



South Shore Charter Public School is pleased to announce that Sophomore, Grace Moore has earned national recognition in The Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards of 2012, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. Grace Moore has been identified by panels of professional artists as one of the most talented young artists in the nation. This year, 200,000 works of art and writing were submitted to the competition. Only the top 1,500 were recognized on the national level and of that, Grace was chosen in the top 11%. Grace Moore and art teacher Marianne Buckley-Curran have been invited to attend a ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall on June 1 and they have been invited to participate in a number of showcase events at Parsons The New School for Design in New York City. South Shore Charter Public School is so proud to have Grace represent our school in this year's National Scholastic & Writing Awards. Congratulations Grace!



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Weymouth second-grader launches toy drive for sick kids
Christian Schiavone

For most 8-year-olds, getting out of the hospital and heading back home with an armload of new toys and games would be a dream come true. But for Connor Daley, it got him thinking about other kids who might not be so lucky.

"I was at the hospital and when I was there I got to have some toys," Connor said. "Then when I left the hospital with the toys, I wanted other kids to have some, too."

Connor, a second-grader at South Shore Charter Public School in Norwell, has organized an effort to collect new and unused toys, books and games for children like him who suffer from immune deficiencies and can't share toys with other kids because of the risk of spreading infections. Donation boxes have been set up at American Kempo Karate Academy's locations in East Weymouth, South Weymouth, Hanson, Hanover and Rockland and will be accepting donations through March 31.

Wednesday	03/21	MCAS Testing Grade 10 and Level III	
Wednesday	03/21	Level II Field Trip to Boston Theatre	
Wednesday	03/21	High School AP Biology Field Trip to Harvard	
Thursday	03/22	MCAS Testing Grade 10, Level II, and Level IV	
Thursday	03/22	High School Science Field Trip	
Friday	03/23	SEPAC (offsite)	8:30am
Friday	03/23	Auction Committee Meeting	8:30am
Saturday	03/24	High School Theatre Workshop Performance	1pm & 2:30pm
Sunday	03/25	High School Theatre Workshop Performance	1pm & 2:30pm
Tuesday	03/27	MCAS Testing Level III and Level IV	
Wednesday	03/28	MCAS Testing Level II	
Wednesday	03/28	11 TH Grade Field Trip to URI	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 17th Annual Auction is fast approaching. Purchase your tickets today!

Make sure to mark your calendars on Friday, March 30th. This year the auction will be held at the Elms in Hanover. It is located off of Main Street (Hanover) or High Street (Norwell) and is less than 1 mile from our school. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Visit the SSCPS Auction page to purchase tickets, make donations, and to view items:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=cof5p6eab&oeidk=a07e51ngwpj3bc990855>

Would you like your name or your child's name on our new Street Sign? Check out the attached flyer for more information.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In these Update articles I typically write about the seasons: the seasons of the earth and the seasons in the school year. In schools across Massachusetts it is now the season of the MCAS. Angie in previous Updates has spoken eloquently of our efforts as a school to teach the students the valuable academic tasks that the MCAS measures. Because of that this Update piece will be about Art and Physical Education. We are determined to make this the school of our founding vision - a place that does the right thing by valuing the life of the children and adults in our community. Nothing is more important to go with an analytical mind than a healthy body and pondering mind, the fruits of exercise and art.

Two weeks or so ago Geoff Roman, one of our music teachers, invited me to be a judge of the High School students' original songs in the Music Workshop. Geoff had also invited three professional musicians to be the jury that evaluated the students' work. The students performed interesting and complex music that had life, energy, and newness. The performances were strong, and comment after comment from the jury attested to their talent. These comments were a confirmation of the hard work that these students have been putting into their work over the course of years. It was a treat for me to see the founding vision of the school - to have outside experts give direct and specific feedback to students - utilized by a brand new faculty member. While these performances were going on, in the High School Great Room the Poetry Slam Workshop was throwing down verses. Though I could not be in two places at once I have heard these students perform before and I know it was an excellent show, as was the High School Drama Workshop's play that they put on for the Statewide Drama Festival a week or so before this. Last week the second and third graders went to Symphony Hall and were enthusiastic listeners to symphonic music. The reflections

on their experience showed just how much they got out of the trip; in fact they were so focused that not one of them got up to go to the bathroom during the whole concert. And to cap off all of this artistic achievement and study, 10th grader Grace Moore's entry into a national students' art show - a jacket made primarily of comics from the Sunday papers - received a "Silver Key" award. She will receive her award at Carnegie Hall in New York City in early June. (This reminds me of an old joke: "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" Answer: "Practice, practice, practice.") Congratulations to all of the students and teachers for their pursuit of Art, and possibly a new reply to the query – why go to SSCPS?

Now this brings us to exercise. I asked Heather Fredette, our Athletic Director and PE teacher, to write something for the Update that promoted fitness. Please don't merely read her piece; let's put it to use.

It is recommended by The American Heart Association that children and teens participate in at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.

This is important because increasing physical activity in children is associated with an increased life expectancy and decreased risk of cardiovascular disease. Exercise can produce physical, psychological and social benefits, and inactive children are more likely to become inactive adults. Physical activity can help with not only controlling body weight but also reducing the risk of diabetes. It can also improve mental well-being, including gaining more self-confidence and achieving a higher self-esteem.

Here are some tips for increasing physical activity at home:

1. Take the dog for walks
2. Go for a half hour walk instead of watching TV
3. Do active chores together such as washing the car, gardening, shoveling or yard work
4. Enroll children in community sports or lessons
5. Throw impromptu dance parties
6. Go swimming
7. Make a family walk a weekend habit
8. Have a sit-up, squat, push up or jumping jack competition with your kids while watching TV.

Ted Hirsch – thirsch@sscps.org and Heather Fredette – hfredette@sscps.org

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Tick Season: Due to the warm weather the ticks are out early. Please remember to check your children every day for ticks. We will be keeping all children out of the wooded areas during the school day. If a tick is found and removed on your child at school, you will be notified. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sunscreen: Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school as most children will be spending time outdoors during the warm weather.

Lice: There have been four recent cases of lice in the school. Please remember to have your child's hair pulled up and back. If your child develops symptoms, itchy scalp, please check for nits / lice or send to the health office for screening. Also please report all cases to the school nurse, this will help alleviate the spread by checking classmates.

Thank you, Susan Dupras – sdupras@sscps.org

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Got up on the wrong side of the bed."

Level 2: "That's the last straw"

Level II students in Sarah's Pod have dropped off boxes for you to put in new, unsharpened pencils. We are collecting pencils for needy students in Mississippi. Thank you from all the students in Sarah's Pod

Level II student, Shannon Daly in Donovan's pod is collecting "slightly used" books for children, ages 2 to 14, whose parents are students at the Adult Learning Center in Brockton. Each year all the adult learners

and their children are invited to come and choose books that they can take home and create an at home library. The Learning Center relies on donations from community members to make this give-away possible, a lot of the time this is the only way they receive books. The collection box is located outside of Donovan's Pod in level II, and any donations would be greatly appreciated!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service takes on many different types of experiences from collecting can goods for your local food pantry, collecting money for a local charity, helping at an animal shelter. As students become older the type of volunteering can become more involved making it a much more meaningful experience.



Volunteering Abroad

The other type of community service project would be to volunteer abroad. (This would be for high school students.) There are many organizations that offer this type of trip. They help to organize and guide students through a worthwhile and life changing experience. This can be done short term one week to a month or more. You'll work side by side with local community members in a variety of destinations doing a variety of projects. Whether you have an interest in working with people, the environment, or animals, there is a project waiting for you! The opportunities available to you as a volunteer abroad are endless, so there's no reason you should not be able to find your perfect program by researching the internet. You will find many types of organizations that offer this type of experience. The majority of organizations allow you to choose the duration of your program, so it doesn't matter if you're a student you'll be able to find the program that best fits your life schedule. As a volunteer abroad, you'll make new friends, lasting memories, and leave a lasting impact on your new community for years to come. Help improve the lives of those in need throughout the world, and experience a piece of that culture that you will forever appreciate.



Volunteering in America

If you would prefer to volunteer in this country there are also various organizations that can assist you such as **Habitat for Humanity**, **Volunteers of America** and many others that can give you a similar experience. Helping out others in this country that are in need can be such a worthwhile experience.

Everyone has a talent to give. Tapping into people's skills and knowledge creates a more meaningful experience for the volunteer and those he or she serves. It can be expertise in a certain field to the ability to make others feel assured, cared for and safe. No matter what the talent or gift a volunteer shares with others, it helps to sustain a culture of relationship-building among many groups, including youth, seniors, businesses and other charitable organizations.

If you know of an event that is coming up in your community in the near future please email Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com.



Snack Bag Packing Event - Saturday, April 21, 2012

Two Shifts – 9:00 am-12:00pm or 12:30pm-3:30 pm

Location : Boston Food Bank

70 South Bay Avenue, Boston, 02118

Anyone who is interested in attending can either contact Nicholas Riley at nicholas_riley@projectbread.org directly or RSVP online at www.projectbread.org (after clicking on 'Walk for Hunger,' it is under the 'Pre-Walk Events' link in the left column). For directions for the Boston Food Bank go to their website at <http://www.gbfb.org>

21st Annual Walk to Benefit Hospice of the South Shore

Saturday, March 24, 7-10 am

South Shore Plaza, Braintree

SSCPS's Girl Scout Juniors will be walking in this years Walk for Hospice on March 24th, and would like to invite others from the SSCPS family to walk with them on



Team SSCPS Cares: Please click on the link below to join Team SSCPS Cares and walk with us, pick up a sponsor sheet at the school, or please consider sponsoring the team if you are unable to attend. Feel free to contact Anatoli Korosidis for any further information #781-308-3421.

<http://www.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1005422&lis=0&kntae1005422=41249B45D2A6438A929C31EAF708D3B2&team=4991774&tlteam=0>



MS Society Walks

April 1, 2012 in Boston
May 5, 2012 in Cohasset
May 12, 2012 in Natick

MS Society Bike Ride

June 23-24, 2012 – Boston to Provincetown.
Check website below for more details
<http://www.nationalmssociety.org>



Join the 2012 Walk for Hunger on **Sunday, May 6, 2011!** Register online beginning in February. Sign-up to receive an email when registration is available. Website: <http://www.projectbread.org> See email below regarding Walk for Hunger:

This is an email received recently from Nicholas Riley, Volunteer Campaign Associate for Project Bread-Walk for Hunger. I wanted to get in touch to let you know about a couple of our events coming up before the Walk for Hunger. The first opportunity is sign painting, which takes place Saturday March 17th at the East Boston Social Center from 9:30am-1pm. Sign painting is a fun event where volunteers create the nearly 400 signs that will line the entire route of the Walk for Hunger. The EBSC is located at 68 Central Square in East Boston. Later in April, we will also be hosting our annual snack bag packing to put together the 30,000 snack bags given out to walkers at Arsenal Park. We're still finalizing a specific date and time for the event, but I would be happy to let you know when that information becomes available. Thank you for your interest in this year's Walk for Hunger. I hope to see the South Shore Charter Public School's students at one of our events!

This would be a great opportunity for Community Service for students/families that may not be able to participate in the Walk for Hunger in May, but would like help be involved in the preliminary preparations for this popular and well attended event.

Breast Cancer Walk – Boston – May 19-20, 2012

Website: <http://www.avonwalk.org>



**National
Brain Tumor
Society**

Day of Event Information

Ride Day

Date: Sunday, May 20, 2012

Location: Reservoir Woods, Waltham, MA

Registration/Check In: 7 - 8 a.m.

Program and Activities: 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

You do not have to ride to volunteer at this event. Volunteers are needed from helping set up, registration, greeters and food tent. Check web site below for more information. <http://www.braintumorcommunity.org>

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, is pleased to announce a full lineup of **Summer 2012 Programs** for children ages 3 through college. In addition to our traditional farm programs, we're offering many new opportunities for children interested in exploring the diverse habitats of the 130 acres of woods, ponds, and salt marsh at Holly Hill Farm. There are also exciting new offerings for pre-teens and older youth who might be interested in a different sort of summer experience building things, cooking, growing food for Father Bill's, selling produce at the farmers market, or assisting with camp programs. More information and registration forms are available at www.hollyhillfarm.org.

Salamanders on the Move - Come to Holly Hill Farm to learn about the fascinating life in a vernal pool and join us as we carefully observe the annual trek of salamanders into vernal pools for their mating

season. Temperature and weather play an important part in the timing of the salamanders' move to vernal pools so we have been waiting for the right evening to schedule this event. Join us THIS Friday March 23 from 7-8:30 pm. All ages are welcome, but sorry, dogs are not invited on this walk as we need to be very still and quiet to not disturb the salamanders. Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For directions and more information, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org. Please call 781-383-6565 to check on the date and to pre-register. Fee: \$5 for members of the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, max \$15 per family / \$8 for non-members, max \$24 per family.

SUMMER!

SAVE THE DATE!

Randolph Rec Summer Camp

Registration starts February 15th
K-6th Grade June 18th-August 24th

\$10 Registration fee (one time fee)
\$85 per week! Before June 1st (\$99 after 6/1)
Registration requires payment

March 15th is our 1st Summer Info Night
Please come to the JFK School Cafeteria at 6:00.
One lucky person will win
10 Weeks of Summer Camp for FREE!

Camp consists of 4 Camp Days and 1 Field Trip Day
Camp Day Activities Include
Basketball, Soccer, Arts and Crafts, Games, and MUCH more
MORE SUMMER CAMP INFO ON THE BACK!

*****New for 2012*****
Summer camp will be relocating to the Zapostas Arena in front of the Imagination Station Playground. During the Day Campers will rotate from station to station such as the Arena for Meals, Basketball, and other Gym games. Other stations will include a GIANT Arts and Crafts tent, the Imagination Station Playground, the Field at the Recreation Office and MUCH more.

Campers will be issued Randolph Recreation IDs at the beginning of each week so that they can be identified at all times.

Open Swim time will take place at least 2 times per week.

WEEKLY FIELD TRIPS

Week 1 Starland	Week 2 Carousel Family Fun	Week 3 Morton's Pond
Week 4 Timberlanes	Week 5 Pump N Jump	Week 6 Extreme Party Da
Week 7 Franklin Park Zoo	Week 8 Morton's Pond	Week 9 Dave and Busters
Week 10 Year End Party		

Other Summer Information Nights
April 12th and May 31st (at the Zapostas Ice Arena)

**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**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WORKSHOPS AND PROJECTS?

The High School Theater Workshop presents

THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

By Raleigh Marcell, Jr.

CAST

ArloTyler Zakrzewski
HoytCJ Palmer
MiloKaisaac Griffin
Old ManZach Johnston

LoraDayna St.Peter

The Coke Machine.....Ben Otis

UNDERSTUDIES

ArloGarrett Creutz
HoytDevin Nigro
MiloSteven Coleman
Old ManCody Brennan

CREW

Director.....Mr. Loren Sanborn

Stage Manager.....Marie Juste

Light Operator.....Matt Young

Sound Operator.....Johnnie Jackson

Saturday March 24

Leads: 1:00 pm

Understudies: 2:30 pm

Sunday March 25

Understudies: 1:00 pm

Leads: 2:30 pm

Admission: \$2 per person or \$5 per family

The play takes place in the anytime of existentialism.

**We need your help to make the
Annual SSCPS Auction at The Elms of Hanover
March 30, 2012 a success!**

The auction will be accompanied by a selection of
hot and cold passed hors d'oeuvres and dessert buffet.

The committee is trying to keep the cost down with donations of food and volunteers for staffing. This will result in more of the funds going directly to the school, which means our children benefit.

This function is run solely by parents, family members and friends of parents.

If you would like to help out or donate any of the following items please contact

Christina & Mark Harvey

Parents of Mathew grade 1 & Olivia grade 3

Theharveys.4@gmail.com

781-293-4424

Food Donation Needed

1. Cold hors d'oeuvres for passing
 - a. 1 to 2 bites each
 - b. Minimum of 24 pieces
 - c. Dropped off in a disposable box or container. We will take care of putting them on serving trays for passing. We can assemble items right before service if needed.
2. Cold plated items to be put on tables
 - a. Items need to be on 12 inch disposable serving trays or in a baskets
 - b. Examples of items needed: Vegetables and dip, cheese and crackers, corn chips & dip. (What ever you can come up with that can sit out on the tables for 3 hours.)
3. Desserts that are also finger food sizes
 - a. Dropped of in a disposable box or container. We will be serving them on platters for the buffet.
 - b. We will take care of putting them on serving trays for the buffet

Food Staffing Needs

We are looking for:

- People to assist food service during the event
- People to assist with clean up during and after the Auction
- People to help prepare, receive & set up the food any time on March 30, 2012 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm at the Elms

Equipment Donation Needs for Food

Coolers (the larger the better)

NAME OUR STREET SIGN!

How would you like to see your name or child's name on our new street sign at SSCPS?



Purchase a \$5.00 raffle ticket for a chance to win your name on the sign for a year!

After one year you will be given the sign to keep!

Drawing will be held at the 17th Annual SSCPS Auction on March 30th, 2012!

Detach above and return this portion with payment to:
SSCPS - 100 Longwater Circle - Norwell, MA 02061 - Attn: Denise Demaggio

NAME OUR STREET SIGN!
South Shore Charter Public School

Name: _____ \$5.00 per raffle ticket

Child and/or Family name as it will appear on the sign:

Drawing will be held at the 17th Annual SSCPS Auction on March 30, 2012.

Breakfast Order Form
Lunch for the Month of April, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 4/2 – 4/6 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/9 – 4/13 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/16 – 4/20 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/23 – 4/27 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/30 – 5/4 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.60

Less credit due _____


Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.



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

Breakfast


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	3 Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk	4 Plain Bagel Juice Milk	5 Cheerios w/whole wheat graham crackers Juice Milk	6 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk
9 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	10 Yogurt w/granola bar Juice Milk	11 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Juice Milk	12 Frosted Mini Wheats Juice Milk	13 Cheerios w/whole wheat graham crackers Juice Milk
16 S P R	17 I N G	18 	19 B R E	20 A K
23 Corn Flakes w/whole grain cinn.crackers Juice Milk	24 Bagel w/jelly Juice Milk	25 French Toast Sticks Juice Toast	26 Fruit Yogurt Parfait Milk	27 Corn Muffin Juice Milk
30 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk	5/1 Yogurt w/granola bar Juice Milk	5/2 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Bun Juice Milk	5/3 Cheerios w/whole wheat graham crackers Juice Milk	5/4 Frosted Mini Wheats Crackers Juice Milk

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



South Shore Charter
April, 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Chicken Pot Pie Mixed veggies Fruit Milk	3 Ziti and Meatballs Broccoli Applesauce Milk	4 French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Baked sliced Apples Sausages Milk	5 Herbed Baked Chicken Stuffing Carrots Scalloped Potato Milk	6 No Lunch Early Release
9 Beef and Bean Burrito Corn Fruit Milk	10 American Chop Suey Peas Apple Roll Milk	11 Chicken Quesadilla Carrots Fruit Milk	12 Cheese Tortellini Green Beans Roll Apple Milk	13 BGood
16 S P R	17 I N G	18 	19 B R E	20 A K
23 Hamburger on Bun Corn French Fries Milk	24 Stuffed Shells Baked apple slices California Medley Milk	25 Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap Carrots and celery Fruit Milk	26 Cod Sticks Potato wedges California Medley	27 Pizza
30 BBQ Chicken Mashed potato Roll Peas Milk	5/1 Macaroni and Cheese Carrots and celery Fruit Milk	5/2 Chicken Patty on a Bun Tater Tots Green Beans Milk	5/3 No Lunch Early Release	5/4 BGood

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

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