SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE April 16, 2008 Vol. 4. Issue 3

Late breaking news ...

When I arrived at school Monday morning, Tara Turner, high school science teacher and debate team advisor, had some exciting news for me. Over the weekend she was notified that one of the Massachusetts' Debate Teams had to withdraw from the National Competition in Appleton, Wisconsin. Since SSCPS is the alternate team, we were now invited to be one of the teams representing Massachusetts. Of course, I told Tara to reply in the affirmative! What an absolutely outstanding year Tara and the students on the debate team have had. This is the first year that SSCPS has competed at the local and state levels and to advance to the Nationals is quite a feat. What makes this even more special is that Tara is from Wisconsin, her high school debate teacher will be involved in the Nationals, AND the competition in Appleton is a short drive from her parent's home. Tara's parents have graciously offered to have the students stay with them. Representing SSCPS is senior Nick Sisson and juniors Ryan Brenner and Olivia Mignosa. Olivia is the team's "researcher" and Ryan and Nick will be the debaters. The students will leave on Thursday, May 22 and return on Tuesday, May 27th. All members of the SSCPS community will be cheering them on and thinking of them over Memorial Day weekend.

More good news: we also were notified on Monday that Junior Anna Hill has been accepted into the Worcester Art All State program. Each year, the Worcester Art Museum accepts 142 high school juniors from all over Massachusetts for a two day program. High school art teachers may nominate up to two students. To be eligible, students must demonstrate a keen interest in all areas of art. In addition to being nominated by their teacher, students must participate in a personal interview in which they discuss their artwork with a group of art teachers. This is the first year that SSCPS has ever nominated a student – and another first for us. Congratulations, Anna! Kudos to Marianne Buckley Curran and all of our art teachers.

Update on the Fundraising Summit and an invitation to the second meeting ...

We had a great turn-out for our first fundraising summit on Saturday. Twenty-two folks made time in there very busy lives to attend this important meeting. There was much lively conversation and we spent some of the time going over SSCPS' fundraising efforts over its thirteen year history. Most importantly, we had a diverse group in attendance – members of the Board of Trustees and the Foundation, staff members, and parents. Although the meeting was scheduled to end at 11:00 a.m., we went overtime and most folks stayed until 11:45 a.m. This summit was a good beginning and all in attendance agreed that we needed to schedule a follow-up meeting so that we could make more progress on the fundraising calendar for 2008-2009. We agreed upon Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Jo Loughnane, one of the founders of SSCPS, a new Board of Trustees member, and our gracious host, (and superb baker of blueberry muffins!) again offered to host the meeting in her home in Hull. Any one interested in fundraising and development is welcome to attend this meeting.

Volunteers for Annual Fund Phone-A-Thon Needed ...

On Tuesday, April 29 and Thursday, May 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., there will be an Annual Fund Phone-A-Thon at SSCPS. We are looking for volunteers to help us make the calls to those parents who have not yet made their donation to our Annual Fund. If you are available on either April 29th or May 1st to help with the phone-a-thon, please contact Pam Algera so that we will know how many volunteers we will have each night – refreshments (cold cuts, etc) will be provided.

The Annual Fund is THE most important (and essential) fundraiser at SSCPS. Monies raised from the Annual Fund go directly to the school's operating budget (teachers' salaries, classroom materials and supplies, textbooks, professional development for staff, etc.) Remember that our GOAL for this year is ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) participation. *Prue Goodale*

"Stretch your mind and fly." Whitney M. Young, Jr., Civil Rights Activist

Thursday	4/17	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	4/17	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	4/18	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	4/18	Earth Day Celebrations	
Mon-Fri	4/21-25	Spring Break – No School	
Monday	4/28	Classes Resume	8:15am
Tuesday	4/29	Annual Fund Phone-A-Thon	6:30-8:30pm
Thursday	5/01	Annual Fund Phone-A-Thon	6:30-8:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS!

Several activities have been planned for the students on the afternoon of Friday, April 18th. Please check with your child's teacher or Level Coordinator for schedule.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the April Order for the remainder of the month. April orders are due Thursday, April 17th by 3pm. Also enclosed is the May Order Form and Menu. May orders are due Thursday, May 1st by 3pm.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Flag Football: Football will begin the Tuesday after April vacation and is open to all students in level 2 and level 3. Registration forms can be found at the front desk, on the levels, or in Will Glennon's office located on the high school village green.

Golf: Instruction has been set up to begin on Monday June 2^{nd} and will be offered to all students in all levels. The Registration forms will be available on the Monday we return from April vacation.

Running Club: The SSCPS running club has started and if you would like to join, we will be running on Monday's and Thursday's with a schedule to be made up of alternating Tuesday's and Wednesday's. The club will also run in the Nike 5K held at Franklin Park on May 31st.

ART NEWS

Please be sure to check out Emily Lincoln's Level II students who created Catina Doll. The display is in the front cabinet. They spent a lot of creative energy and time to make these colorful figures. See if you can guess what each represents.

The Congressional Art Show is this Friday at 7pm at the Duxbury Art Complex. The following high school students have entered into this show, Jimmy Beggen, Cory Bowker-Kelley, Andres Butler, Emily Doolittle, Zoe Estabrooks, Hannah Hayes, Anna Hill, Caroline Lafauci, Eliza Lunny, Marie Maskell, Samantha Wholley and Rachael Kent. Congratulations and good luck.

Great news, Anna Hill an 11th grade high school student has been selected to join the Worcester All State 2 Day Workshop at the Worcester Art Museum. This is a highly competitive process to be selected. The students from all of Massachusetts enter a portfolio, essay, recommendation and application form, followed up by an interview. Anna was selected from a field of approximately 2,400 other students. Congratulations Anna Hill!!

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

Please be aware that it is tic season again. The wooded areas are off limits at recess however this may not prevent contact with tics. Please check your children at home and report any occurrences to the Health Office.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On Thursday, April 17 will be conducting the Communities That Care survey for grades 6 -11. This survey is part of our efforts to provide programs to address the health and safety of our school community. This work is being supported in part by a grant from the Plymouth County District Attorney's office. Our thanks go out to DA Timothy Cruz and Ed Jacoubs. Also a big thank you to Judy Kaplan for her help in coordinating this effort with the DA's office.

Earth Day celebrations at the school are scheduled to be held this Friday, April 18. From 1 - 2:45 PM students will be involved in numerous activities around the school and at Holly Hill Farms. It will be a great celebration of the Earth and an opportunity for our students to learn more about preserving our natural resources and "going green." Thanks to Tara Turner and Amy Ruder and the entire Science Committee for coordinating these Earth Day events. For more information by class please check with your child's teacher or level coordinator.

Today, Level 4 will be traveling to Plymouth Plantation (Grade 7) and the Museum of Science (Grade 8) to learn more about issues they have been studying recently in their classes. We are grateful for the terrific weather.

The year is coming to a close all too fast. There will be many events coming in May. Stay tuned for further announcements. **Have a great vacation. Enjoy and relax- the best is yet to come!**

Dr. Tom Gorsuch

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level I: "April showers bring May flowers." 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 students are not to be in the building before 7:45 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.

D.E.A.R. Huge Success! A quick thank you to all who helped to make our D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) day. The special snacks were well received. Thank you, parents! Many upper level teachers and administrators were willing to give up some of their free periods to be guest readers in our classrooms. Special "thank-yous" to Prue Goodale, Dr. Gorsuch, Ted Hirsch, Erin Ritchie, Pedro Alonso, Cyndie Connolly, Mariclare Cheney, Joan Manchester, Bev Bruce, Susan Dupras, Mr. Small, Nicole Keily, and Lennie Chin. The children loved listening to your stories. Thank you so much for being a part of our day.

Velma Begley Level I Coordinator

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

NEWS FROM LEVEL II

- Level II Math MCAS test dates are Monday, May 19th and Tuesday, May 20th.
- The second annual Level II Cookie Social is May 15th coming up....more information to follow. Let your child's pod teacher know if you are interested in volunteering to help out with this event. Please remember to label the ingredients for all food donations especially if the items contain nuts or nut oils.
- Science Fair contracts and information has gone home. Please work with your child to get them thinking about a great project for the Science Fair.

- Earth Day celebrations will be held on Friday, April 18th. Parents that would like to volunteer are welcome to call their child's pod teacher or Kendra to help out.
- Kendra has been sending out Level II families group emails with level specific information and announcements. If you have not been receiving these email messages please contact Kendra at kwhiting@sscps.org. or let her know if you would like to receive paper copies of these announcements.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Elections were held for the Student Board Officers for 2008-09. Congrats to the following students:

President	Carly Hayes	Class of 2009
Vice-President	Tee Smith	Class of 2009
Secretary	Olivia Mignosa	Class of 2009
Treasurer	Andrew Tyler	Class of 2008
Board of Trustees		
Representative	Alyse Algera	Class of 2009

Congratulations to Ryan Brenner who will be featured in an upcoming edition of the Mariner Newspaper as one of the South Shore's "Best and Brightest" high school students!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

2008-2009 PA ELECTION BALLOT

Please complete the Parents Association election ballot at the back of this week's Update and return it to the school's front desk no later than Friday, May 16. Your responses to the survey questions are very important. The PA election will be run through late April and early May, with the new Parents Association volunteers beginning in June. You'll notice that a couple of the positions still need to be filled. Please feel free to volunteer for those, or any, spots. Thank you.

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

We've planned interesting nature hikes in Great Esker Park in North Weymouth and we hope the participants will enjoy the fresh air and the beautiful vistas. All sponsor forms and permission slips must be returned by this Friday, April 18th. We need these returned so the committee can plan for buses, chaperones and guides. Anyone who is interested in volunteering is invited to attend an afternoon training on Friday, May 2nd 1-2pm. The trainings is being held at Great Esker Park. Please call Joanne Keegan at 781-340-1546 or email keegsibb@yahoo.com. Thanks to the many parents who have already offered to help, we'll be contacting volunteers during the next two weeks to schedule specific volunteer times.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Anticipated 2008-2009 job openings:

Full Time:

Part Time: Physical Education Teacher Gr. K-2

Fun Time.FaiElementary Teacher Gr. 5-6PhyMiddle School Math TeacherPhyMiddle School Science TeacherPhyHigh School Math Teacher Gr. 7-12PhyElementary Spanish Teacher Gr. 7-12PhyCertified School Spanish Teacher Gr. 7-8PhyCertified School PsychologistPhyCertified Occupational TherapistPhy

Send resume/cover letter/ references to: Kristine Shipps, Business Manager

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



The 6th Annual **Big Haircut** is Coming – MAY 30th

10 inches of hair required - come join *our* Big Give to give your hair to be sent to Locks for Love, an organization that makes wigs for children who lose their hair due to chemotherapy and other diseases. ALL are invited to participate. Let's beat last year's record of 140 inches of braid! (Total of 495 inches collected in last 5 years) Sign up on the door of office 24, call ext 212 for questions or send email to<u>cdarrow@sscps.org</u>. Get ½ of your community service hours! The Big Count Down, Drum roll, & Cheers begin at 2:15 on the High School Green. JOIN US!

STUDENT COLLECTING RECEIPTS FOR HULL SEASIDE ANIMAL RESCUE

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

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NEEDED DURING APRIL VACATION TO HELP WITH THE

EXCAVATION of an old Wompatuck Park entrance so it can be paved and made handicapped accessible. We will be working on the project Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am to 2pm. Individuals are welcome for one or more days and will receive community service hours for their time worked. The project will be at the Doan St. entrance to Wompatuck in Cohasset, maps are available. If any one has spade shovels, pickaxes, or work gloves please bring them. For questions contact Andrew Tyler at (781)-626-3995.

"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, 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: <u>www.asthmaandallergies.org</u> 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 4^{th} and 5^{th} graders. \$35 per kid for this 4 hours session.

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 <u>www.sscps.org</u>. If your family would like to receive a paper copy please email a request to <u>palgera@sscps.org</u>.

South Shore Charter Public School - Parents Association

2008 – 2009 Officer Elections

Please check the candidate's box or write in a candidate on the line provided. Return this form to the school's front desk by **3:00 PM Friday, May 16, 2008.**

Also, please complete the brief survey questions at the end of the ballot.

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	OFFICERS	
Chair		Vice Chair
Deidre LaMoureux		Karen Boyle
•		•
Treasurer		Secretary
Denise DeMaggio		Donna Walsh
•		•
	GRADE REPRESENT	ATIVES
Kindergarten	Grade One	Grade Two
Melissa Freitas	Julianne Tilden	Kim Dalton
•	•	•
Grade Three	Grade Four	Grade Five
Michelle Amicangelo	Deidre LaMoureux	•
	•	•
Grade Six	Grade Seven	Grade Eight
Malee Neusee	Bev Bruce	Karen Boyle
•	•	•
Grade Nine	Grade Ten	Grade Eleven
•	KT Leary	Mariclaire Cheney
•	•	•

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Fundraising & Events	Library Committee	Welcoming Committee
•	Bev Bruce	Janet Coletti
•	•	•
Health & Safety Committee	Arts & Music Committee	Community Service Com
Michelle Amicangelo	Kim Engle	Jae Picard
•	•	•
	SURVEY	
What would you like the PA to do	over the next year? The next five yea	re?

Have you attended any PA meetings this year? Why or why not?_____

Do you have any ideas about how the PA can help, improve, or support the school? _____

Do you have any concerns about the school with which the Parents Association can help?

How have you volunteered your time and talents to the school?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6	7	8	9
Turkey	No Lunch	Ham	No Lunch	Tossed Salad With Italian dressing
With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo	Early Release	With American cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	School Wide Walk-A-Thon	and pita bread
12	13	14	15	16
Roast Beef	Cheese Pizza	BLT	Cheese Pizza	Tuna Salad
With American cheese and mustard		Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise		With lettuce and tomato
19	20	21	22	23
Italian Cold Cuts	Cheese Pizza	Turkey	Cheese Pizza	Greek Salad
With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil		With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo		With Greek dressing and pita bread
26	27	28	29	30
NO SCHOOL	Cheese Pizza	BLT	Cheese Pizza	Tuna Salad
Memorial Day		Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise		With lettuce and tomato

Lunch Menu – May, 2008

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 May 2008 Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, May 1, 2008

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor	Grade	
Please <u>CHECK</u> off the day lunch will be ordered and <u>CIRCLE</u> y	your selection.	
Week of 5/5 - 5/9[] Monday Sub 1/2 sub Wheat[] Tuesday No Lunch[] Wednesday Sub 1/2 sub Wheat	[] Thursday [] Friday No Lunch Salad	
Week of 5/12 - 5/16[] Monday Sub[] Tuesday Pizza[] Wednesday 	[] Thursday [] Friday Pizza Sub # ¹ / ₂ sub Wheat	
Week of 5/19 - 5/23[] Monday Sub[] Tuesday Pizza[] Wednesday Sub1/2 sub1/2 sub1/2 subWheatWheatWheat	[] Thursday [] Friday Pizza Salad #	
Week of [] Monday [] Tuesday [] Wednesday 5/26 - 5/30 No School Pizza Sub # ¹ / ₂ sub Wheat	[] Thursday [] Friday Pizza Sub # ¹ ⁄2 sub Wheat	
Number of Subs/Wheat orderedXNumber of ½ subs orderedXNumber of Pizza Slices orderedXNumber of SaladsXLess credit dueX	\$5.00 \$3.00 \$1.50 \$3.00	
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.

Lunch Order Form Lunch for the Month of April 2008 Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, April 17, 2008

Student Nam	e					
Pod Teacher/Advisor				Grade		
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COMPANY/PARTICIPANT'S NAME				
Contact Name:				
Address:				
E-mail address:	Telephone #:	Fa x #:		
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VEHICLE DISPLAY		—		
Vehicle Type/ Description (attach pro	oof of insurance and any special require	ments):		
PRODUCT DONATION Product D	escription/ Value			
Back Cover: \$250.0 Inside Front or Back Cover \$200.0 Full Page: \$175.0	Guide (Select level & attach hard copy or 00 Half Page: 00 Quarter-Page / Buis. Card: 00 Classified (3 lines): tact Denise Demaggio (781) 826-5632	\$100.00		
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FOOD SERVICE (description no	te any special requirements) :			
	NT (TYPE / DESCRIPTION -NOTE AGE	GROUP SUITABILITY & ANY		
Please complete form and return to SSCPS		rect Questions to: Demaggio (781) 826-5632		
100 Longwater Circle		eclpr@verizon.net		
Norwell, MA. 02061	Kirsten	Mullen (781) 982-4084		
	kir	stenmullen19@hotmail.com		