



***The Latest from Sundance...***

It is with great excitement that our school community welcomes the four person film crew coming to make the documentary *Kids Can Green The World*. The film crew will be arriving on Thursday night to begin filming Friday. Heather Dans and Sarah Roberts have been in constant contact with Amy Grappell and Miguel Alvarez, the director and producer of the film, making plans for the upcoming film shoot. Students in Sarah's class have even made filmstrips that offer suggestions about where to find all the awesome green initiatives around our building.

The film crew will be filming all week, including on Saturday during our school clean up community service day and on a trip to Holly Hill Farm. Other plans for filming are still being decided. The entire film crew will be staying with us until next Wednesday when they brave the airport on the day before Thanksgiving.

Your child will be bringing home a release form today. Please review the form and have your child return it to his or her teacher on Thursday or Friday. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance during this very exciting time!

Alicia E. Savage  
 Executive Director

Wednesday	11/17	School Council	3:45pm
Wednesday	11/17	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night	6:30pm
Thursday	11/18	Level III Wheelock	
Thursday	11/18	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	11/18	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	11/18	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	11/18	SEPAC – Panera Bread, Hanover	8:30am
Friday	11/18	Level II Field Trip to Willow Brook	
Saturday	11/20	SSCPS Annual Fall Campus Clean Up	9:00am
Wednesday	11/24	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	10:30am
Wednesday	11/24	Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday & Friday	11/25 & 11/26	Thanksgiving Break – No School	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fall Campus Clean-Up**



Get some exercise while spending a few hours outdoors with your kids, meet other families, and strengthen friendships all while helping clean up the school grounds before winter hits! The fun fall cleanup at SSCPS is scheduled for Saturday, November 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>. The purpose of the cleanup is to get the school grounds ready

for winter by raking leaves, trimming plants, sweeping, and generally making the outside of the school look neat. We encourage you to bring the whole family and help our school with this effort, but please remember that children cannot be dropped off at this event. Please feel free to bring any of the following tools: work gloves, rakes, shovels, brooms, clippers and leaf blowers as well as tarps. This is also a great opportunity for students to earn Community Service Hours. The building will not be open during the 3 hours except to use the bathroom so please plan accordingly. Contact Karen Crays for more information or questions, [karencrays@yahoo.com](mailto:karencrays@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping our school green and clean! See you November 20<sup>th</sup>!

### **PICTURE RETAKE DAY!**

Friday, December 3, 2010 is Picture Retake Day. This is the day that anyone who was absent on Picture Day can have their photo taken, and anyone unhappy with their photo can have it re-taken. If you are having your child's photo taken for the first time, please send payment in with your child on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If this is a retake, please send your child in with their complete photo package, MINUS THE GROUP PHOTO, which they can keep. We expect the new photos to be here before the holidays. Thanks!

**Congratulations to the SSCPS Debate Team!** The SSCPS Debate Team had a fantastic start to their debating season. Our competing students walked away with four wins total. They also earned some impressive statistics. Jonathan Hagberg and Zach Johnston won two rounds. Katie Aucella with Colin MacDougall, and Jonathan Boyle with Liam MacCormack each received one win. Our brand new team, Ashley Cataloni with Miranda Belizaire completed their first debate, with only two weeks of preparation. In addition to our wins, Jonathan Hagberg earned 13<sup>th</sup> place with his speaker points, out of 66 debaters! Also, our novice debater, Colin, achieved a score of 29 out of 30 speaker points in his second debate ever! This is a huge feat for anyone. Congratulations SSCPS Debate Team!

## **K-6 PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Next week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and the first quarter of the school year has passed. While I am still harvesting lettuce from my cold frame at home, it is the season for gathering seaweed and repairing and recharging the soil. I have had a garden for almost all of the past forty years. In that time my view of gardening has changed and though I love the harvesting, the digging, the weeding and the eating, my principle goal is now the soil. I want to have the best soil I can have. I know that in order to do that I need to put more into the soil in the form of compost and seaweed than I take out in crops. I care a great deal about this little piece of earth and last week a neighbor lost control of their car and drove up into my garden. They were not hurt and though there was a little damage to a rock wall and the cold frame, there was only minor compaction to the soil. There was no oil spill or spilled antifreeze. I rebuilt the cold frame, a little better than it was before, and felt how lucky we were that no one was hurt and the dirt was still healthy. Now that is something for which I am grateful.

So what is the soil of a school? Hard to know, and no direct analogy is clear to me but there is so much that I am grateful for here at school. The most important daily gratitude is for the joy and energy I see in the children every morning, most of them happy to be coming into school, to see their friends and to learn. Yesterday I was helping out in Velma Begley's classroom with the first graders' globes. Helping out as well were three parents. Now without the effort of so many parents over so many years we could not have the first graders making globes for the past sixteen years. Maybe we could have done it for a year but not for sixteen; it is just too much work. But volunteering here does more than help children and enrich their lives, it helps build community. As we put on continents the parents and I talked. One parent told me of how wonderful our first grade is and another told me of her pleasure in hearing her first grade son talk to her everyday about the facts he had learned at school. Now that is a joy, to hear about what your child has learned in school every day. I know that every time I am in Velma's classroom I learn something and it is apparent that the children are learning too. Perhaps the soil of a school is the traditions that get built up and the people who foster and support them. Certainly the volunteers that make this possible are something for which I am grateful.

Another tradition of SSCPS, which might be the soil of our school, is Project. I know a Project is successful when the students are talking about it all the time. This year whenever I go into Level III on a Project afternoon I can feel the energy. One day I saw a former Level III student elated after going back to Level III

to teach an acting lesson. I was told by others with even more joy about the completion of a Rube Goldberg machine. Two weeks ago we had a Professional Development afternoon and the students tried to convince the teachers that they needed to rearrange the schedule and have Project on Monday because Tuesday was going to be a day off for them. I asked a Level III student what her favorite day of the week was and she said Tuesday. I asked why and the child said because we have P.E. and Project on Tuesday. I know from talking to my adult children that a part of their Charter School experience that has helped them later on in life is the planning and student-led work they did in Project. In Project we have all of the students write reflections about their work. Here are some of their journal entries:

“...The last important job is tech, they are making a website for our Project. We all work very hard to keep Project running smoothly.”

In another Project journal a student wrote, “Soon we’ll be able to practice our real play for this year. I’m so excited! We’re going to do “Dowap Wittle Wed Widing Wood!”( a version of Little Red Riding Hood).

The significant words/phrases for me in these children’s writing are “important,” “work very hard” and “excited.” Perhaps Project is part of our soil here at SSCPS and these students are putting in the nutrients that will turn into a crop in the form of valuable community work and skills for life. Now if we are making a rich soil of community and students invested in their own collective work, that is soil for which I am grateful.

Please check the Lost and Found. We will donate all Lost and Found items at the Thanksgiving break.

Ted Hirsch ~ [thirsch@sscps.org](mailto:thirsch@sscps.org) ~ 781-982-4202 x108

## **LUNCH ORDERS**

Enclosed is the menu and order form for the remainder of November due Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also enclosed is the December Breakfast and Lunch menus and order forms. December orders are due Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> by 3pm.

## **ON THE LEVELS**

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

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

Level 1: “Great oaks from little acorns grow.”

Level 2: “Once in a blue moon.”

## **LIBRARY**

This past June the library was asked to put together a wish list of books for the school auction that the library could use. Families bid on this wish list and gave \$300 toward these books. The Library Committee was able to order 90 books with this donation. The following books were ordered.

1. Horrible Harry
2. The Bailey School Kids
3. The Black Stallion Series
4. A to Z Mysteries

We would like to thank the families that bid on this wish list. We had asked students what books they would like to see in the library and these books are ones that most of the students had asked for.

### **Over Due Books**

The Library Committee over the summer reviewed the over due policy on library books. Last year we had a large number of books that were consistently not returned. It was very time consuming trying to remind students and their families about over due library books. This year if a student does not return a library book that they have checked out by four weeks they will not be able to check out any more books. They will receive a paper over due notice through their teacher and an email will be sent out to their family. The over due notice will list the price of the book if the book has been lost. Lost books can either be paid for or replaced with the exact title of the lost book. Substitutions can not be made. If you have any questions regarding this policy you can contact the Library Committee at [Librarian@sscps.org](mailto:Librarian@sscps.org).

## New Book Donations

The following book donations were recently made to the library by Kristine Shipps:

1. Green My Parents
2. Girls Gone Green
3. The Teen Guide to Global Action
4. Seeds of Change (2 copies)

These are wonderful donations to our Library. Since we are American's Greenest School we would like more books like this to add to this type of collection.

## Book Donations Needed

### Non Fiction

1. Science
2. Sports
3. Art and Crafts
4. Books on different cultures such as Nigeria and Haiti

### Magazines Subscriptions

Since our magazines subscriptions are about to expire we can use the following subscriptions:

1. National Geographic for Kids
2. Sports Illustrated for Kids

### Other Library Donations

1. Rolls for scotch tape 3/4 inch to be used in an existing tape dispenser.
2. pencils
3. Book marks. Students love to have book marks for their books. We would love to see some hand made book marks in our library. Encourage your students to make them for our library.

## Other Library Projects

The library is in the process of looking into a scanning system for books. This will make checking in and out books, inventory books that are in the library, and also looking up certain books much easier. As we come closer to finding out this information we will let the school community know.

## **VOLUNTEERING AT SSCPS**

In order to Volunteer at the school you must:

1. Take part in a volunteer orientation. Please contact Ted Hirsch to schedule a time...
2. Complete and pass a CORI check. This must be done YEARLY with Pam Algera or Kristine Shipps
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)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**



For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, SSCPS is proud to be partnering with Anton's Cleaners in their annual **Coats for Kids** drive. We will be accepting donations of gently used, warm winter coats and jackets for all ages, including adult sizes. Please make sure the coats being donated do not have any rips or tears, zippers work, and they don't have permanent stains on them. Boxes will be put in the front lobby for your donations beginning on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> thru January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## **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)**



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.



Longwater Bus offers  
safe and reliable transportation from  
Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, & Scituate to SSCPS.

For more information, please contact  
[Amylemkin@gmail.com](mailto:Amylemkin@gmail.com) or 781-801-5557



**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**

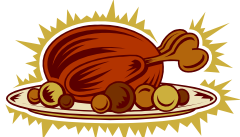
*November, 2010*

*Catered by Essence of Thyme*

**Breakfast**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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

*Lunch - November, 2010*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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



**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**December, 2010**

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**Breakfast**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
		1 <b>These days were</b>	2 <b>Included on</b>	3 <b>The November menu</b>
6 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	7 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk	8 Yogurt Juice Milk	9 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	10 Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk
13 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Bun Juice Milk	14 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Juice Milk	15 Frosted Mini Wheats Juice Milk	16 Cheerios Juice Milk	17 Raisin Bran Juice Milk
20 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk	21 Yogurt Juice Milk	22 Frosted Mini Wheats Juice Milk	23 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
27 	28 <b>H A P P Y</b>	29 <b>H O L</b>	30 <b>I D A Y S</b>	31




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6 Herbed Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Roll Milk	7 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans Milk	8 <b>NO LUNCH Early Release</b>	9 American Chop Suey Green Beans Apple Milk	10 <b>Pizza</b>
13 Jamaican Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Peas Milk	14 BBQ Chicken Potatoes Au Gratin Corn Roll Milk	15 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges California Medley Milk	16 Chicken Parmesan Ziti Broccoli Apple Milk	17 <b>Pizza</b>
20 Steak and Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Peas Milk	21 Chicken Quesadilla California Medley Grapes Milk	22 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Corn Roll and Butter Milk	23 <b>NO LUNCH Early Release</b>	24 <b>No School</b>
27 	28 <b>HAPPY</b>	29 <b>HOLIDAYS</b>	30	31



**November Breakfast & Lunch Order Form**  
*Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, November 23, 2010*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

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

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

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.*

**Breakfast Order Form**  
**Lunch for the Month of December, 2010**  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010**

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

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

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

Week of       Monday       Tuesday       Wednesday       Thursday       Friday  
 12/6 – 12/10

Week of       Monday       Tuesday       Wednesday       Thursday       Friday  
 12/13 – 12/17

Week of       Monday       Tuesday       Wednesday       Thursday       Friday  
 12/20 – 12/24

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

**Total Amount Enclosed**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

**Lunch Order Form**  
**Lunch for the Month of December, 2010**  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, November 30, 2010**

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

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

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

Week of 12/6 – 12/10     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
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Week of 12/13 – 12/17     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
#\_\_\_\_\_

Week of 12/20 – 12/24     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**

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