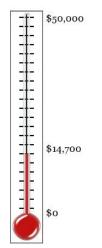
SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

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2008 ANNUAL FUND



SSCPS needs your help. . .

Each year, our school's non-profit foundation, South Shore Charter Education Foundation, reaches out to our families, asking them to support our Annual Fund. In your mail this week is a letter from Jack Kelly, Board of Trustees and Foundation member, and me about our campaign. Jack and I are co-chairing the Annual Fund drive and we have set ambitious (but doable) goals for 2008.

First, we need to increase the participation rate for ALL groups: Board members, administrators, teachers, staff, and parents. In 2007, there was only SEVENTEEN PERCENT participation in the Annual Fund. Most charter schools that have been up and running for more than five years have at least 60% or more participation. Parochial and private schools are close to or at 100% participation. Clearly, we can do better than 17%! Our goal for this year is to reach 100%.

In addition to getting to 100% participation, Jack and I have also set a goal of raising \$50,000 for the Annual Fund. During the 2006-2007 school year, the total amount raised through all of the

fundraisers – the auction, the gourmet dinner, the walk-a-thon, etc. was \$50,000. In 2008, all of our fixed costs have increased and our enrollment is close to the maximum. In order for SSCPS to be able to continue to provide a high quality education for our students, offer competitive salaries to our teachers and staff so that they return each year, fund innovative projects and workshops, and have state-of-the-art technology, we need to increase the amount that we raise in our annual fund from \$16,500 to \$50,000. We are asking each family to pledge \$100 BUT it you are unable to pledge this amount, we will accept any donation. At the very least, we need to reach 100% participation.

As always, we thank all of our families for the many ways that they support SSCPS.

Going green in time for Spring...

At its February 28th meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a new school and community-wide initiative and the formation of a new committee to spear-head our efforts to "go green": the South Shore Charter Public School Eco-Committee. The first meeting of the SSCPS Eco-Committee is tomorrow, Thursday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Room. This meeting is open to students, parents, teachers, staff, and friends of SSCPS. Simply stated, the Committee's goals are healthy students, a healthy school, and a healthy planet! Spread the word and I hope to see you tomorrow night.

Important dates to put on your calendar:

Monday, March 10 – Level II Coffee Hour in Music Room Monday, March 10 – Thursday, March 13: Community Service Week

Prue Goodale

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children. ~Native American Proverb

Wednesday	3/5	School Council	3:30pm
Thursday	3/6	SSCPS Eco Committee Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	3/7	SEPAC	8:30am
		March 10-14 – SSCPS COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK	
Monday	3/10	Level III Parent Coffee	8:30am
Wednesday	3/12	Junior Parent Night	7-9pm
Thursday	3/13	Grades K-8 2nd Trimester Progress Reports Distributed	
Thursday	3/13	Level I Family Literacy Night	5-7pm
Friday	3/14	Professional Development Day – No School for Students	

COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK

March 10 - 13 is Community Service Week at SSCPS. During this week all Levels will be talking about the value of Community Service and outside speakers will be coming in to talk to the students. The central display oval in the lobby will highlight the Community Service activities that will be taking place during the week. In addition, if there is a community service project of initiative that any parent is interested in promoting, please contact Ted Hirsch by e-mail at thirsch@sscps.org and we will try to post it in the oval. Some of the special features of the week will include:

- Nancy Schaefer-Flynn will be speaking with the students on Level I about the entire behind the scene work that is involved in sports leagues.
- Joseph McNally, a Vice President of Clean Harbors right here in Assinippi Park, will be speaking to Level III students about the environmental work of his company.
- Tim Anderson one of the founders of the school and the head of World Computer Exchange will come in and talk to the High School students about the founding of the school and his current work with World Computer Exchange.
- At the Level II and IV Town Meetings students will describe and explain their own Community Service projects and what they mean to them.
- Seniors will be volunteering at the Boston Food Bank
- High School students will be collecting used cell phones which will be donated to "Cell Phones for Soldiers"
- Make a difference to someone in need by joining a **Knitting Bee** to support the **Warm Up America!**Foundation on MONDAY March 10th from 3-4 pm. Warm Up America! (WUA!) is an organization made up of volunteers who create handmade afghan blankets, clothing and accessories for people who have lost their homes or are being cared for in hospices, shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes. On Monday, we will be knitting 7"x 9" sections, which will then be joined together at the AC Moore store in Hanover Mall and sent off to WUA!. **Supplies will be provided, but if you have LEFTOVER YARN or SIZE 8 or 9 knitting needles to donate they would be welcomed. Not a knitter??** Not to worry... we will help you get started and learn a skill that will last a lifetime. Please contact Bev Bruce (bbruce@sscps.org or x336) or Angie Pepin (apepin@sscps.org) by FRIDAY March 7th if you are planning to attend. Come to Angie's room on Level 3 to join the bee!!
- Begin work on a school garden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT"

Attention: Level I Families (extended family & siblings welcome!)

When: March 13, 2008 5:00-7:00

- 5:00-5:30 Snacks, Socializing, & Information Tables
- 5:30-6:00 Haitian Master Story Teller Charlot Lucien
- 6:00-7:00 Family Activities

Where: Level I

This is a Level I event intended for children to have fun and for parents to learn the many ways to engage their children in language and literacy!

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.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the March Order Form and Menu. Orders are due Thursday, March 6th by 3pm.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB:

For the members of the club who will not be going to Loon Mountain, the ski club will be going up to Wachusett Mountain on Friday night March 7th. The final trip is scheduled for March 15th which is a Saturday. I am open to scheduling the trip for the Friday that Students have off for professional development and welcome all thoughts or comments.

BASKETBALL:

The FINAL home basketball game of the season will be Sunday night beginning with the girl's game at 6:15 vs. the Academy of the Pacific Rim. This will be senior Aaron Roundtree's final game with SSCPS. The captain has been an integral part of the team this year and please come send Aaron off in style.

The middle school basketball regular season is completed. The girl's team lost in the semifinals to Seven Hills Charter School of Worcester 24-16 last Thursday night. Both the boys and girls team will be playing in the Charter Cup tournament this weekend in Lawrence.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

TOOTH DECAY is the most common childhood disease and can affect your child's school performance. Smart Smiles an oral health program sponsored by the Massachusetts Coalition for Oral Health will be coming to SSCPS this spring! Lynn Bethel, (parent of Adrianna and Kolin) DPH,Director of Oral Health has been instrumental in bringing this program to our school. This is a free oral health program which will be offered to all 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th grade students. Please watch for the packet of information which will be sent home with your child this week and return the permission form if you would like your child to participate in this great program. Call the Health Office for questions or concerns.

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS! 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

Level IV celebrated Black History Month last week. Thanks to Deanna Marshall, Claire Cantave, and Kathleen Poteau, students, and Amy, Level IV teacher, for putting this together on Friday.

Tara Turner is looking for judges for two upcoming Debate Competitions; Saturday, March 22^{nd} in Shrewsbury, and Sunday, March 29^{th} in Needham. If you are interested please call Tara at the school, #781-982-4202 X 331. Anyone can judge, and Tara can go over the guidelines with anyone interested in helping out.

The early Spring MCAS are coming up. The schedule is as follows:

ELA Reading & Comp, March 24-April 7, Grade 3

ELA Reading & Comprehension Session A & B, March 25, Grades 4, 7, and 10

ELA Reading & Comprehension, March 24-April 7, Grades 5, 6, and 8

ELA Reading & Comprehension, March 26-April 7, Grades 4, 7

ELA Reading & Comprehension Sessions 1 & 2, March 26, Grade 10

ELA Reading & Comprehension Session 3, March 27, Grade 10

ELA Comprehension Make-up, April 2, Grades 4, 7 and 10 not tested on March 25

The specific dates for the ELA MCAS exams for grades 3 - 8 will be announced to each level by the teachers and we will post them in next weeks update.

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

High School warnings are being mailed home this Friday, March 7th to students who are currently experiencing academic difficulty. Please go over these reports with your child, and contact the subject teacher directly if you need further information. Please refer to Edline to monitor your child's progress, and contact Bob Jesus at X111 or Mariclare Cheney at X159 if you are having difficulty with your Edline account.

Report cards for grades K-8 will be distributed to students on Thursday, March 13.

Next Friday, March 14th, is a Professional Development Day, no students. K-6 will begin unwrapping Social Studies standards and 7-12 will be discussing a revision to the Social Studies curriculum and begin the unwrapping process. Spanish teachers will begin the process of unwrapping the standards.

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level I: "Get a taste of your own medicine." Level II: "Two wrongs don't make a right."

FROM THE LEVEL I COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT!

Dear SSCPS Families, Thank you for the clothing that you game us for our clothing drive. We are going to give them to Cradles for Crayons. It is a community place for people that don't have that much. From: Matthew Freitas & Harrison Carter, Project Journalists

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.

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

HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE WORKSHOP PREPARES FOR PERFORMANCE! The High School Theatre Workshop is in rehearsal for their spring performance and are looking for donations of a few items to use as props. Their wish list is: a candy bowl; food tray to be used in a hospital/bed setting; IV pole and IV bag; painting/artwork which would be used in a living room. If you are able to help with any of these items, please contact Kathy Seavey kseavey@sscps.org or Rachel Meisels at rmeisels@sscps.org. Thank you!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

THE SECOND ANNUAL SSCPS WALK-A-THON WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 8th at Great Esker Park in Weymouth. We are looking for a few nature lovers who would like to share their expertise and enthusiasm with our great students. Eagle Scouts, birders, hikers, gentle walkers, anyone who would like to spend time outside on a beautiful spring day, please contact us by email or phone. We're planning to hold a training/meeting closer to the date. Flyers and solicitation forms will be going home to families later in the month. Your ideas and suggestions are always appreciated. Joanne Keegan and Bob Sibbald keegsibb@yahoo.com or 781-340-1546.

TOUCH A TRUCK FUNDRAISER

Our first Touch-A-Truck fundraiser to be held on Sunday, May 18th, 2008 at the Abington town office park from 10:00 – 2:00 is making headway. We are still 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 arrive by 9:45 am the day of the event and cannot leave until 2:15 pm for safety precautions. Police, Ambulance, Fire will be stationed at easy exit places in case of emergency. Thanks to all who have participated in recruiting trucks and volunteers. We currently have a Fire/Rescue truck from Braintree, a dump truck, school bus and a couple of more. Police cruisers and motorcycles and a fire truck are in the works along with many others. A mail truck, back hoe, skip truck, garbage truck, 18 wheeler –cab only, steam roller, cement mixer are still needed if any of you have contacts out there. If you have a food contact we are in need of food donations for our truckers and volunteers. If you have a contact with the Lions Club please contact me – ASAP. We are also looking for volunteers the day of the event to help position trucks, direct traffic, take tickets, etc. A Volunteer sign up sheet will be posted on the update next week. There will be many positions to fill so you can come for 1 hour or 4 hours anything will be appreciated. Coordinators are still needed as well to help plan this event. Next meeting will be next Wednesday March 12th from 8:30 to 9:00 am –all are welcome. Please contact Kirsten Mullen at kirstenmullen19@hotmail.com or call 781-982-4094.

SEPAC

SEPAC will be holding a workshop on **Sensory Integration on Thursday, March 27, 2008 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.** Kathy Donovan OT will be presenting the workshop. There will be more details in next week's weekly update on this workshop. This workshop is open to all families, professional staff and families outside of the SSCPS. For more information or to RSVP for this work contact Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com.

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

"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

Respondent, please check (off the appropr	riate box below:		
Board of Trustees	Adr	ministrator	Faculty	
Support Staff	Student	Parent	Community	
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1. Commitment to edadministrators, and support		cellence and high	expectations for all students	s, teachers,
2. Experience as an l	Executive Dir	ector, principal o	r school administrator	
3. Effective commun	nication skills,	, both verbal and	written	
4. Commitment to di	versity and th	ne belief that all s	tudents can learn	
5. Knowledge of cur	riculum, instr	ruction and assess	ment design and implement	ation
6. Demonstrated ability evaluation processes to ens			l oversee effective recruiting ified staff	g, mentoring and
7. Strong leadership faculty, staff, administrator		ability to deal fair	rly and inclusively with all s	stakeholders (students,
8. Demonstrated abi	lity to manage	e resources and bu	udgets in difficult economic	climate
9. Experience with g	rant writing, 1	fundraising and c	apital campaigns	
10. Knowledge of pufederal department of education				
	Frank White,	Chair, Executive Charter Public Sch er Circle		

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	Chicken Salad With lettuce and tomato	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, March 6, 2008

Pod Teacher/Advisor			Grade			
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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.

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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