



Update
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Independence ~ Knowledge ~ Community

It takes a village ...

Kudos to everyone involved in our 1st Annual Harvest Road Race last Saturday. In August, when the road race steering committee met, we identified all of the tasks that needed to be done and the number of volunteers that we needed to make it a success, it seemed a daunting undertaking. Truthfully, there were some who doubted whether we could pull it off. Well, we not only pulled it off, we exceeded our goal of breaking even after deducting all of the initial start up costs of running a road race that reached out beyond our community and attracted local runners. How did we accomplish this? First, we did have a great "team" spearheading it, starting with Annette Golden. She is one amazing parent and runner. This was the first time that she has ever been on the other side of a race and she did a superb job pulling it all together. Annette also had tremendous support and assistance from her committee members, parents, Kerri Griffin, Denise Demaggio and Nancy Schaefer-Flynn, as well as Geri Calos, our Development Associate. But the biggest reason that the event was a success was our community. The call went out for parent volunteers and students to help us with the race. Thank you everyone for responding to the call, for volunteering and/or running in the race and bringing your children to this event. Annette, Geri, Kerri, and I have already met to debrief and begin planning for next year. The Second Annual Harvest Road Race will be even better!

Picture retakes are tomorrow, Thursday, October 23rd

Yesterday, students brought home their photo packages that you pre-ordered from McGrath Studios. If your child's picture was not taken on the 1st day or you are dissatisfied with the photo, the photographers will be here tomorrow for retakes. To have a retake, however, you **MUST SEND IN/RETURN** the photo package to have the photographer retake the picture(s) of your son/daughter. All photo packages must be pre-paid. We do have extra order sheets available at the front desk.

Reminder: Level II Coffee Hour, Monday morning, October 27th

We have had good turnouts for the Level III, IV and High School Quarterly Coffee Hours. The next one is for Level II parents and is next Monday, October 27th. We begin the Coffee Hour at 8:30 a.m. and they are in the Music Room//Auditorium. Ted, Jo Feldman, Kendra and I will be there to answer all of your questions. Remember that two-way communication and parent involvement are essential to the academic success of your son or daughter and our school.

Website is up and running! We hope you will have an opportunity to visit the new SSCPS website which was launched over this past weekend. The website is still a work in progress and as always we welcome feedback.

Difficult economy and high stress levels . . .

Unfortunately, each day when we pick up the paper or watch the news programs, there are more and more stories about the economic downturn, layoffs, reductions in investment savings due to the stock market slide, and spending cuts. We know that the bleak economy right now is impacting everyone. It is taking its emotional toll at home and in school. Conversations about the family budget, unexpected lay-offs, the need to reconsider the colleges to apply to, etc. are having an impact upon our students. Like the adults across the country, they are worried and they demonstrate their anxiety and frustration in different ways. In addition, grades for 7-12 students will be closing soon and some students are anxious about their grades. Our teachers and support staff are doing everything that they can to keep things upbeat and positive. We will get through these difficult times and become a stronger school and community if we find ways to reach out, help and support one another. Should you find your family struggling with any of these issues, please know that your child's teacher, the Level Coordinators and the Administration are always willing to listen and provide assistance to you and your family. If you have any ideas, thoughts or suggestions on ways that the school and our staff can address the increased stress level and support students and their families, please let us know.

Prue Goodale, Interim Executive Director

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give" Winston Churchill

Wednesday	10/22	Development Committee Meeting	4:30pm
Thursday	10/23	Individual Picture Make-up / Retake Day	
Monday	10/27	Level II Parent Coffee	8:30am
Wednesday	10/29	Senior Parent and College Financing Night	7:00pm

WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SSCPS.ORG EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARN MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP

SSCPS have partnered with One Cause to help raise money for our school while doing what we do every day. Please visit the following link & register as a supporter of the South Shore Charter Public School.

<http://www.onecause.com/b1a173082>. SSCPS will earn up to 20% from your online shopping, as well as \$20 per One Cause Visa approval. With your One Cause Visa, SSCPS will continue to earn an additional 1% on all purchases made. The holidays are coming, so please register with One Cause today!

REMINDER: If you have not completed and returned an emergency form **your child will not be permitted to participate in field trips.**

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the order form for the remainder of October which is due Thursday, October 23rd by 3pm. Also enclosed is the November Order Form and Menu. November orders are due Thursday, October 30th by 3pm.

ART NEWS

ART SHOW.....ART SHOW.....ART SHOW

The time is here for the high school student's first art show of the year which is this weekend, **Sat. and Sun., Oct. 25, 26th**, from **1-6pm**, at the **Wright Building on Liberty Street** just off of **Rockland Center**. The show is hosted by John and Adele Kilroy who have been Artists in Residence here last semester. The show is entitled, **"If I Could Change the World"** and will display unique pieces created by adults and our SSCPS Students. Please stop in, bring some friends and enjoy the students' creativity. Refreshments provided. Questions, call Marianne x304.

ATHLETICS

It's almost that time! **The Ski Club** forms are being distributed through out the school. They are due back to Athletics by November 1st in order to be eligible to participate.

K-6 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As I was watching the 5 Mile race on Saturday at Wompatuck State Park, I was thinking about trees and how enjoyable it was to look at individual trees in the woods on a beautiful fall day. I thought about how knowing the different species of trees and their traits made the woods even more spectacular. I thought about how this knowledge of trees is a wonderful analogy to learning. The more we know the more we can see. I also started thinking about students and how important it is to see each one as an individual. We have been talking as a faculty on how to work together to make targets for all of our students so that they can do all they can this year. We are trying hard not to look at the forest but to see the individual trees. I have had a few individual meetings with parents at their request to see how together we can help the child learn even more effectively in school and at home. I invite you to set up a time to talk with me about how we can best work together.

Elsewhere in this Update is a description of the Collins Writing Program. We are being trained or retrained in Collins Writing or "writing across the curriculum" this year. I have already seen an impact in both the amount and the quality of our students' writing. One of the Types of Collins Writing is a Type 1. In a Type 1 there is no correct answer. I was in a Level III classroom and as you can tell from the paragraph above I have trees on my

mind. I gave the students a Type 1 prompt asking them to write 8 lines on their favorite tree in ten minutes. The students all looked at me in an odd way and then proceeded to write about their favorite trees. I was amazed at the poetic nature of their writing and in the variety. They had so many different types of favorite trees: palm, oak (3), all (because they all help the environment), redwood (2), money, apple (3), cherry, maple, willow (2), ginkgo, pine (2) and fruit. The writing was thoughtful and much of it round (by which I mean that it turned into itself.) There is great beauty in the round form. Here is one example of the writing I received and see if you too think it is round.

“I love all trees, but overall my favorite would be a willow tree. I love the way that their majestic leaves droop over and sway in the cool winds. I especially love the way that whatever the cost they will always give you a nice shady place to sit on a warm summer day. Willow trees are spectacular in the way that they grow, they look awesome when they grow with the lumps and misformations. Willow trees are my favorite tree.”
Written by a Level III student

Ted Hirsch (781) 982-4202 thirsch@sscps.org

ON THE LEVELS

Collins Writing

Included in this Update is an explanation of the five “types” of writing outlined by the Collins program. Teachers at all grade levels have been trained and are implementing the Collins writing program. Our goal is to foster a culture of writing at SSCPS. Central to the philosophy of the program is providing students with targeted areas for improvement. These are called Focus Correction Areas (FCAs). The result is realistic goals for students and increased fluency. Parents and students may notice that writing is not evaluated in the way they are used to as not every student error is corrected every time students write. For example, in a "type 1" piece of writing spelling is not corrected. As a general rule the higher the Collins' type the more exacting are the requirements. While some pieces of writing will go through several stages of editing, others are used for brainstorming or to check for factual information. The Collins program believes that frequent writing of all types in all subject areas especially the lower "types" are critical in developing skilled writers.

Collins Writing Program Five Types of Writing

Type 1: Capture Ideas

Type 1 writing gets ideas on paper -- it's brainstorming. Type 1 is timed and requires a minimum number of items or lines to be generated. Questions and/or guesses are permitted. Evaluated with a check (✓) or a minus (-).

Type 2: Respond Correctly

Type 2 writing shows that the writer knows something about a topic or has thought about the topic. It is a correct answer to a specific question. One draft.

Type 3: Edit for FCAs

Type 3 writing has substantive content and meets up to three specific standards called "focus correction areas" (FCA). It is read out loud and reviewed to see if the draft completes the assignment, is easy to read and meets standards set for the focus correction areas. Revision and editing are done on the original. One draft.

Type 4: Peer Edit for FCAs

Type 4 writing is Type 3 writing that is read aloud and critiqued by another. Two drafts.

Type 5: Publish

Type 5 writing is a publishable quality. Multiple drafts.

For All Types

For all types, skip lines. For Types 1 and 2, label the type on the top left-hand side of paper. For Types 3 and 4, list focus correction areas on top left-hand side. Type 3 and 4 papers should be saved and used to practice editing skills.

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "The early bird gets the worm".

Level 2: "Laugh and the world laughs with you".

High School Child Development Workshop Book Drive – Please donate your gently used books to the Child Development Workshop who is collecting the books for Carolina Hills Family Shelter. There will be boxes in every pod/advisory. The pod/advisory with the most donated books will win an ice cream sundae party.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - Please help our school earn extra money by collecting Box Tops for Education. Last year we earned over \$500 through the Box Tops program- all from parents clipping those little cardboard pieces! Box Tops can be found on hundreds of products, from Ziploc baggies and Kleenex tissues to Cheerios and Gogurt. Our school earns 10 cents for every Box Top we collect. The funds raised this year at our school will help develop our library. There is an envelope at the front desk where you can leave your Box Tops. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for more information about Box Tops, as well as recipes, coupons, and special offers. You can also earn money for our school by starting your online shopping at stores like Kohl's, Land's End, Wal-Mart, and more at the Box Tops website. A percentage of your total will be donated to our school. Box Tops do expire, so please check the date before you drop them off at school. If you have any questions about the program, please feel to contact Bethany at bwhitemyer@rcn.com. Thank you.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2008-2009 Vacancies:

Middle School Boys basketball

Middle School Girls basketball

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

Send cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pumpkin Festival at New England Wildlife Center, South Weymouth

This coming Saturday, October 25th from 10 am to 4 pm The New England Wildlife Center, which is located on 500 Columbian Street, South Weymouth, will be hosting their Pumpkin Festival. During the evening there will be their annual pumpkin walk. This event is open to the public. Students who would like to participate and help out during this event and earn community service hours may show up on Saturday and ask for Steve Martin who is the program coordinator and he will find activities for students to help with. Just let him know that you are from the South Shore Charter Public School. Also, Steve Martin is also looking for five 11th and 12th graders to help with pumpkin carving on this day also. They will also earn community service time for helping out. Please call Steve Martin at 781-682-4878 ext 136 if you are interested in participating in this event.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

New England Wildlife Center - 25th Birthday Extravaganza

Saturday - October 25, 2008 – 1pm to 8pm

500 Columbian Street, South Weymouth MA 02190

\$10 per person/ \$40 per family max.

Festivities include: Raffle - Hospital Tours - Open Mike Jam - Llama Walks - Carnival Games - "Green" Tours -Animal Talks - Camp Fire - Food - Storytelling

For more information contact Libby Lewiecki at 781-682-4878 ext. 119 or LLewiecki@newildlife.com

Buy your ☺ 9 Yearbook!!!

- Go to Jostensyearbook.com to purchase
 - \$40.00 pre-sale till December 11th
 - For more information and questions contact Jared in room 303 or ext. 316.
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Walk and Run Safely at Night

Harvest Run Reflective Vests on Sale Now

\$15

All proceeds go toward the 2008 Harvest Road Race



If you're interested in purchasing a reflective vest, please contact Geri Calos at (781) 982-4202 ext. 362 , via email gcalos@sscps.org or visit Geri in her office.

The vests come in adult sizes S-2X

Vests donated by SporTobin

Lunch Menu – November, 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 <i>Chicken Salad</i> With lettuce and tomato	4 Prof. Dev. Day NO SCHOOL	5 <i>BLT</i> Bacon, lettuce and tomato with mayo	6 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	7 <i>Tossed Salad</i> With Italian dressing and pita bread Tossed Salad
10 <i>Turkey and American Cheese</i> With lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise	11 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL	12 <i>Roast Beef</i> With American cheese and mustard	13 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	14 <i>Tuna Salad</i> With lettuce and tomato
17 <i>Italian Cold Cuts</i> With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	18 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	19 <i>BLT</i> Bacon, lettuce and tomato with mayo	20 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	21 <i>Greek Salad</i> With Greek dressing and pita bread
24 <i>Ham</i> With American cheese and mustard	25 <i>Cheese Pizza</i>	26 Early Release No Lunch	27 Thanksgiving	28 No School

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 \$2.75. **Level I and II will be provided with a Lunchable.** A note from the office will go home that week for reimbursement.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of November, 2008
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, October 30, 2008

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/3 – 11/7	Sub	No School	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub		½ sub	#_____	
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/10 – 11/14	Sub	No School	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ Sub		½ sub	#_____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/17 – 11/21	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Salad
	½ sub	#_____	½ sub	#_____	
	Wheat		Wheat		

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday
11/24 – 11/28	Sub	Pizza	Early Release	No School	No School
	½ sub	#_____			
	Wheat				

Number of Subs/Wheat ordered	_____	X	\$5.00
Number of ½ subs ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
Number of Pizza Slices ordered	_____	X	\$1.75
Number of Salads ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
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 \$2.75. For Level I and II a Lunchable will be provided. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of October, 2008
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, October 24, 2008

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/27 – 10/31	Sub	Pizza	Sub	Pizza	Sub
	½ sub	# _____	½ sub	# _____	½ sub
	Wheat		Wheat		Wheat

Number of Subs/Wheat ordered	_____	X	\$5.00
Number of ½ subs ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
Number of Pizza Slices ordered	_____	X	\$1.75
Number of Salads	_____	X	\$3.00
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$ _____

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World Computer Exchange

[Where We Work](#) [Get Computers](#) [Donate Computers](#) [Chapters](#) [You Can Help](#)

e-News Fall 2008

- [1st Shipment to Sikkim, India leaving November '08](#) WCE's Washington,DC/Baltimore Chapter volunteers preparing to ship 204 computer sets will help connect 15 schools and their 5,000 students.
- [Connecting International Youth to Technology](#) Consumer Electronics Association's Vision Magazine spotlights WCE.
- [eCorps Volunteers to Nigeria](#) Forbes covers WCE's recent eCorps trip to Nigeria.
- [Travel to Nepal and make a difference. eCorp Nepal Trip January '09](#) Starting in Kathmandu, 4 teams will travel to different villages to work for 12 days.
- [Peace Corp volunteers bridging the digital divide in Honduras](#) Peace Corps volunteers get local schools ready for computers.

Upcoming shipments and eCorps volunteer trips

- [Our next shared shipment is to Tanzania, eCorps trip in '09](#) 200 computers will help connect 5,000 youth in 14 schools, orphanages, youth centres. Two-week tech volunteer trip planned for Tanzania.
- [WCE to provide computers to rural schools in Senegal](#) Help connect 4,000 youth in 12 schools, orphanages and youth centres.
- [News from Kenya: Shipment and eCorps Trip Planned](#) 200 computers will help connect 6,000 youth in 12 schools, orphanages, youth centres. Two-week tech volunteer trip planned for Kenya.

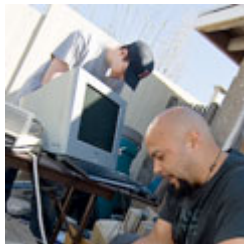
Donate your used computers to WCE. [Here's how.](#)

[Rotary Project in Bolivia](#)

Local Rotary Clubs throughout the world have partnered with WCE to help bridge the digital divide. The Santa Cruse Rotary in Bolivia is working with WCE to pilot a comprehensive program which will include: Tech and educational training, 400 computers for rural schools and youth in Phase 1, an eCorp volunteer trip, and working with local businesses and entrepreneurs to develop responsible recycling programs.



[Please Support This Project](#)



[Get Involved - Volunteer!](#)

From collecting, testing and packing computers, to hosting a fund raising event, to being an online resource to schools in the developing world - there are lots of ways to volunteer your time and make a difference.

[World Computer Exchange](#) is a global education and environment nonprofit that helps connect youth in 65 developing countries to the skills, opportunities and understanding of the Internet while keeping working computers out of landfills. Our 700 volunteers and 25 global allies help our grassroots network of 465 Partner organizations build capacity in project planning, partnership development, fund raising, tech support, content development, teacher training and responsible disposal of e-waste.



Parent Information Sessions

Please join us for these interactive lectures that will help you better understand your child and how to facilitate their development.

“I can’t understand my child’s speech!” Thursday October 23rd at 7 PM
Childhood Apraxia of Speech

This overview will help parents better understand their child’s struggle to produce speech and be understood by others. The differences between traditional articulation disorders and apraxia of speech will be described. Speech therapy evaluation and treatment processes will be explained and strategies for helping your child within the home environment will be provided within this interactive forum.

“Why does everything bother my child?” Wednesday November 12th at 7 PM
Sensory Integration Difficulties and the Impact on Behavior and Participation

This overview will help parents better understand their child’s unique response to the sensory inputs from the world around them. Some children are more sensitive to daily events in life such as sounds they hear, the textures and smells of foods, or the feeling of having their face washed. These sensitivities can impact the child’s ability to successfully participate in daily life tasks and can have a strong impact on family life. Strategies for helping a child become more successful in participating in sensory events from getting dressed to attending a family gathering will be discussed within this interactive session.

For more information or to sign up for these sessions please call **South Shore Therapies** at (781) 335-6663 or email at info@southshoretherapies.com

Space is limited and registration is required, so call today!

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South Shore YMCA

Teens



OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

6:30-8 PM

South Shore YMCA Art Room

Come See What All The Talk Is About!!!!

Community Service

Rallies

Fundraising

Day Trips

Leaders Club is a national program of the YMCA that provide club members with opportunities for leadership training, personal growth, service to others, and social development. By connecting with adult advisors, teens have role models and mentors who can have a positive impact on their lives. And, by the way, they have lots of fun! The SSYMCA group meets every Wednesday here from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. 6th thru 12th grade are welcomed.

For more information contact Karen Hirsh at 781-829-8585 x 335 or khirsh@ssymca.org. Check us out on Facebook SSYMCA Teens.

South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond, 75 Mill St. Hanover Ma 02339 (781) 829-8585 www.ssymca.org Financial assistance available.