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# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

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## *The importance of community and service to others:*

This is community service week at SSCPS. Special thanks to Ted Hirsch for overseeing and coordinating the variety of events and activities for each level. Service learning has been an integral part of South Shore Charter Public School since it opened its doors in Hull in 1995. In this issue of the Update, we are introducing the new logo that will appear on our new website. In past Updates, we have shared with everyone our conversations with staff about SSCPS and selecting three words that best describe us for our logo. Community was at the top of everyone's list.

## *Eco-Committee off to a great start!*

Last Thursday was the first meeting of our environmental/go green committee. Although it was a busy night for many, there were twelve in attendance including two students (third and fifth grade). In addition to those twelve, ten staff members and parents contacted me to indicate their interest in serving on the committee although they were unable to attend the meeting. As of today, we have twenty-five members and we are still growing.

Those at the first meeting agreed that there would be **four subcommittees**: Wellness; Curriculum, Workshops and Projects; Renewable Energy/Conservation/Healthy Building; and Outreach and Advocacy. We also agreed that we wanted to get more students involved in our committee and that one way to do this would be to have a school-wide competition to come up with unique/engaging name for the committee. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, April 9. In addition to these decisions, Tara Turner, high school science teacher, and Cheryl Casey, parent, agreed to meet this week to investigate ways that SSCPS can be involved with Earth Day in April or early May. Thanks to everyone that attended this important kick-off meeting.

If you are interested in serving on one of these subcommittees or assisting with the planning for Earth Day activities, please email Pam Algera or Ted Hirsch. The next meeting of the full committee will be Thursday, April 10 at 12:30 p.m. (an early release day).

*Prue Goodale*

## *Save the date:*

***Thursday, April 4: 53 South Gourmet Dinner and Fundraiser***  
***Menu and details will be posted on our website later this week.***  
***This is one event that you do not want to miss!***

***"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or self-confidence." – Robert Frost***

Wednesday	3/12	Junior Parent Night	7:00pm
Thursday	3/13	K-8 Progress Reports Distributed	
Thursday	3/13	Level I Family Literacy Night	5-7pm
Friday	3/14	Professional Development Day – No school for students	
Monday	3/17	Education Committee	3:30pm
Wednesday	3/19	Governance Committee	6:00pm
Wednesday	3/19	Senior Trip Parent Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	3/21	SEPAC	8:30am

## COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK

The Knitting Bee held for the Warm Up America! Foundation was a huge success! The needles were clicking and the balls of yarn were rolling as 26 student knitters (a mix of boys and girls, beginners and 'old timers'), 5 teachers (Angie, Claire, Bev, Jody, Jo), and 3 parents (Jenn Pina-Parker, Patricia Waibel, Katherine Kardok) joined in the joy of knitting blocks to be sewn together into afghans for families in need. Thanks, also, to the families who donated yarn and needles for the event (Cyndie Connolly, Athena Jackson, Jody Regan, Brigid Nonamaker, Melissa Freitas, and Patricia Waibel). The kids are continuing to make the blocks at home and school, so any yarn donations would be appreciated (email Bev Bruce at [bbruce@sscps.org](mailto:bbruce@sscps.org)).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### “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!

**AFTERSCHOOL DRAMA PROGRAM WILL BE OFFERED! Attention families of students in grades K-5, please check your child’s backpacks for a brochure regarding a fee based after school drama program.**

## LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the March Order Form and Menu. Orders are due Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> by 3pm.

## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

**PENNIES FOR PATIENTS! REMINDER** Level II and High School Parents:

Please encourage your child to bring in pennies/ change for the Pennies for Patients program that is running through March 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a great Community Service event and the pod/ class winner is rewarded with a pizza party!

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few things that the school has done and will do during this school year to improve school safety and climate. During this year we have taken steps to introduce programs and initiate new ones to assist our students and families. Earlier this year we invited Dr. Elizabeth Englander to our school to address parent on bullying and we are in discussion with Dr. Englander to schedule next year's teacher and student training to continue developing a culture in which bullying is not tolerated. We also had Attorneys Mary Lee and Mark Dunderdale from the Plymouth County District Attorneys' Office make presentations to parent, staff, and students about Internet safety. Recently we have received a grant from the Plymouth County DA's Office to conduct a school safety survey. This will enable us to assess our students and their needs in regarding any dangerous or risky behaviors in which they may be participating or encountering. From this data we will be able to better plan future programs and apply for grants to support these programs.

Please know that we are committed to provide the highest quality educational experience in a safe and welcoming environment. If you ever feel there are issues related to student safety, in regards to a civil rights issue please feel free to contact Dan Falkner. He is our Civil Rights Officer and as such is responsible to investigating issues related to harassment or other violations of a student or staff member's civil rights. Dan can be reached at the school at x 311 or you may email him at [dfalkner@sscps.org](mailto:dfalkner@sscps.org).

Report cards for grades K-8 will be distributed to students this Thursday, March 13. Please contact your child's teacher(s) directly to discuss any questions you may have about your child's academic progress.

This Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, is a Professional Development Day. Faculty will begin working on review of the Social Studies and Spanish Curriculum. Also on the agenda will be a review of the current status of the revised Science curriculum.

Congratulations to the middle school basketball team on their fine showing at the recent tournament in Lawrence. While they may not have won the tournament, they have worked exceptionally hard all year and we are proud of their accomplishments.

Congratulations to the high school basketball teams who completed their season. These teams showed a lot of heart and class during the year. Though they may not have a lot of wins, they are such great representatives of the school!

*Dr. Tom Gorsuch*

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level I: "Practice makes perfect."

Level II: "That's the last straw."

### HOMEWORK CLUB

*Levels II & III*

- Trimester III begins March 11, rolling admissions
- Offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 3:00-4:00
- \$3 per hour, scholarships available
- Limited space available
- Applications available at front desk

**LEVEL II PERFORMANCE** – Kristin Swanson's Dance Project will be performing for parents on Thursday, March 13 at 2:15pm.

**HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE WORKSHOP PREPARES FOR PERFORMANCE!** The High School Theatre Workshop is in rehearsal for their spring performance and is 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](mailto:kseavey@sscps.org) or Rachel Meisels at [rmeisels@sscps.org](mailto:rmeisels@sscps.org). Thank you!

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

### **THE SECOND ANNUAL SSCPS WALK-A-THON WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

Soon the wood frogs will start their "quacking chorus" in the vernal pool that lies within Great Esker Park, North Weymouth. GEP is the site for the 2nd Annual SSCPS Walk-a thon. By participating in the Walk-a -thon, students will be able to raise funds for our great school and enjoy a gentle spring hike in the great outdoors. Further information and sponsor letters will be distributed to SSCPS families during the last week in March. Please call or email Joanne Keegan or Bob Sibbald if you would like to help out or have any questions. 781-340-1546, [keegsibb@yahoo.com](mailto:keegsibb@yahoo.com)

## SEPAC

**SEPAC WORKSHOP - Sensory Integration** - Thursday, March 27th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm will be presented by **Kathleen Donovan, OTR/L** who has been working as an occupational therapist for almost 10 years and has worked in a variety of settings including adults with developmental disabilities, early intervention, the Children's Developmental Disability Center, and now in the school systems. In each of these settings, she has used sensory integration techniques and activities to improve function and assist with developmental growth and have seen fabulous results! Sensory Integration (SI) is how the body takes in, processes, interprets, and responds to internal and external stimuli. It affects all aspects of our day and simple strategies can improve emotional responses as well as participation and attention!! These strategies can be used throughout the day or at certain times that may be challenging, such as homework!!

Please contact Beth Toma at [JToma85103@aol.com](mailto:JToma85103@aol.com) for further information regarding this workshop and also to RSVP to attend...

## 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](mailto: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

**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](http://www.choochootrans.com) or email [choochootrans@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.sscps.org). If your family would like to receive a paper copy please email a request to [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) or contact Kathy at 781-982-4202 ext. 100.

*Ladies, Friends and Family  
Of SSCPS Community  
You are cordially invited to attend  
Girls Night Out  
Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
7 pm*

*Tigerlily's  
48 Plymouth Street  
Rt. 139 Holbrook*

*\$25.00*

*Includes food, 1 drink &  
One pampering service of your choice:*

*Additional services \$10.00 each*

*Manicure*

*Stress relieving head/neck/shoulder massage*

*Eyebrow waxing*

*Tarot card reading (participation still pending)*

*There will be vendors on hand displaying unique goods  
and services for sale*

*Maddy and me designs, Arbonne skincare, Silpada jewelry, Cookie Lee, Stampin Up,  
Photography by Sandy, Private Quarters Linens,  
Tealightful Treasures, Barefoot Books, Intuit skincare,  
Kelly's Craft & décor, Tastefully Simple, Nagaki/Sumio creations*

*Proceeds of this event will be donated to the SSCPS Parents Association*

*Please Contact Kimberlee Dalton at [tkdee3@aol.com](mailto:tkdee3@aol.com)*

*You must be over 21 years of age to attend this event*

*Checks may be dropped off at the front desk and left in the envelope*

## Lunch Menu – March, 2008

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Turkey</i></b></p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</p>	<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Ham and Salami</i></b></p> <p>With Provolone Cheese lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Tuna Salad</i></b></p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Roast Beef</i></b></p> <p>With American cheese and mustard</p>	<p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>BLT</i></b></p> <p>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>13</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>
<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Ham</i></b></p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Chicken Salad</i></b></p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>	<p>20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>21</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Greek Salad</i></b></p> <p>With Greek dressing and pita bread</p>
<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Italian Cold Cuts</i></b></p> <p>With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</p>	<p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Turkey</i></b></p> <p>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Tuna Salad</i></b></p> <p>With lettuce and tomato</p>
<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>BLT</i></b></p> <p>Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise</p>	<p>4/1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>4/2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Roast Beef</i></b></p> <p>With American cheese and mustard</p>	<p>4/3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Cheese Pizza</i></b></p>	<p>4/4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Tossed Salad</i></b></p> <p>With Italian dressing and pita bread</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, 2008

**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 12, 2008**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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

Week of 3/17 – 3/21	<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 Salad
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Week of 3/24 – 3/28	<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 3/31 – 4/4	<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 Salad
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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

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.*





# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

K - 12 school  
serving over 22 different communities

**TOUCH A TRUCK - SUNDAY MAY 18, 2008**

10 am - 2 pm Abington Town Hall

## PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION

COMPANY/PARTICIPANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Participation Information

#### VEHICLE DISPLAY

Vehicle Type/ Description (attach proof of insurance and any special requirements): \_\_\_\_\_

**PRODUCT DONATION** Product Description/ Value \_\_\_\_\_

#### ADVERTISEMENT in Program Guide (Select level & attach hard copy or disc):

- |   |          |   |          |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Back Cover:                | \$250.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page:                 | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside Front or Back Cover | \$200.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter-Page / Buis. Card: | \$60.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page:                 | \$175.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Classified (3 lines):      | \$10.00  |

On-Site Event Advertisement: Contact Denise Demaggio (781) 826-5632



**CASH DONATION** Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FOOD SERVICE** (description note any special requirements) : \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTERTAINMENT/ AMUSEMENT** (TYPE / DESCRIPTION -NOTE AGE GROUP SUITABILITY & ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete form and return to :  
SSCPS

100 Longwater Circle  
Norwell, MA. 02061

Direct Questions to:  
Denise Demaggio (781) 826-5632  
ykeelpr@verizon.net  
Kirsten Mullen (781) 982-4084  
kirstenmullen19@hotmail.com





# ***ICE HOCKEY SIGN-UPS!***

## **5 through 17-year old Girls and Boys**

The program runs from early September through end of March.

Players will be on the ice a minimum of three days a week.



Players will be on the ice (practice, skills and game) at a minimum of three times a week starting early September. Games are held at various local rinks on the South Shore, practices are typically held at Zapustas Arena in Randolph. Playoffs are generally in early March. Visit [www.mohawkyouthhockey.org](http://www.mohawkyouthhockey.org) for more league information, rules and equipment requirements.

**SIGN-UP DATES:** in person at the *Zapustas Arena in Randolph, MA* or on-line at [www.mohawkyouthhockey.org](http://www.mohawkyouthhockey.org) (click on the registration Menu on the Home Page)

Monday, March 10 -- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Tuesday, March 11 -- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Thursday, March 13 -- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Friday, March 14 -- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**TRY-OUT DATES:** at the *Zapustas Arena in Randolph, MA*, Please check our website for level tryout date.

Monday, March 24  
Tuesday, March 25  
Thursday, March 27  
Friday, March 28

## **WHAT TO BRING WHEN YOU SIGN UP:**

- \$300 registration fee (register on the web or in person during the registration time)
  - 1 copy of player's birth certificate

Please make checks payable to: Mohawk Youth Hockey Association (credit cards are also accepted)

Questions or to register, visit [www.mohawkyouthhockey.org](http://www.mohawkyouthhockey.org) or E-mail [registration@mohawkyouthhockey.org](mailto:registration@mohawkyouthhockey.org)