



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year!

I would like to invite all of our families to participate in our project based learning model. Our Environmental Transportation Workshop has been working hard on a proposal to provide SSCPS with an after school shuttle service. Please help them with their research by completing this simple six question survey. Students will analyze your responses which will assist them with project planning and route design.

Please use this link for the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TransportationShuttle>

Thank you for all you do.

Thursday	01/12	2nd Quarter Ends – Grades 7-12	
Thursday	01/12	Auction Committee	8:30am
Thursday	01/12	Enrollment Open House	5:00-7:00pm
Friday	01/13	Professional Development Day – no classes for students	
Saturday	01/14	Ski Club – bus leaves at 6:30am	
Monday	01/16	Martin Luther King Day – no school	
Thursday	01/19	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	01/19	Development Committee	5:00pm
Thursday	01/19	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	01/19	Board of Trustees	7:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2nd Session of the After School Enrichment Program description and registration forms are available at www.sscps.org

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

3rd grade health screenings (vision, hearing, height, and weight) will take place this month. Please call the Health Office if you do not want your child to participate. Parents will be notified of results only if your child *does not pass* the screenings.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are back in full swing here at school after the New Year and some messy winter weather is predicted for tomorrow morning. With winter weather the routines of our mornings become more complex. Simple things like a child getting in and out of a car are slowed. Because getting here in winter conditions is more difficult and takes more time I urge you to give yourself plenty of extra time in the mornings to get to school. On time arrival is so important for the teaching and learning that we do here at school and planning for weather makes all the difference. I look forward to seeing all of you on time here at school tomorrow morning and every day this winter. During the season, if there should be any weather related delayed openings or school closing you will be notified by telephone and SSCPS will be listed on the local television stations.

Speaking of snow I just want to reiterate that whenever possible we continue to take children outside at recess. Fresh air and exercise is important to children's education and to their health and we do our best to get the students outside whenever the temperature is above 20 degrees Fahrenheit. To make this outdoor experience a good one for your child we have certain clothing requirements. On Level I snow boots, pants, gloves/mitten and hats are required to go outside on snowy days. On Level II and III snow boots and pants are required to go up on the hill in snowy weather and if children do not have this equipment they are restricted to the paved surface. Please let me know if you need help securing these clothing articles for your children, and thank you for your help in getting your children to us on time in the morning with proper winter clothes.

This year we have been very fortunate to have Maria Lappas as our Spanish teacher while Karina Nelson was home after the birth of her daughter. Maria who is tri-lingual brings to us an exceptional interest in the teaching of second languages. She has not merely been filling in for Karina but also moving us forward in the development of a Spanish Language program. I am pleased to say that not only is Karina coming back next week but she and Maria will be job sharing. Maria will continue to be the Spanish teacher for Level II and III while Karina will be the primary teacher for Level I. There will be some minor adjustments to the Level I Spanish schedule but all of the other classes will continue at the same time. I am grateful to both Maria and Karina and know that they will be a wonderful Spanish team. If you have any questions about Spanish or any other subject please let me know.

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ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "The more the merrier."

Level 2: "Everything is ship shape."

COMMUNITY SERVICE



TeenLife LIVE! Community Service Fair & Expo on February 12th

Students, parents, and teachers are invited to attend the fifth annual **Teen Life LIVE! Community Service Fair & Expo** in Greater Boston. It will take place on **Sunday, February 12th from 12-4 pm** at The Mall at Chestnut Hill in Chestnut Hill, MA. Meet face-to-face with representatives from local non-profits willing to engage teens as volunteers as well as representatives from other programs and services. Each student will receive a free copy of the *2012 Guide to Community Service in Greater Boston*. Most middle and high school teens are required to do up to 40+ community service hours as a prerequisite to graduating. At Teen Life we can see why. The benefits of helping others or working with a worthy cause can be one of

the most rewarding experiences of your lifetime. Volunteering helps you develop a heart for giving, discover the wider world around you, foster meaningful relationships, and even build your resume. TeenLife showcases a countless number of non-profits who specifically work with teens. So, search our site to find the organization and service work that best interests you. **This TeenLife LIVE Community Service Fair is for students in grades 7-12.** This would be a great opportunity for students to find out what opportunities are available for Community Service.

Community Servings (This is for high school students only)

Welcomes student volunteers from Greater Boston and around the country. They all make a real difference in the lives of our 750 sick and hungry clients. Local high school and college students lend a hand throughout the year by participating in one-time service projects or by adopting a shift -- committing to helping in our kitchen on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly basis. Every student who walks through our doors is greeted by a friendly and fun staff and treated with dignity and respect. To learn more about volunteering as a student group, please contact Malissa Harmon, Volunteer Management Coordinator, at mharmon@servings.org or (617) 522-7777, ext. 227.

Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, Inc

Mission Statement

Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, Inc. is a Massachusetts charitable nonprofit organization dedicated to building simple low-cost homes by forming partnerships with low-income families in need of decent and affordable housing. We believe homeownership is a vital step to help families break the cycle of poverty and contributes to pride in families and communities. Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston is an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, and dedicated to ending poverty housing throughout the world as a matter of justice, mercy, compassion and humility.

If interested in volunteering check out their web site at http://www.habitatboston.org/about_us.html for more information.

There is now a list of organizations on the school web site under Community Service that you can use as a resource to find volunteer opportunities. This list will be updated through the year JToma85103@aol.com

**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**

Annual Fund Update:



Give to the Annual Fund!

Participation Rate Challenge 2012! Help us get to 100% parent participation!

Your tax deductible donation to the SSCEF Annual Fund is very important for allowing our school to provide the best education for our children!

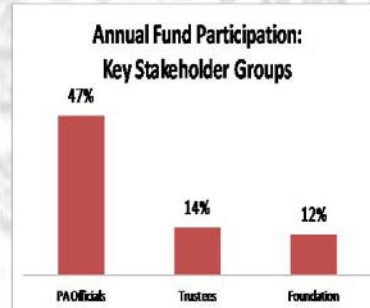
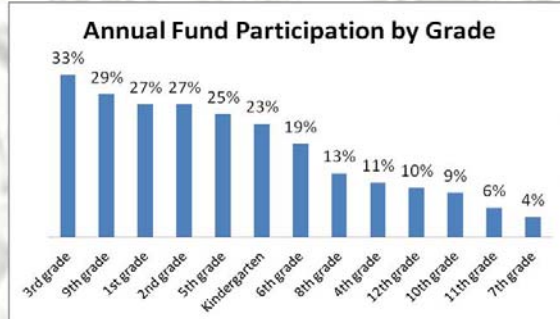
We ask that you give as much as you can!

**BUT we challenge everyone to participate -
your one dollar donation helps increase the participation rate!**

The participation rate is used when applying for grant money as a measure of how committed families are to the school—a high participation rate attracts corporations and foundations to support our school.

Last year our parent participation was 36%. This year we are aiming to at least double that rate...

Overall Parent Participation Rate (January 2012) 18.3%



And, thank you for all you do!



South Shore Charter School
January, 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL	3 Frosted Mini-Wheats Whales Juice Milk	4 Cheerios Apple Grahams Juice Milk	5 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	6 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Jelly Juice Milk
9 Golden Grahams Lemon Grahams Juice Milk	10 Frosted Mini-Wheats Whales Juice Milk	11 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	12 Cheerios Apple Grahams Juice Milk	13 NO SCHOOL Professional Dev. Day
16 	17 Whole Wheat Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk	18 Plain Bagel Juice Milk	19 Corn Muffin Juice Milk	20 Honey Wheat Bagel Jelly Juice Milk
23 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	24 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	25 Cheerios Cinn. Grahams Juice Milk	26 Yogurt Blueberry Grahams Juice Milk	27 Corn Flakes Apple Grahams Juice Milk
30 Corn Muffin Juice Milk	31 Plain Bagel Jelly Juice Milk	2/1 Frosted Mini-Wheats Whales Juice Milk	2/2 Yogurt Blueberry Grahams Juice Milk	2/3 Raisin Bran Juice Milk

* All Meals include 8 ounce Choice of 1% or Lowfat Chocolate Milk.

***Before placing your order, please inform the school if you have a food allergy!**



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LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL	3 Ziti and Meatballs Baked Apple Slices Broccoli Milk	4 Turkey and Gravy Mashed potato Carrots Roll Milk	5 French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Baked sliced Apples Sausages Milk	6 BGood
9 Sweet and Sour Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Rice Fruit Milk	10 Stuffed Shells Baked apple slices California Medley Milk	11 Steak and Cheese Sub Fries Green Beans Milk	12 Chicken parm sub Tater tots Green Beans Milk	13 No School Professional Dev. Day
16 No School Martin Luther King Day	17 Cheese Tortellini Green Beans Roll Apple Milk	18 Chicken Nuggets Potato wedges Peas Roll Milk	19 Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap Carrots and celery Fruit Milk	20 Pizza
23 Meatball Sub French Fries Peas Milk	24 Jamaican Beef patty Mashed potato Carrots Milk	25 Herbed Baked Chicken Stuffing Carrots Scalloped Potato Milk	26 American Chop Suey Peas Apple Roll Milk	27 BGood
30 Chicken Patty on a Bun Tater Tots Green Beans Milk	31 Italian Hot Pocket Mixed Vegetable Fruit Milk	2/1 Chicken Quesadilla Carrots Fruit Milk	2/2 Turkey and Gravy Mashed potato Carrots Roll Milk	2/3 Pizza

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