

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

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The end of another school year...

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. As I wrote in my first letter to all of you back in August, 2007-2008 would be a very special year for SSCPS. Of course, one special event would be the graduation of four students who had been with us since kindergarten! In each Update, I have attempted to chronicle some of our very special events, the prestigious awards that our students and their teachers received, the numerous fundraising events spearheaded by you, our awesome parents, and the new programs and initiatives that were under consideration for next year.

In several of the fall Updates, I wrote about the conversations that we were having with parents, faculty, staff, and the Board of Trustees about “who we are”. After numerous meetings, we reached consensus that there were three key words that best described us: *Independence, Knowledge, and Community*. At about the same time that the discussions were going on, we also determined that it was time to update our website.

As you know, part of the redesign of the website included having our logo in the header. Although we anticipated having the new site up and running in March, there were concerns about the logo designed by the web designer. While everyone agreed that the logo should be a tree, there was not consensus on what kind of a tree best represented SSCPS. Thank goodness, parent and graphic designer, Tim Coletti, came to the rescue. Over two months and days of researching and designing a tree that would be “so charter,” Tim has come up with a new logo that has won the unanimous approval of everyone who has seen it! Tim will be presenting the logo to the Board of Trustees at tomorrow’s Board meeting. Many thanks to Tim for volunteering to work on the design and coming up with a logo that truly represents the school. By August, the new website should be up and running. I know that everyone will like the new look and the ease of maneuvering the site!

Fond farewells and best wishes...

In article after article about student achievement and success in school, there is agreement that what makes the most difference is the teacher. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the school administration I would like to thank all of our teachers and support staff for all that they do for our students. What has made SSCPS rise to the top for me as the best school that I have every worked in are two things: the dedication and commitment of the teachers to the students and the school and the dedication and support of the parents. Monday, June 23, we will have a luncheon for our staff and our last faculty meeting. At that time, we will be saying goodbye to several staff members. We wish all the best to the following staff that will be leaving SSCPS: Gwen Caldwell, Lisa Cooper, Amanda Duarte, Juvelyn Hartweg, Marcina Howard, Virginia Kelly, Kumie Leonard, Heather Mcavoy, Richard Merget, Paula Nicoli, Michael Ramirez, Amy Ruder, Julia Silzer, Amy Thibault and Wyatt Yuhav Cove.

Tomorrow evening is the final Board of Trustees meeting for the fiscal year. We will be saying goodbye to three special board members who will be greatly missed. Dorothy Galo, Dominic Slowey and Frank White. Earlier in the year Ed Hagerty and Charleen Tyson stepped down. All of us at SSCPS wish these five dedicated individuals the very best and hope that they will all stay connected to SSCPS.

Summer Fun . . .

The faculty, staff, Tom, Ted, Jo, and I wish all our families a healthy, productive and enjoyable summer. Once again this summer, the Parents Association has planned some fun events. The first is SSCPS Night at the Brockton Rox, Friday, July 18th. Tickets are a great buy at \$5 a ticket. Bring family and friends, cheer on the Rox and watch SSCPS' name up on the marquee! Contact Kerri Griffin for tickets. The second activity is the play group program at SSCPS where current SSCPS parents invite our new kindergarten students and their parents to SSCPS for some fun on our playground equipment and introductions to our school community.

In between the summer reading and family trips, we would love to have you stay connected with us. If you want to drop by and say hello, our summer hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday. We will be closed on Fridays.

Prue Goodale

“In summer, the song sings itself.” – William Carlos Williams

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Annual Satisfaction Survey
on the SSCPS website at:
www.sscps.org**

Thursday	6/19	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	6/19	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	6/20	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	6/20	Last day of classes – Early Release for all students	12:00pm
Thursday	6/26	Progress Reports Mailed	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS RESIDING IN COHASSET, HINGHAM, HULL

To all current and prospective Longwater Transportation riders from Hull, Hingham and Cohasset: the bus service will continue! We are in the process of establishing required rider ship and a fee schedule, in order to financially secure the bus for the 2008-2009 school year. A second meeting will be held at the home of Amy Lemkin, 81 Coburn Street, Hull, Thursday, June 19th at 7 PM. Please email Cheryl Casey ccasey@redtreeprod.com, Anna Marie Webber alopezwebber1@aol.com or Tara Iorio trdmiorio@verizon.net for information.

PARENTS STAY INFORMED DURING THE SUMMER - You can still sign up for the GoogleGroups email list. To find out about SSCPS activities, to communicate with other SSCPS parents, to share information and ideas, join the group. The list currently includes about 200 parents, and is growing. If you'd like to be included, simply send an email to sscpsparents@googlegroups.com and say "Sign Me Up."

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

MEDICATION

Please come to the Health Office before or on the last day of school to pick-up your child's medication. Any medication not picked-up will be disposed of after June 20, 2008. All authorization forms and medications must be renewed for the 2008/2009 school year. Hope everyone has a great summer vacation!

PEANUT/ NUT ALLERGY: The status of Level I and Level II will be reevaluated at the beginning of the school year based on the students on the Levels.

Thank you to Lynn Bethel and the Smart Smiles program for providing the wonderful free dental services to our students. We appreciate it and hope they will return again next year!!

PRINCIPALS REPORT

We have arrived at the final days of school for the year. It never ceases to amaze me how fast the year goes by. The old cliché seems to be correct – the older I get the faster the years go by.

As we take stock of the year –it has been a successful one. We continue to grow and improve. New programs and improved student achievement. And great hopes for continued growth next year!

None of this would be possible without the dedicated effort of the students, staff, and parents. All of you make this a very special place to come each day. Thank you for all you for all you have done and continue to do.

Desmond Sullivan from Nicole's Pod on Level 2 was Principal for the Day on Thursday, June 12. He wrote this message for this update:

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY SCHOOL

Hi. My name is Desmond Sullivan, and I am principal of the day. I like my school because we are very nice to each other. We have good friendships. We are loyal to others. We are grateful for each other. That is why I like my school.

Thanks Desmond for sharing your time as Principal for the day and those fine words. We echo those sentiments.

A few things to close out the year-

- Level 3 takes its annual trek to George's Island today. It looks like the weather will cooperate and they will have a wonderful time. Thanks to the Level 3 staff and parents for making this a great year end event.
- High School and Level 4 finals will be this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (June 18-20). High School students will be dismissed at 12 PM on Wednesday and Thursday and at 10:30 on Friday. Level 4 students will be in school until 3PM on Wednesday and Thursday for studies and will be dismissed at 12PM on Friday following the move up ceremony.
- Levels 1-4 will be holding move up ceremonies on Friday June 20. Please consult you level coordinators for exact times.
- Report cards, progress reports and summer reading assignments will be mailed home next week. The summer reading is meant to encourage students to continue their learning throughout the summer and to take pleasure in reading and learning. If you have questions about the summer reading, level coordinators will be in periodically throughout the summer. You may call and leave messages for them, but expect there may be several days before a call is returned.

Have a safe and wonderful summer vacation. Take some time to enjoy family and friends. Read a good book, find some adventure, and enjoy all the beauty life has to offer. See you all in August!

Tom Gorsuch

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

As the school year winds down I would like to take a moment to thank the out-going Parents Association officers, grade reps, committee chairs, and parent volunteers whose tireless efforts helped make the 2007-08 school year a success. August 27th, and the start of school will be here before you know it and I'm looking forward to an exciting school year with the Parent's Association continuing to do its part to support the school and its community. Have a wonderful summer and see you at the 1st PA meeting on September 2nd!!!

Deidre Lamoureux, PA Chair

WALK A THON UPDATE - Thanks to the generous support of the SSCPS community, donations for the 2008 walk a thon are still coming in. We will be closing the books by the end of our fiscal year, June 30th, so there is still time to make your donation, either by mail or by dropping it off at the front desk. Shortly after the 30th donor lists will be mailed to all participants so they in turn can thank families and friends for their gifts to our school.

Our second walk a thon was a success on many levels and all who donated their time and talents to this event are greatly appreciated and acknowledged. Several people have made suggestions regarding a venue for next year and to that end we are inviting families to join us for a few SUMMER SATURDAY WALKS so we can preview new areas and enjoy another shared outdoor adventure. We will do preliminary research about these sights and bring information with us, as well as bug spray, sun block. And the first aid kit. We recommend that families dress appropriately for a walk in the woods, wear comfortable shoes, and bring plenty of water. The dates, times, and locations follow. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Joanne Keegan and Bob Sibbald at 781-340-1546 or email us at keegsibb@ yahoo.com. Hope to see you on the trails!

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 10am until noon POND MEADOW PARK,

470 Liberty Street Braintree meet at the ranger station

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 10am until noon AMES NOWELL STATE PARK,

Linwood Street Abington, meet at the contact station

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 10am until noon WHITNEY THAYER WOODS,

Cohasset, meet at the parking lot on Rte 3A across from Sohier Street

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Anticipated 2008-2009 job openings:

Elementary Teacher Gr.1-2

High School Math Teacher Gr. 7-12

Elementary Spanish Teacher Gr. K-6

Full time Receptionist (10.5 months)

Part time Development Associate

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Tenth Grade Student Needs Help for Supplies for Soldiers in Iraq

One of our students has a 21 year old cousin who was deployed to Iraq. As we had mentioned with the Art Project who are helping soldiers in Afghanistan, our soldiers in Iraq are also in dire need of supplies and letters from our students. We are looking for baby wipes, and toiletries as mentioned before but they also need Crystal Lite packages, Rice Krispie Treats, Protein Bars, etc. They like small items that they will be able to carry in their backpacks. They would also like paperback books (new or used) and **most importantly they would love to receive letters**. We would love to send the packages the last week of school. To offset the cost of the packages if you are able to donate \$.50 or \$1.00 we would greatly appreciate it. If you have any questions or would like to see a list of specific items we would like to collect please contact Kathy Sobol at 781-982-4202 ext. 113.

Pan-Mass Challenge Kids Ride – Sunday, June 22, 2008 at Hingham High School – For more information visit <https://kids.pmc.org/kids2006/Events.asp?EventID=160>

“**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... Thanks again, Luke, John and Grace Ryan (781) 925-9541.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

ART - Summer Enrichment Classes

Summer classes for middle, high school students and adults will be offered on Mondays throughout July this summer. **Starting Monday, June 30th through July 28th.**

Linoleum Sheet Printing -(middle school and above) Working with linoleum cutting tools and printing supplies, students will design their print and then transfer to a linoleum sheet. The piece will then be cut, inked and finally printed onto paper using the standing press. Classes will be in offered **Mondays, June 30, July 7, 14 from 10-11:30am.** Supplies provided.
\$85.00

Embossed Foil Journal- (middle school and above) Working with foil students will emboss a design and adhere the foiling to a journal. Students will use metal embossing tools and self adhering foil. Provide your own journal or purchase one for an additional \$5.00. Classes offered **Mondays, July 21 and 28th, 10-11:30am. \$60.00**

Portfolio Pieces- (high school and above) work in graphite, pastels and/or acrylic. Create a grouping for your portfolio. Work with artists and teachers Marianne Buckley Curran and John Kilroy and develop work for inclusion into a presentation portfolio. Classes will be in traditional studio format. **Mondays, June 30th, July 7, 14, 21 and 28th, 12pm -2:30pm.** Please bring your own supplies. Classes will star off with graphite and paper. Cost is **\$220.**

Adult Drawing/Painting- Start with the fundamentals of drawing, composition and explore basic perspective (class 1 and 2) then move into painting in the medium of your choice. Student can opt to work on special project or create a composition from the still life provided. Class is geared to work at students' particular interest, all skill levels are invited. Mondays, starting **June 29th including July 7, 14, 21, 28, 3pm until 5pm. \$125.00**

Please register now with Marianne at x304 for summer enrichment sign ups.

FCC Transportation has a few seats for next school year. Transportation provided for parts of Randolph, South Braintree Square, Quincy/Braintree line and Rt. 53 Weymouth. Please call 781-267-1246.

CARPPOOL FROM WEYMOUTH - Parent of Level 4 student has room in the morning for 3 additional students from Weymouth in return for the afternoon ride back to Weymouth. If interested contact Jody Lehrer at 781-340-6910 or email jodylehrer@mac.com

Paper Recycling Promotion-Need Increase paper donations by 25% earn more \$ for SSCPS green initiatives South Shore Charter Public School recycles paper! Don't forget to tell your neighbors about our paper drive that begins May 1st through August 31st. If we increase our paper recycling 25% we can earn more \$ rewards from Abitibi Consolidated. It's time to clean your house of paper and bring all your newspapers, magazines, office paper and mail from home and our Green Team volunteers will help you load it into our Green and Yellow Paper Recycling bin. Our bin is located outside the front entrance and is accessible to your family to use at any time. The school is leading our paper recycling effort to earn money for their green initiatives. So please recycle all your newspapers, magazines and office papers in our paper recycling bin.

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South Shore Charter Public School



Brockton Rox!

Please join us on
Friday, July 18, 2008

The game starts at 7:00pm.

Don't miss the fireworks!

Tickets are \$5.00 per person

Contact Kerry Griffin - 781-878-3762 or
rockgriff@verizon.net

Hull Park and Recreation Summer 2008 Field Trips

SSCPS students that are not Hull residents are eligible to participate

Sunday June 22	Brockton Rox Baseball Game, Brockton Cost: \$5.00 per person. Bus Departs: 11:00 a.m. Bus Departs From Roller Skating Rink on George Washington Blvd.
Thursday July 10	Star-Land Amusement Park, Hanover Cost: \$15 per person (4 feet, 8 inches or taller) \$10 per person (under 4 feet, 8 inches) Bus Departs: 10:00 a.m. Bus Leaves Hanover at 2:00 p.m.
Thursday July 17	Water Whiz Water Park, Wareham Cost: \$20 per person (4 feet or taller) \$15 per person (under 4 feet) Bus Departs: 9:00 a.m. Bus Leaves Wareham at 3:00 p.m.
Thursday July 24	New England Patriots Training Camp Gillette Stadium, Foxboro Times and details TBA in early July
Thursday July 31	"Cinderella", South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset Cost: \$8.00 per person Bus Departs: 9:00 a.m. Showtime: 10:00 a.m.
Friday August 8	J.F.K. Library and Museum, Boston Cost: \$8.00 per person Bus Departs: 9:00 a.m. Bus Returns: 3:00 p.m.
Thursday August 14	TBD
Thursday August 21	Nantasket Landing and Paragon Carousel, Hull One round of mini-golf, one ride on the Carousel and one small soft serve ice cream. Cost \$5.00 Arrive at Nantasket Landing at 10:00 a.m. Parents pick up children by 12:00 noon. Advanced registration required.
Saturday August 30	New England Revolution Soccer Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, 7:30 p.m. Revolution vs. Los Angeles Galaxy and International star David Beckham Cost: \$20 per person. Bus Departs: 4:00 p.m.

Buses depart from the Hull Memorial Middle School, unless otherwise noted. Field Trip event tickets may be purchased each Tuesday night at Hull Town Hall between 6:30-8:00 p.m. or contact Field Trip Coordinator

Alan McCall at 781-925-9613. Email: alanmccall461@hotmail.com