



# *Update*

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Congratulations to all students, families, faculty, and friends who participated in our second annual Harvest Run on Saturday. We had over two hundred and thirty eight people register and race on what turned out to be a beautiful morning and fun afternoon. Our school community came together in so many ways as runners, sponsors, and volunteers. This event is a terrific example of what can be accomplished with meticulous planning, hard work, and endless enthusiasm.

Our students were magnificent. Many ran a terrific race and others served as much needed volunteers. Students were very busy working at registration, concessions and parking. Maggie Reardon, a fantastic art student, designed and donated the artwork for our stunning t-shirts. Members of our very own cross country team were very active as both volunteers and runners. Runners were very encouraged by all of our student and parent volunteers who stood at mile markers and the water station cheering. This is an important job that makes a difference.

This year in addition to our school community, we had outstanding support from outside sponsors. Our sponsors included, Abbey Knoll Photography, Marathon Sports, Road ID, Olympia Sports, REI, Abington Athletic Club, Quincy Athletic Club, Trader Joe's, Hannaford, Gunther Tooties, Frito Lay, Whole Foods, KIND Bars, Not Your Average Joe's, B.Good, Stop & Shop, Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, Knapp, Schenck & Company Insurance Agency, and Krokidas and Bluestein. Without support from local businesses and sponsors, this fantastic day could not have happened.

A special thank you goes out to the parents who planned this event. Denise Demaggio, Kerri Griffin, Maureen Hebert, Jenn Jordan, Tessa and Glen Misiaszek, Mary Oxner, and Nancy Schaefer-Flynn, and of course, Annette Golden who worked tirelessly on this event for hundreds of hours. Your efforts were truly outstanding.

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Alicia

Wednesday	10/20	POSTPONED – Junior Parent Night	
Thursday	10/21	Cross Country Meet – Medford	4:00pm
Thursday	10/21	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	10/21	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	10/21	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thursday	10/21	SEPAC regular meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	10/21	SEPAC Workshop	7:00pm
Friday	10/22	HS Soccer at Advanced Math & Science Marlboro	7:00pm
Saturday	10/23	MS Soccer at Salem Academy	3:00pm
Monday	10/25	HS Soccer at Codman Academy Dorchester	6:00pm
Tuesday	10/26	MS Soccer home vs. Marblehead	4:45pm
Wednesday	10/27	Level IV Parent Coffee	8:30am



PA President Heather Dans recently entered the story of the big "America's Greenest School" win into a short film contest on Facebook called "Filter For Good Project" sponsored by the Sundance Film Festival and Brita Water Filtration. Winners could have their idea made into a short film and the idea was one of 15 finalists selected.

### SSCPS could be featured in a short documentary at the Sundance Film Festival!

Go to <http://apps.facebook.com/good-film/entries/139>

**\*Please vote for "Kids Can Green the World."\***

You can find out more by going to FilterForGood Film Project.

### LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed are the November Breakfast and Lunch menus as well as the order forms. Orders are due Tuesday, October 26th by 3pm.

### PE DEPARTMENT

The **PE Department** is going to be introducing a golfing unit and will be constructing a portable pitch and put course. I am putting a call out for used pitching wedges, 5 and 7 irons and putters. Check those old golf bags so you can unload some unneeded clubs. Given the course layout, woods will not be needed. You can drop off at the Art Room. (women, men, junior, left and right handed clubs all welcome). Thank you, questions call Marianne @ 304.

### ART NEWS

Heads ups....here comes **Original Works** ....Every year The Art Workshop does a fund raiser in which all students create an original design. That design is then sent home accompanied with a brochure, price list and order form. If you or a family member are interested in getting this design piece reproduced onto one of the Original Works objects (mug, dish towel, etc) simply follow the directions on the form, if not, keep that

special piece that your child has created. Order forms are handed into pod teachers and delivered back to pod teachers in time for Christmas. The company has sent special paper to use for this program, so if you are interested in other family members creating a piece please give me a call so I can get the paper to you. Your student's artwork will be arriving home the **week of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and is due back, Nov. 8**. Any questions, call Marianne at x304.

## **K-6 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The weather is turning cooler and it is coat season; I was reprimanded this morning by a Level I student for not wearing a coat as I did my daily sweeping. There are two parts of my day that are like anchors. In the morning the greeting of the students while I sweep, and the calling of names in the afternoon at dismissal. They both have to do with names and acknowledgment and while neither interaction is profound it can let me know how children are doing.

As you will often read in the Update we try to honor the value of a collaborative education between student, teachers/school and families. In these updates Angie and I try to give a window into our life inside the school, to let you know what we see and hear. One element that brings such quality to your children's education that you as families don't get to hear is the discussions among teachers about teaching. Conversations about what makes things hard to learn and how we can bridge those communication difficulties, conversations about what is important to students and how to teach effectively, conversation about what makes good writing. Today I participated in several of these conversations that are a hallmark of SSCPS teaching.

I will describe one that illustrates the care and thoughtfulness of our teachers. On Level I we were discussing this year's Progress Reports. The teachers deliberated on the nuances of every word to be included in the Level I Progress Reports. In most cases after the implication and effectiveness of the words were discussed, consensus developed but in the case of one statement no consensus developed and there was a vote. The vote ended in a tie to be broken the next day with the vote of a missing teacher. The question was if we would be well served by include the phrase "love of numbers" as an objective for a progress report. Now all teachers were in favor of the students' loving numbers and agreed that it was their job to instill this love of the power and patterns of numbers but there was not agreement that the students would be served by including the phrase in progress reports. I am sure that tomorrow at 7:55 when the group will reconvene to decide, the right decision will be made. What is more important than the decision is the deliberation and thought that goes into our teachers' work. It is a great privilege to work with these amazing individuals. It is a difficult time for us as teachers as we search for ways to support our friend and colleague Angella Henry in her family's time of great need (see letter under separate email). In difficult times I find that it helps to return to core values and for me those values are to be kind and to work hard. I see that every day here at SSCPS.

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## **ON THE LEVELS**

### **SAYING OF THE WEEK:**

Level 1: "Cold feet."

Level 2: "Haste makes waste."

**REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS** – If your child will be absent, please call 781-982-4202 ext. 100 to report the absence. Thank you.

## **LIBRARY**

The library has been opened almost one month this week. Just about all of the classes are coming in to visit with students. The library has 18 volunteers who either assistance students in the library or come in at the end of the day to help with miscellaneous projects or re-shelve books. All of our classes now have volunteers to help them in the library. Some of the classes even have more than one volunteer working with our students. Our library would not be able to be opened if it wasn't for all of the volunteers that are coming in to help. Thank you for volunteering your time.

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the end of the day in the library starting at 2:15 PM. Since the library is small it is really important to keep it picked up and neat in appearance. This is also a great to spend

some time and see what great books are library has to offer our students. If you are interested email Beth Toma at [JToma85103@aol.com](mailto:JToma85103@aol.com).

### **Library Donations**

#### **Magazines**

Kids National Geographic

Sports Illustrated for Kids

*Our current subscriptions are due to expire and we would like to continue to receive these magazines. They are very popular with our students.*

#### **Non-Fiction Books**

Science

animals

crafts

sports

history - in particular books on Nigeria and Haiti

### **Book Fair with Story Book Cove**

Our book fair with Story Book Cove will be November 4 - 6. We are looking for a few volunteers to help at the book fair from 8am until 2:30pm. Please contact Melissa Freitas as [MelissaFreitas@msn.com](mailto:MelissaFreitas@msn.com) for more information.

## **SEPAC (SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE)**

The Special Education Parent Association Committee is having a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 21 from 6-7 pm. The SEPAC is a parent committee established to assist parents of children who have IEP's and 504's. We are hosting an evening meeting to encourage parents to come that can't normally attend the morning meetings.

Immediately following, Jo Feldman, Director of Special Education, will be offering a Basic Rights Workshop from 7-8 pm. The Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) require that parents are offered this training annually. Please join us on Oct. 21 from 6-7 and 7-8 for a fun-filled, informative evening!

And, of course, refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Boyle [klb.rjc@verizon.net](mailto:klb.rjc@verizon.net) or Kerry Benjamin [kbenjamin1@verizon.net](mailto:kbenjamin1@verizon.net).

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS & INFORMATION**

### **SSCPS Holiday Fair, a fundraising event.**

**Sunday, November 7, 2010 12-4pm.**

Rockland Eagles Hall, 29 Park Street, Rockland, MA 02370.

Proceeds to benefit the South Shore Charter School

Come join us for an afternoon of shopping, socializing, prizes& fun!

Get a head start on your holiday list. Have a snack and refreshment, get a complimentary chair massage, or maybe take a silly photo. All for a good cause!

Vendor Details:

Table Fee \$25. A suggested 15% donation of your net sales from the event would be greatly appreciated.

What a great opportunity to meet new clients and give back! Please bring a salty or sweet treat for our snack buffet. We will be accompanying this with coffees, teas and drinks.

Please contact Gwen Watchorn at [gwenwatchorn@gmail.com](mailto:gwenwatchorn@gmail.com) or 781.982.8971 for more details. Mail checks and a business card to Gwen Watchorn, 231 Hingham St., Rockland, MA 02370

## **VOLUNTEERING AT SSCPS**

In order to Volunteer at the school you must:

1. Take part in a volunteer orientation. Sessions will be held at the end of the Parent Coffee Hours on the following Wednesdays at 9:30am October 20, 27, and November 3.
2. Complete and pass a CORI check. This must be done YEARLY with Pam Algera or Kristine Shipp
3. Read and sign a confidentiality agreement. This also must be done every year.

If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Jessica Lussier at [jesslussier@comcast.net](mailto:jesslussier@comcast.net)

## 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.*

**WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SSCPS.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG) EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL [PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG](mailto:PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG)**



Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 8, 2010 through March 25, 2011, **South Shore Public Charter School** will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop&Shop A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) to register online

**OR**

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop&Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support.

Please be sure to register your card to benefit **South Shore Public Charter School using ID #08189.**

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.



# TEEN FRIDAY



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Fridays 6:30-9:30 pm

**10/8**    **Definitions**            6:30 - 7:30    Studio 3  
           **Yldol**                        7:00 - 9:15    Art Center  
           **Flick & Spin\***            7:30 - 8:30    Cycling Studio  
           \*Watching a cool movie while taking an indoor cycling class  
           **Teen Boot Camp**        7:45 - 8:30    Studio 1  
           **Rock Band**                8 - 9:15        Lounge

**10/15**    **Zumba**                        6:30 - 7:30    Studio 3  
           **Craft Crazy**                7:00 - 9:15    Art Center  
           **Yoga**                         7:30 - 8:15    Studio 3

**10/22**    **Definitions**            6:30 - 7:30    Studio 3  
           **Flick & Spin\***            7:30 - 8:30    Cycling Studio  
           **Wii Tournament**        8:00 - 9:30    Lounge

**10/29**

**HallowTeen Night**

Get your costumes ready.  
More details to come...



**every week**

6:30-9:30 pm  
Open Swim &  
Gym

6:30-8:30 pm  
Cardio & Weight  
Training

6:45 - 9:00 pm  
Gym Games

6:30 - 9:15  
Snacks & Drinks  
in the Art Room

Teen Friday is included with membership and \$7 for non-members. Participants must be 10- 17 years old. Participants register upon arrival and receive a wristband. When participants leave, wristbands are removed with no re-entry. Every 10 times you come get a prize. Activities are subject to change.

**Contact Karen Hirsh**  
 @ 781-829-8585 x335  
 khirsh@ssymca.org  
 75 Mill St., Hanover, MA  
 Find us on facebook: SSYMCA Teen Friday



**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**

*November, 2010*



*Catered by Essence of Thyme*

**Breakfast**

<b>Monday</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
1	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Apple Juice Milk	2	<b>No School</b>	3	Cheerios Apple Juice Milk	4	Raisin Bran Apple Juice Milk	5	Honey Wheat Bagel Orange Juice Milk
8	Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Apple Juice Milk	9	Yogurt Grape Juice Milk	10	Frosted Mini-Wheats Apple Juice Milk	11	<b>VETERAN'S DAY</b> 	12	Raisin Bran Juice Milk
15	Yogurt Orange Juice Milk	16	Golden Grahams Orange Juice Milk	17	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Grape Juice Milk	18	Cheerios Orange Juice Milk	19	Blueberry Muffin Apple Juice Milk
22	Yogurt Apple Juice Milk	23	Raisin Bran Apple Juice Milk	24	Honey Wheat Bagel Orange Juice Milk	25		26	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
29	Raisin Bran Orange Juice Milk	30	Cheerios Juice Milk	1	Frosted Mini Wheats Juice Milk	2.	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	3.	Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk



**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Lunch - November, 2010**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
1 Ziti and Meatballs Applesauce Broccoli Milk	2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	3 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Sausage Pattie Baked Apple Slices Raisins Milk	4 Herbed Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Roll Milk	5 <b>Pizza</b>
8 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans Milk	9 American Chop Suey Green Beans Apple Milk	10 Jamaican Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Peas Milk	11 <b>VETERAN'S DAY</b> 	12 Pizza
15 BBQ Chicken Potatoes Au Gratin Corn Roll Milk	16 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges California Medley Milk	17 Chicken Parmesan Ziti Broccoli Apple Milk	18 Steak and Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Peas Milk	19 Pizza
22 Chicken Quesadilla California Medley Grapes Milk	23 Ziti and Meatballs Baked Apple Slices Broccoli Milk	24 <b>Early Release</b>	25 <b>THANKSGIVING</b> 	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
29 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Corn Roll Milk	30 Italian Hot Pocket Mixed Vegetables Orange Milk	1. Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Stir Fry Veggies Fruit Milk	2. Beef & Bean Burrito Mexican Rice Corn Fruit Milk	3 Pizza



Breakfast Order Form  
 for the Month of November, 2010  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, October 26, 2010**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

*Please **CHECK** off the day breakfast will be ordered.*

Week of 11/1 – 11/5     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Week of 11/8 – 11/12     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Week of 11/15 – 11/19     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Week of 11/22 – 11/26     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Week of 11/29 – 12/03     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Number of Breakfasts ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.50

*Less credit due* \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Lunch Order Form  
 Lunch for the Month of November, 2010  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, October 26, 2010**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

*Please **CHECK** off the day lunch will be ordered.*

Week of 11/1 – 11/5     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
 #\_\_\_\_\_

Week of 11/8 – 11/12     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
 #\_\_\_\_\_

Week of 11/15 – 11/19     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
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Week of 11/22 – 11/26     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
 #\_\_\_\_\_

Week of 11/29 – 12/3     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
 #\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Meals ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3.50  
 Number of Slices of Pizza ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.75

*Less credit due* \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

**Choice of 1% 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 yogurt, a fruit bar and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$2.00. For Level I and II a Lunchable will be provided at the cost of \$2.75. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.*