



**THE REWARDS OF SUMMER READING**



Our first week was abuzz with the excitement of summer reading. As I walked around the building, it quickly became apparent that our students had spent considerable effort in completing their summer reading and, more importantly, had truly enjoyed the stories they had read. The book projects were exciting and fabulous. From posters to power point presentations, summer reading has clearly moved beyond the expected.



Students in Levels II and III were quick to tell me how much of their summer was shaped by reading what they truly enjoyed. Although our students are very self-motivated, I would like to directly acknowledge all the work and effort parents have put into reading at home. Your efforts continue to make our work stronger.



I would also like to acknowledge and say thank you to all the parents that came to the first Parents Association Meeting last week. Our parent volunteers made excellent presentations and the energy in the room was amazing. Heather Dans has been working very hard to provide parents with a forum that will benefit our community and strengthen our school. Last Wednesday evening we were off to a terrific start.

One important agenda item discussed during this meeting was the need for more after school options. Our first step in developing an after school program is to determine need. Lisa Harvey-Mone has spent much time and effort writing a needs assessment survey for parents to complete to help us with this determination. Please be sure you fill out your survey. We need your data!

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who participated in The Back to School Picnic. One of the students said to me, "This is the most fun I have had in *forever*, even more fun than Spanish!" Up until that moment, I never knew anything could surpass Spanish. Thank you again to Kerry Griffin, our student volunteers, and our multi-talented facilities manager, Mark Flanagan. Your efforts made a terrific night possible.

Alicia E. Savage, Executive Director

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/13</b>	<b>High School Soccer home (Abington) vs. Codman Academy</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/13</b>	<b>Development Committee</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/14</b>	<b>Level II and Level II Back to School Night</b>	<b>6:00-7:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9/15</b>	<b>Level I Back to School Night</b>	<b>6:00-7:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/16</b>	<b>High School Soccer at Foxboro</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/16</b>	<b>Level IV and High School Back to School Night</b>	<b>6:00-7:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/16</b>	<b>Senior Parent Night</b>	<b>7:30-8:15pm</b>

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## **K6-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

In the Principal's Report Angie Pepin and I will take turns writing to you and letting you know some highlights of what we see going on here at school. SSCPS is a remarkably busy place and we will only be able to write about a small fraction of the amazing things that are going on but we hope these reports give you a sense of how we see the year going and what is going on in school. Our hope is that you give us constant feedback and let us know what you see.

Well, I know that the school year has really begun when we have our picnic. Last night was the fourth annual picnic and like all the others that have come before it, what an amazing event. Deep thanks to the good work of many adults and students and the leadership of Kerri Griffin who organized us all. I know I had fun and felt a part of a very strong community, thank you to all who were there.

I have heard from many of you about how the year has begun for your family and I like what I hear. I have also been talking to the children and they have told me that they like their new levels, but they have also acknowledged some longing for their past classrooms. To me the students sounded just the right mix of nostalgia for the past and excitement about their new positions and status. You have given us very composed and capable children and we are grateful.

As a school we try to constantly look at our program to discover what works and why, and what we can do better. Over the summer we instituted some changes that we believe will make our school even better. On the whole these changes have given us more flexible groupings and more direct teaching to the needs of individual students.

- Over the summer we built out several new teaching spaces that make 100 Longwater Circle a more efficient building.
- We have also added new teachers on Levels I, II, and III. On Level I, Leigh Baltzer is our Teaching Intern working with Karen Yelin. Leigh has a Masters from UCLA and brings wide experience in media and art and we are excited by her work in puppeteer and the energy she brings to our Level I program.
- Two of the classrooms on Level II are being co-taught. Joining Kristin Swanson in her class is Courtney Huber. Courtney has a Masters from Brown and has three years of teaching and coaching experience. The other team is made up of returning teachers Sarah Roberts and Liz Martello.
- As many of you know, Krista Cafourek is out on maternity leave and substituting for her is Kim Johnson. Kim has a Masters from Northeastern and she is also a graduate of Foxborough Regional Charter School. It is a big step that Massachusetts charter schools have been around long enough that teachers can have direct experience of being students in a charter school.
- Joining us again on Level III is Darlene Parker who is teaching math all day.
- Returning to us is Mac Haran, healthy and back on Level III more excited than ever.
- The Teaching Intern Program that we have developed on Level I this year is also in place on Level III where Jenn Johnson is working with Claire Overlee.

Special thanks go out to the parents for the quick and smooth drop off and pick up. It is still a long line but we are getting better. There are still seats on the Hull/Cohasset/Scituate bus if you want to avoid the lines entirely. Special thanks to Elissa, Glen and Mark for the beautiful new home for the animals. Please come in and see their beautiful planning and execution of what we are calling our new natural history museum. And thanks to the whole crew who are preparing the library so that it is ready for students later this month. Please come in and learn more at our Open Houses next week.

Always call me at 781 982-4202 Ext 108 or e-mail me at [thirsch@sscps.org](mailto:thirsch@sscps.org).

*Ted Hirsch*

## LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed are the September Breakfast Menu, Lunch Menu and Order forms. All orders are to be received by Tuesday, September 14th by 3pm.

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

Level 2: "Beauty is only skin deep."

**Attention Senior Class** –In preparation for the October SAT's - sign up and attend a free test strategy session Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-12. For more information, contact Ed Dormady at [edormady@sscps.org](mailto:edormady@sscps.org).

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS & INFORMATION

### From the PA Chair – Heather Dans

Thank you to everyone who came to our first meeting. It was very constructive and fun. I encourage all parents to come to the next meeting on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

And another thank you for those who came out to the "Back to School: picnic. Special thank to Kerry Griffin for organizing this event again this year!

**NEEDED!** PA is seeking an 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative. Anyone interested in this role please call or email Heather Dans at 781-534-5698 or [heatherdans@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherdans@yahoo.com).

### Back by popular demand.... the SSCPS Directory!!!! Stay tuned for the delivery date...

In the meantime and in order to subsidize the printing of the directory, we are selling business card-sized ads in the directory for SSCPS-related folks for the LOW LOW price of \$25...So if you are a lawyer, landscaper, photographer, housepainter, whatever you do... and want to advertise to the SSCPS community... send your information to Lisa Harvey-Mone ([molimu@gmail.com](mailto:molimu@gmail.com)) If you have any questions, please contact Lisa by email or at 617-763-1533. This price is so low that your high school student who babysits or shovels snow or rakes leaves could attract some new customers with their own ad! The deadline to submit your ads is Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>. *BUT WAIT...* there's more... the Golf /Auction Committee and the Yearbook Committee will also be offering you the opportunity to advertise later in the school year!

### Afterschool Program Survey

A group of parents and administrators are working to develop alternative afterschool programming for our school. We need your support in completing our survey (the link is shown below) to inform us of your families' needs in out-of-school-time hours. Survey results will help us in the next stage of planning, but creating a great program will take considerable time and effort from many people- including students, parents, teachers and staff. So please be patient!

Follow the link to complete the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B8VVV3K>

Please complete the survey- even if you don't want/need an alternative program. The survey is very short (16 questions) and easy to complete on-line. Paper copies are available at the front desk. If you can't get the link to work or if you have any questions, please contact Lisa Harvey-Mone ([molimu@gmail.com](mailto:molimu@gmail.com) or 617-763-1533)

### Parents Association has money to give to you!

Twice each year the Parents Association accepts requests for grants. Do you think the school is missing something? Is there a special project you'd like to bring to the school? Are there supplies that would make learning better? Any parent, student faculty member, or staff member can fill out the attached Financial Request form to be considered for a Parent Association Grant. Please act QUICKLY as the forms are due back no later than Monday, September 20, 2010. Please return the completed form to me no later than 9/20/10 via email: [coffinwife@gmail.com](mailto:coffinwife@gmail.com) via fax 978-922-5110 or find me every morning before school in the Level I/II Animals Exhibit Area.

*Elissa Dennis. Parent Association Treasurer*

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### On going for 2010-2011

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

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

## COMMUNITY INTEREST

### Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts have a community service opportunity for older students who would be willing to help. This is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills as well. Registration for new or returning Girl Scouts is still open. Meetings for all grades will be held on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Daisies (grades K-1); Brownies (grades 2-3), and Juniors/Cadettes/Seniors (grades 4 and up). Meetings run on select Wednesdays from September 29 through June 8. Dues are \$32 per semester. Financial aid is available. No one will be turned away for inability to pay. If you are willing to help out as a troop leader next year, please let us know. Registration is first come, first served. Please note that the Daisy troop and Brownie troops are nearly full already so the sooner you let us know the sooner you can secure your daughter a spot.

To register or for further information contact a troop leader.

Daisy Troop Leaders: Katie Tierney (617) 794-6565, [tierneyrock@verizon.net](mailto:tierneyrock@verizon.net); Jenn Jordan, (781) 413-6304, [skylarcamper@yahoo.com](mailto:skylarcamper@yahoo.com)

Brownie Troop Leaders: Maureen Hebert (781) 837-8952, [mhebert@metlife.com](mailto:mhebert@metlife.com); Kim Beshere (617) 605-3678, [Tessapink1@yahoo.com](mailto:Tessapink1@yahoo.com)

Junior/Cadette/Seniors Troop Leader: Stacy Rousseau (781) 961-4071 or (781) 727-9784; [faemoon3@gmail.com](mailto:faemoon3@gmail.com).



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# SSCPS PA Financial Request - Fall 2010

Requests Due by 9/20/10

**Date:**

**Total Amount Requested\*:**

**Date Required:**

**Description of request (be specific!):**

## **Supplier Information**

**Company Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone Number:**

**Fax Number**

**Website:**

**People who will benefit if request is granted:**

## **Submitted by**

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Email Address:**

**Telephone Number:**

**\*Amount requested must include any and all taxes, labor, set-up charges, delivery fees, etc. Do the research and make sure the amount requested is completely accurate and/or get realistic quotations from the proposed vendor. Requests with incomplete information will not be considered.**

**Return form to PA Treasurer Elissa Dennis no later than 9/20/10. Email [coffinwife@gmail.com](mailto:coffinwife@gmail.com), fax 978-922-5110, telephone 617-347-2283**



***SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL***

*August/September, 2010*

*Catered by Essence of Thyme*

**Breakfast**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	31 Golden Grahams Orange Juice Milk	1 Pop Tart Apple Juice Milk	2 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	3 Rice Krispies Apple Juice Milk
6 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	7 Apple Jacks Orange Juice Milk	8 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Apple Juice Milk	9 Plain Bagel Grape Juice Milk	10 Rice Krispies Apple Juice Milk
13 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	14 Yogurt Orange Juice Milk	15 Golden Grahams Orange Juice Milk	16 Croissant w/Jelly Grape Juice Milk	17 Apple Jacks Orange Juice Milk
20 Pop Tart Apple Juice Milk	21 Yogurt Apple Juice Milk	22 Raisin Bran Apple Juice Milk	23 Golden Grahams Orange Juice Milk	24 Apple Jacks Orange Juice Milk
27 Cheerios Juice Milk	28 Blueberry Muffin Grape Juice Milk	29 Corn Muffin Apple Juice Milk	30 Donut Orange Juice Milk	



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**Lunch**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Lunch is offered to only Free and Reduced students the first week of school.	31 Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges Roll Fruit	1 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Sausage Pattie Raisins Baked Apple	2 Chicken Parmesan w/Ziti Broccoli Apple	3 <b>Early Release</b>  <b>NO LUNCH</b>
6 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	7 Herbed Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Roll	8 Beef and Cheese Burrito Refried Beans Pineapple Chunks	9 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans	10 <b>Pizza Day</b>
13 American Chop Suey Green Beans Apple	14 Sweet and Sour Chicken Mixed Vegetables Fruit	15 Jamaican Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Peas	16 BBQ Chicken Potatoes Au Gratin Corn	17 <b>Pizza Day</b>
20 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges California Medley	21 Cheese Ravioli Broccoli Fruit	22 <b>Early Release</b>  <b>NO LUNCH</b>	23 Italian Hot Pocket Mixed Vegetables Watermelon Chunks	24 <b>Pizza Day</b>
27 Steak and Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Peas	28 Chicken Quesadilla California Medley Grapes	29 Ziti and Meatballs Broccoli Baked Apple Slices	30 Turkey and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll	





