you for all of the cartridge and cell phone donations made to Cartridges for Kids this year. We were able to package and send off many boxes in return for money for our school. We will continue to collect again next year and would be happy to pick up any donations over the summer. Thanks again, Luke, John and Grace Ryan (781) 925-9541.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

SEPAC Announcement:

The Teamsters Local 25 is presenting Light Up The Night – A Gala for Autism.

With Autism affecting 1 in 150 children in the United States, many of us have been directly or indirectly affected by Autism. To help raise awareness The Teamsters Local 25 partnered with Autism Speaks and has become an essential piece of the fight against this unforgiving disorder. This special event will take place on Saturday March 8, 2008 at the Boston Convention Center. The Gala will feature Boston's favorite band "The Mercel's" and will be hosted by Channel 7's Randy Price. Tickets are \$60.00 each. For more information regarding this event you may contact Business Agent/Co-Chair Tom Mari or Co-Chair Trish DiSilva at 617-241-8825 or email tdisilva@teamsterslocal25.com

CHOO-CHOO TRANS – Livery service currently transporting students to and from SSCPS to the Plymouth area has seats available. For more information or a quote for transportation, visit www.choochootrans.com or email choochootrans.gmail.com.

ABITIBI PAPER RETRIEVER RECYCLING

This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper every week and help us raise money for projects/workshops. What Can Be Placed in the Retriever Bin?

Newspapers, Magazines, Office Paper, School Paper, Catalogs, Mail, Paperback books, Shredded Paper (must be in clear plastic bag & tied with holes poked into it)

Please Do Not Place these items in the Retriever Bin:

Plastic, Glass, Metals, Trash, Cardboard, Phonebooks

The UPDATE is published on a weekly basis and is distributed on Wednesdays through email to the entire community and is posted on our website at www.sscps.org. If your family would like to receive a paper copy please email a request to palgera@sscps.org or contact Kathy at 781-982-4202 ext. 100.

South Shore Charter Public School

2008 Executive Director Search

LEADERSHIP PROFILE FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Norwell, MA 02061

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SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

AGENDA • 4 MARCH 2008 / 7:00 – 9:00 PM

7:00	Call Meeting to Order	
7:00 – 7:05	Review and Approve Minutes February 5, 2008 PA Meeting Minutes	
7:05 – 7:10	Announcements Next PA Meeting & Calendar Items 2008 – 2009 Parents Association – request for volunteers	<u> </u>
7:10 – 7:30	School Report Prue Goodale & Tom Gorsuch	
7:30 – 7:40	Board of Trustees Report	
7:40 – 8.00	Committee Reports (as needed) Health & Safety Committee Library Committee Orientation/Welcoming Committee Community Service Committee PAC Committee Fundraising & Events Committee	
8:00 – 8:20	Grade Representative Reports (as needed)	
8:20 – 8:30	Other Reports (as needed) Education Committee School Council	<u> </u>
8:30 – 8:50	Old Business Discussion & Vote: Discretionary fund for PA officers, to be used without PA vote. Discussion & Vote: Creation of a "Sunshine Fund" – KT Leary	
8:50 – 9:00	New Business Presentation & Request for grant by the student Theater Project – Vote in April	
9.00	Adjourn	

Lunch Menu – March, 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Turkey With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	4 Cheese Pizza	5 Ham and Salami With Provolone Cheese lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	6 Cheese Pizza	7 Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
Roast Beef With American cheese and mustard	11 Cheese Pizza	Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	13 Cheese Pizza	NO SCHOOL
Ham With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	18 Cheese Pizza	19 Chicken Salad With lettuce and tomato	20 Cheese Pizza	21 Greek Salad With Greek dressing and pita bread
24 Italian Cold Cuts With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	25 Cheese Pizza	Turkey With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	27 Cheese Pizza	Tuna Salad With lettuce and tomato
31 BLT Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	4/1 Cheese Pizza	4/2 Roast Beef With American cheese and mustard	4/3 Cheese Pizza	4/4 Tossed Salad With Italian dressing and pita bread

^{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, 2008

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, February 28, 2008

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Week of 3/17 – 3/21	[] Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	[] Tuesday Pizza #	[] Wednesday Sub ½ sub Wheat	[] Thursday Pizza #	[] Friday Salad	
Week of 3/24 – 3/28	[] Monday Sub ½ sub Wheat	[] Tuesday Pizza #	[] Wednesday Sub ½ sub Wheat	[] Thursday Pizza #	[] Friday Sub ½ sub Wheat	
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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.

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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TOUCH A TRUCK - SUNDAY MAY 18, 2008

10 am - 2 pm Abington Town Hall

PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION

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