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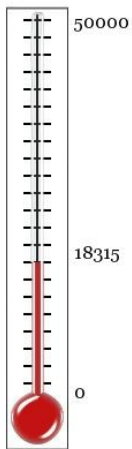
Daffodils, Red Sox and Spring Fever

Welcome April showers, daffodils, Red Sox baseball, and spring fever! There is much excitement at SSCPS as our Seniors finish their final exams and get ready to start their Senior Projects and everyone looks forward to spending time out of doors without gloves and winter coats, planting their gardens, and getting more exercise. The advent of spring also is a time when there is increased congestion in our parking lot. More of our high school students now have their licenses and younger students are often outside racing around our property. Please use caution when driving in our parking lot and help us to be good neighbors by not using the parking lots of businesses on Longwater Circle.

First Annual Girls Night Out a HUGE Success!

Kudos to parent Kim Dalton for spearheading SSCPS's first Girls Night Out. The event was sold out in advance and everyone in attendance (including yours truly) had a wonderful time. I had my first ever massage and I am now a convert. Kim did a fantastic job lining up the Tigerlily Design Studio and all of the vendors. Special thanks also to the owner of Tigerlily, Deb Weidner.

Annual Fund and Next Development Meeting



If you have not yet contributed to our Annual Fund, you will be receiving a reminder postcard from the Foundation early next week. To date, we have raised \$18,315 and the parent participation rate is 14.5%. Our primary goal for the year is 100% participation from all groups. Also, any donation to the Annual Fund is appreciated – from \$1 to \$1000 or more. Please help us reach our goals.

This year, there have been so many great fundraisers with two more planned for May: the 2nd Annual Walk-a-Thon at Great Esker Park in Weymouth (school day event) and Touch A Truck-in-Abington. On behalf of all members of the SSCPS family, I want to thank our parent volunteers for the MANY hours that they have devoted to making these events such huge successes. We appreciate all that you do to support our students and staff.

On Saturday, April 12, there will be a Development Committee meeting in Hull at the home of Jo Loughnane, new member of the Board of Trustees. Jo is no stranger to SSCPS – she is one of the founders! The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and run about two hours. The Development Committee and I would like to extend an invitation to attend to any parent involved in fundraising activities or interested in assisting the Development Committee in planning and scheduling events for next year. The purpose of the meeting is two-fold: review the year and all of the fundraising activities to get feedback on what works, recommendations, etc. and begin planning and building the calendar for the 2008-2009 year. If you can attend, please contact Pam Algera so that we can have a head count for Jo. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Reminders:

53 South Spring Wine Dinner: Last call for reservations --- Thursday, April 3

2nd Eco-Committee Meeting: Thursday, April 10 at 12:30 pm.

Earth Day Celebration: Friday, April 18

Prue Goodale

“All through the long winter, I dream of my garden. On the first day of spring, I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth. I can feel its energy, and my spirits soar.”—Actress Helen Hayes

Wednesday	4/02	School Council	3:30pm
Thursday	4/03	2 nd Annual Spring Wine Dinner at 53 South	6:30pm
Friday	4/04	SEPAC meeting	8:30am
Friday	4/04	Level IV Dance	6:30-9:30pm
Monday	4/07	Executive Committee Meeting – Panera Bread, Hingham	7:45am
Mon-Wed	4/07-09	Learning Service Mid-Cycle Review – Department of Education	
Tuesday	4/08	Governance Committee	6:00pm
Wednesday	4/09	Level III Field Trip to Lowell	
Thursday	4/10	Professional Development Early Release Day	12:00pm
Thursday	4/10	Parent Workshop with Dr. Bob Ross	12:15pm
Thursday	4/10	Eco Committee Meeting	12:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention All Proud Parents

Place an ad in the yearbook to celebrate a graduating senior, your favorite student, or anyone else who is deserving of praise. Your ad and sentiment will become a permanent archival piece at South Shore Charter Public School.

A **full page** ad cost **\$150**, a **half page** ad costs **\$75**, a **quarter page** ad costs **\$40** and a **business card** size ad costs **\$25**. Unfortunately our **deadline** came quickly than we had anticipated. We will need to have all advertisement orders in by **Friday April 4th**.

To expedite the process please send your ad and size information directly to the yearbook team at sscps.webclass@msn.com. You may use whatever word processing or picture format that suits your needs. Checks should be made out to South Shore Charter Public School attention yearbook committee.

Behavior Workshop on Challenging Behavior with Children - By Dr. Bob Ross - on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 12:15 pm. This workshop will immediately follow early release and will be held at the school and is open to all parents. Dr. Bob Ross who is from Beacon Services will be presenting this workshop.

A description of this workshop is the following:

Title: Top Ten List: Functional Advice To Give Parents Regarding Problem Behavior At Home.

This workshop will identify and discuss specific strategies that can be given to/taught to parents to aid them in managing and decreasing the occurrence of challenging behavior at home and in the community. The training is set up like a David Letterman “Top Ten” list (although I count up rather than down). The workshop is designed to be interactive and there are opportunities for parents to ask questions about specific problems they encounter at home.

Proposed Learning Outcomes:

- Participants will be able to describe specific responses to problem behavior that often fail to help decrease problem behavior.
- Participants will be able to identify the variables that most often contribute to the occurrence of problem behavior.
- Participants will be able to list alternative ways of responding to problem behavior in order to decrease its occurrence.

Baby sitting will be available. If you are interested in attending this workshop please RSVP to Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com. If you need baby sitting services for your children during this workshop please indicate this when you RSVP with the ages of your children.

DRAMA KIDS

The Drama Kids after school program has a few openings for students in grades K-5. Classes will begin on Thursday, March 27 and the class will be held from 3:15 – 4:15pm. For more information and registration please call Trish McAleer at 781-749-4911

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the April Menu and Order form. Orders for April are due Thursday, April 3rd by 3pm.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Middle School Basketball: Please congratulate Chris DuCott and Becca Garber for being named Massachusetts Charter Basketball League All-Stars for their efforts this past season!

Flag Football: Registration for flag football for grades 3-6 will begin on Monday April 7th and forms will be available at the front desk and at Will Glennon's office. The clinic will run for 5 weeks on Tuesday's and Thursday's beginning Tuesday April 29th and the cost will be \$50.00. Practices will begin at 3:15 and promptly end at 4:15 pm. All further information will be available on Monday.

Golf: SSCPS will be offering a golf clinic again this year. The details are nearly completed and the tentative start date will be the week of June 2nd.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

A health presentation will be held for the high school students on April 8th, @1:00. Representatives from the Women's Place, The District Attorney's Office, and The South Shore Women's Center will be here to discuss issues regarding sexual assault, laws, dating violence, and healthy relationships.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are pleased to announce that we have received a \$500 grant from the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office to help us conduct a Communities That Care Survey. This survey asks our students about their participation in or experience of smoking and other tobacco product use, drug and alcohol abuse, and violence related behaviors including weapons possession. This information will assist us in applying for new health and wellness programs and, possibly, equipment and facilities. We will be conducting this survey next week with students in grades 6-12 only. The results of the survey should be returned to us in late April and we will provide a report sometime in May. We would like to thank Judy Kaplan for all her work on this project and interfacing with the Plymouth County DA's Office to secure the grant.

MCAS English Language Arts exams finish this week. Results of these exams will be available over the summer. Thanks to the teachers and parents for getting the students ready for these important exams. The Math, Science, and Social Studies will be administered in May and early June.

Senior Debates on the question "Is Affirmative Action just?" concluded last Thursday. Thanks to Mr. Small for preparing the seniors for this important exit standard and to the students for their participation. Seniors have concluded their classes on April 1 and begin their finals today. The seniors' final exit standard – The Senior Project – begins on Monday, April 7.

Senior Finals are this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The schedule;

Wednesday, 8:30 AM, A block 10:30 AM, B block

Thursday, 8:30 AM, C block 10:30 AM, D block

Friday, 8:30 AM, E block 10:30 AM, any make-ups

Seniors are dismissed at 12:00 PM during these days.

News from the High School Debate Team; at last weekend's competition:

Ryan Brenner & Adrianna Perry had high speaker points in all 4 rounds (4 tough rounds!). Kelly Barber & Kaila Millet won 2 rounds! At this weekend's competition, Freshmen Jackie Perry and Yolanda Patten came along and competed in the Acting category of the competition. They participated in the Duo Interpretation competition. This is the first time ever that we have had students compete in this, and they placed an impressive 7th! For the Open Forum Debate competition; Ryan Brenner & Nick Sisson received a trophy for 3rd place. Kaila Millet & Kristin Cheney (although winning one) had all high speaker points and were given excellent comments (best speaker they had seen all day, etc.). Each school competing is required to bring judges, thanks to Mary Cole for contributing her Saturday this past weekend to meet this requirement. Thanks to Tara Turner for undying dedication to this team. The team has done so much better than anticipated as they are in their first year. And thanks to all of the students who spend exorbitant amounts of time researching topic, preparing speeches and then competing. This is such a great thing for South Shore Charter Public School to be involved in!

Grades for the High School close this Friday, April 4th. Report cards for the will go home on Thursday, April 10th.

Thursday, April 10th is an early release day for Professional Development. We will continue to work on curriculum development for Social Studies, Spanish, and Science.

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level I: "It's raining cats and dogs."

Level II: "His bark is worse than his bite."

BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM - There are still openings in the Before School Program which runs from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. We are having lots of fun with arts and crafts, sewing projects, and computer phonics! Please note that Level I and Level II students are not to be in the building before 8:45 unless they are accompanied by parents or guardians, or have enrolled in the morning program. If you are interested in this earlier drop-off program, please contact Judy Pritchard at jpritchard@sscps.org.

JUNE'S LEVEL I SPONSORING FOOD DRIVE

Dear SSCPS Families: We are having a food drive for Wellspring. We need canned food, boxed food, toilet paper, cereal, diapers, formula, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, wipes, canned meat/fish, soap and deodorant. The collection boxes will be outside of June's Pod. Thank you, from Harrison Carter and Matthew Freitas; Project Journalists

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

THE SECOND ANNUAL SSCPS WALK-A-THON WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 8th

The SSCPS PA Walk-a-thon will be held at Great Esker Park in North Weymouth on May 8th. Participants will be bused to and from the school. At the park volunteers will lead the children on age-appropriate hikes that highlight interesting natural and cultural aspects of the land. Walk-a-thon sponsor forms and permission slips went home last week and should be returned by April 18th. An orientation session for interested volunteers will be held at Great Esker Park on May 2nd from 1:00 to 2:00. Anyone who would like to attend this session should contact Joanne Keegan @ 781-340-1546 or email keegsibb@yahoo.com.

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 have the following vehicles/services so far: Abington -Fire Truck, Braintree -Fire/Rescue Truck, T&K trucking -18 wheeler with a grater or grinder, Troupe Waste- garbage truck; Aiello Trucking – dump truck, Clifford- roll off truck, Hanson Fuel – fuel truck that looks like a monster truck, Monadnock Water – water donation and truck, Plymouth County Sheriff Dept.– vehicle and Child ID Unit, Longwater School Bus. Lots of other vehicles/vendors are in the works and we will be updating this list. Once again if you have any contacts for trucking and or food/beverage donations please contact me ASAP as we are finalizing our plans. Thanks to all who have participated in recruiting trucks and volunteers. We are still looking for volunteers the day of the event to help position trucks, direct traffic, take/sell tickets, etc. A Volunteer sign up sheet will be posted on the update soon. 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. Please contact Kirsten Mullen at kirstenmullen19@hotmail.com or call 781-982-4094.

PAPA GINO'S FUNDRAISER – On Monday, April 7, 2008 at Papa Gino's at 532 Pond Street in South Weymouth (781-331-2266) will donate 20% of sales to SSCPS. In order for the school to receive the donation you must bring the official Papa Gino's flyer, copies are available at the Front Desk.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Anticipated 2008-2009 job openings:

Full Time:

Elementary Teacher Gr. 1-6
Middle School Math Teacher
Middle School Science Teacher
Middle School Humanities/Social Studies
High School Math Teacher Gr. 7-12
Elementary Spanish Teacher Gr. K-6
Middle School Spanish Teacher Gr. 7-8
Certified School Psychologist
Certified Occupational Therapist

Part Time:

Physical Education Teacher Gr. K-2

Send resume/cover letter/ references by March 31, 2008 to: Kristine Shipps, Business Manager

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

BROWNIE TROOP PLAYGROUND PAINTING

The Brownie Troop is organizing the painting of designs (hopscotch, 4-square, basketball court, etc.) on the blacktop. We could use some supplies (measuring tapes, chalk snap lines, large letter and number stencils, old paintbrushes). If you are able to help in any way, please let Maureen Hebert know at (781) 837-8952 or mhebert@metlife.com.

STUDENT COLLECTING RECEIPTS FOR HULL SEASIDE ANIMAL RESCUE

Dear SSCPS Community,

There is a kitten/cat shelter in Hull on L Street. The shelter's name is the Hull Seaside Animal Rescue. The shelter is collecting Shaw's and Star Market receipts to buy supplies for the kittens and cats. For every \$10.00 spent at Shaw's or Star Market, the shelter will get 10 cents. Their goal is to raise \$2,500.00 or more throughout 2008. There will be an envelope at the front desk to collect the receipts from students, parents and workers. The ending date of the collection is June 1st, 2008. I will give them to the shelter. You can contact the Hull Seaside Animal Rescue shelter (877-378-1195) for more information. If you have any more receipts after June 1st just bring them into the shelter on L Street. If you cannot bring the receipts to the shelter right away, you can mail them to HSAR P.O. Box 787 Hull, MA 02045. Collect as many as you can until June 1st. Thanks for your help! Sincerely, Maris Kaplan

"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

SHORESIDE ASTHMA & ALLERGY EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, April 2, 2008 "FOOD ALLERGY Parent Roundtable"

Share experiences and hear ideas from others about travel and vacation tips, summer programs, birthday parties, school lunches, visiting relatives, and more.

Meet others who share your concerns and challenges; learn about resources and strategies. You are not alone!

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 "FOOD ALLERGY UPDATE: What's New in Research and Prevention?"

Speaker: Allergist Michael Young, MD

*Author of *The Peanut Allergy Answer Book**

Join us for an important presentation, and a chance to get your questions answered and meet other parents of children with food allergies. *TIME:* 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *LOCATION:* North Pembroke Elementary School 72 Pilgrim Road, Pembroke

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, New England Chapter, is proud to sponsor these meetings, which are free and open to the public. Please check our website for details of other support group programs: www.asthmaandallergies.org or contact Sharon Schumack, Director of Education, AAFANE, Tel. 781-444-7778 or by e-mail: sharons@aafane.org.

NEW ENGLAND WILDLIFE CENTER – EVENTS – Located at 500 Columbian Street, So Weymouth
Nature Walk – First Sunday of each month at 2pm. On these nature walks we will explore the Andrea Harris McKenna Nature Trail led by one of the educators of the NEWC. The trail is .4 miles and the walks typically take about 1 hour and are appropriate for all ages. The cost is \$5 per person. \$20 max per family. Upcoming confirmed dates are April 6 and May 4.

Reptile Day with Dr. Joe Martinez and Matt Reisman –Saturday April 19 – 10am-2pm – Spend the day learning about snakes, lizards, and turtles from far away and right in our backyard. Best for the 4th and 5th graders. \$35 per kid for this 4 hours session.

Conservation Club – Tuesday's March 25, April 1 and April 8 from 4 – 5:30pm. Bug Zappers – come learn about bats, flycatchers, frogs and other insectivore animals. Kids will explore live animals, discuss environmental issues and build bat houses in this three session program. Best for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. To sign up contact Matt Reisman 781-682-4878 ext. 113.

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.

Lunch Menu – April 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 <i>Turkey</i> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	8 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	9 <i>Ham</i> With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	10 <i>Early Release</i> NO LUNCH	11 <i>Tuna Salad</i> With lettuce and tomato
14 <i>Roast Beef</i> With American cheese and mustard	15 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	16 <i>BLT</i> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	17 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	18 <i>Greek Salad</i> With Greek dressing and pita bread
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28 <i>Italian Cold Cuts</i> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	29 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	30 <i>BLT</i> Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	5/1 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	5/2 <i>Tuna Salad</i> With lettuce and tomato

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. For Level 1 a Lunchable and Milk will be provided for the same cost. A note from the office will go home that week for reimbursement.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of April 2008
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, April 3, 2008

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 4/7 – 4/11	<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 No Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Sub ½ sub Wheat
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Week of 4/14 – 4/18	<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 4/21 – 4/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
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Week of 4/28 – 5/2	<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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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	_____	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

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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):

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| <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

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