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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe this is the last Weekly Update for the 2011-2012 school year. On behalf of the South Shore Charter Public School I would like to thank all of our families and friends for their ongoing support throughout the school year.

On Tuesday evening, June 5th, we honored all of our parent volunteers who do so much for our school every day. Our parent volunteers are an amazing group, they run pencil drives, cater for our events, bake for classroom fundraisers, run the library, craft globes with Level I students, teach languages and physical education, run road races, and chaperone on field trips. As this school year comes to a close, it is important to recognize the 187 volunteers who together donated over two thousand hours of time.

Lisa Aiello	Joanne Deibel	Renee Hearn	Laura MacDougall	Edwin Rivera
Suze Alcindor	Frantzy Delphonse	Maureen Hebert	Iris Mahegan	Laura Rivera
Leslie Alden	Denise Demaggio	Paula Hennebury	Hope Malnati	Debbie Rogers
Paul Alden	Joe Demaggio	Soria & Brian	Tanya Maniscalco	Jessica Roman
Adeline Almeda	Elissa Dennis	Hennebury	Laura Mahn	Stacy Rousseau
Stefani Baldwin	Mike Devincent	Carline Herisse	Nina Marchese	Theona Royers
Manusca Belony	Susan Duchaney	Coreen Higgins	Christine Mattuchio	Kristina Russo
Kerry Benjamin	Jennifer Dunne	Margaret Hoffman	Lou Mattuchio	Blaire Schaefer-Flynn
Ryan Benjamin	Tara Dusthimer	Donna Hogan	Curt McDonald	Nancy Schaefer-Flynn
Christine Bowker-	Kelley Ekas	Caitriona Hollowed	Kathyleen McDonald	Kate Shanteler
Wickersham	Kim Elliot-Isabel	Diane Hugyo	Alan Miller	Caitlin Sheils
Cathy Bowman	Sheilagh Eraklis	Cheryl Ann Hurley	Yeemay Miller	Debbie Shepherd
Karen Boyle	Beth Farmer	Tara Iorio	Lizanne Moffatt	Iriina Shpilker
Deb Brown	Tom Farmer	Kathleen Jeffrey	Carolyn Moore	Sandra Somerville
Alan Bruce	Andrea Feeney	Jenn Jordan	Cindy Morin	Leesa Spain
Bev Bruce	Steven Feeney	Rosenie Joseph	John Moylan	Marc Stevenson
Lisa Bumbalo	Beth Flanagan	Joanne Keegan	Karen Moylan	Elizabeth Stohlman-
Julie Burke	Mike Flanagan	Priscilla Kelly	Kirsten Mullen	Vanderveen
Mike Burke	Mary Foster	Susan Knineh	Kim Mulligan-Newcomb	Melanie Strahm
Colette Bycinte	Catherine Frederick	Anatoli Korosidis	Marie Nelson	Damian Sullivan
Michelle Campion	Melissa Freitas	Claire Krasnow	Kristin Norman	Jane Sullivan
Marisa Carson	Anne Gabanelle	Judy Lally	Josephine Oji	Stacey Sunnenberg
Maura Carson	Jean Jacques Gabanelle	Kristen Larson	Stephanie Olsen	Katie Tierney
Danette Carter	Doreen Gallagher	Kris Larue	Mary Oxner	Julianne Tilden
Deb Cerilli	William Gallion	Norma Laurent	Debbie Paquette	Beth Toma
George Chambers	Jennifer Gammon	Chistina LeBlanc	Kevin Paquette	Arnette Val
Maribeth Chambers	Annette Golden	Candy Lee	Lisa Parsons	Lisa VanWinkle
Lori Childs	Gema Gray	David Lee	Lisa Perachi	Jane Walsh
Gio Ciambriello	Kerry Griffin	Ken Lee	Matt Perachi	Kenneth Walsh
Michelle Ciambriello	Robert Griffin	Alexis Levitt	Laura Perry	Gwen Watchorn
Karen Currie	Michael Gunderen	Rich Levitt	Justina Pettinelli	John Weldon
Janet Daley	Susie Guthro	Karen Long	Robert Pettinelli	Bethany Whitemyer
Ken Daley	Christopher Harting	Maura Longueil	Jennifer Pina	David Whitemyer
Kim Dalton	Elieen Hartz	Alan Lussier	Pierre Pompilus	Cyndi Wormald
Tim Dalton	Jeremy Hartz	Jessica Lussier	Bonnie Preston	Josh Wright
Charles Dannison	Christina Harvey	Kerri Macdonald	Cassia Proude	Toni Yalch
Heather Dans	Mark Harvey	Kim Macdonald	Rob Proude	Susan Yazbeck
Lisa Dehner	Lisa Harvey-Mone	Gary MacDougall	Peggy Pucillo	Nancy Zraizaa

Thank you to all for your time and commitment. We could not have accomplished all that we did without you.

Have a safe and restful summer.

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Please take a few moments to click on the link below to complete the following surveys. Your feedback is essential in planning for next year.

SSCPS AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

After School Program Survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FY13AfterschoolNeeds

2011-2012 ANNUAL SATISFACTION SURVEY

Parents/Guardian: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SSCPSParent

Students: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SSCPSStudent

Board of Trustees: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SSCPSBoT

Faculty and Staff: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SSCPSFacStaff

Please complete your survey no later than Friday, June 29th.

Thursday	06/14	Kindergarten Beach Day	
Thursday	06/14	Level II Award Ceremony	1:00pm
Thursday	06/14	Level III Field Day	1:00pm
Thursday	06/14	Level I Nora's Project to Norwell Reservation	12:30pm
Friday	06/15	Level I Field Day	8:30am
Friday	06/15	Level III Awards	10:00am
Friday	06/15	Level IV Award Ceremony at the SSCPS Gym	10:30am
Friday	06/15	Early Release – Summer Vacation begins	12:00pm

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Level IV Final Exam Schedule June 12-14

	Tuesday 6/12	Wednesday 6/13	Thursday 6/14	
8:15-8:30	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	
8:30-10:00	7 th Math 8 th English	7 th English 8 th History	7 th Science 8 th Spanish	
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break	
10:30-12:00	7 th History 8 th Science	7 th Spanish 8 th Math	Project (10:30-11:30)	
1:00-3:00	Study time and movies			

High School Final Exam Schedule June 12-14

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	Tuesday 6/12	Wednesday 6/13	Thursday 6/14				
8:15-8:30	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting				
8:30-10:00	Block A	Block C	Block E				
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break				
10:30-12:00	Block B	Block D	Make up Exams				

PURCHASE YOUR SSCPS YEARBOOK TODAY!

The yearbooks have arrived and there is still time to purchase your 2011-12 SSCPS Yearbook. Hard cover yearbooks are \$25.00 and soft cover yearbooks are \$20.00. You may pay for the yearbook at the front desk and a student in the Yearbook Club will deliver the book to your child. For more information, contact Khahn@sscps.org.

HEALTH OFFICE

Parents please remember to pick up your child's medication by the last day of school. Medication left in the health office after June 15th will be disposed of. Also all prescription medication orders **expire** as of June 15th and medication orders must be **renewed** by your child's physician to be administered during the new school year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE



During this past school year the goal of the Community Service Committee has been to research different organizations where community service opportunities are available. This information is now available on the school web site and it is updated throughout the school year. Hopefully with this information now available for students and their families it will help

them in fulfilling community service requirements. If a student is having trouble coming up with ideas check out this list. Summer time is a great time to work on community service. It will help fill in some time over the summer and at the same time complete this school requirements before school starts in the fall.



MS Society Bike Ride

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

Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and fight back against the disease.

At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track of path. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length. Relayers do not have to walk all night, but each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Go to the website relayforlife.org/learn/index to find out where the next Relay For Life will be near your community.



PAN-MASS CHALLENGE

http://www.pmc.org/ride.asp?topic=Ride/routes The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge raises money for life-saving cancer research and treatment

at <u>Dana-Farber Cancer Institute</u> through an annual bike-a-thon that crosses the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Since its founding in 1980, the PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors and individual contributors. All are essential to the PMC's goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift. Our hope and aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber's doctors and researchers the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancer.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Piano or Guitar Lessons with Austin Matthews - Austin has thoroughly enjoyed teaching piano to SSCPS students this Spring; it's made him happy to see how much his students have progressed in a short period of time. Austin is deferring attending Berklee College of Music until September 2013, in part so he can have the opportunity to teach more students piano & guitar. Starting immediately, Austin will take on students of any age or ability, as long as they are motivated to learn. Lessons are typically 30 minutes weekly, but can be longer, and more or less frequent, depending on the student's needs. Cost is \$30 per half hour. Lessons will take place at SSCPS, or possibly your home or Austin's home. Summer is a great time to study music! If you want to learn piano or guitar, improve beyond your current level of playing – or know someone who does – please contact Austin directly at austindmatthews@gmail.com or on his cell 781-910-9413.



Many thanks to all who have given to the **Annual Fund!**

Let's keep this going...

It is not too late to donate...please bring an envelope with your contribution and your child's name to the concert tomorrow night.

All donations help our kids!

Let's get 100% family participation!!!

South Shore Therapies is pleased to announce our 2012 Summer Skill Groups. Registration deadline is June 20th. For more information please call (781) 335-6663 or email wsiegel@southshoretherapies.com

Social Thinking® Group (Ages 7-10) \$560

Wednesday: 4:30-5:30 (Weymouth running 7/11/12 - 8/29/12)

This 8 week social skills group will incorporate Michelle Garcia Winner's core Social Thinking® concepts and vocabulary. Each week specific skills will be introduced through group discussions, cooperative play, and team building tasks. Areas addressed will include: understanding expected vs. unexpected behaviors related to a variety of situations and locations, perspective taking, comprehending and using nonverbal communication, problem solving, flexibility, and conversational skills.

Munch Bunch (Ages 4 and up) \$560

Tuesday: 11:00-12:00 (Weymouth running 7/10/12 - 8/28/12) Thursday: 11:00-12:00 (Pembroke running 7/12/12 - 8/30/12)

These 8 week groups are geared towards children who have challenges with eating and a limited food repertoire. Group activities will include sensory-motor play for organization, silly mouth games and "eating time". The goal is for the child to enjoy the feeding experience, increase the repertoire of food tastes and textures, and expand the diet for more balanced nutrition. The Weymouth group will incorporate a pilot parent training component to encourage more effective home carry over.

Regulation Station (Ages 6 and up) \$560

Tuesday: 9:30-10:30 (Weymouth running 7/10/12 - 8/28/12) Wednesday: 11:30-12:30 (Pembroke running 7/11/12 - 8/29/12)

These 8 week groups are geared towards children with sensory regulation issues. The group will be structured around the "Alert Program for Self Regulation" and include organized sensory activities and planning sessions to empower the child to develop sensory diet strategies to help regulate themselves throughout the day, in various environments. The Weymouth group will incorporate a pilot parent training component to encourage more effective home carry over.

Yoga for Kids (Ages 5 and up) \$560

Tuesday: 11:00-12:00 (Pembroke running 7/10/12 - 8/28/12)

This newly developed 8 week group will teach children yoga, a fun and innovative form of exercise. Yoga poses are geared to increase a child's strength, balance, coordination and self-expression. This class will also incorporate mindfulness practices and exercises aimed to help improve a child's attention and concentration skills in a playful and creative way.

Little Hands (Ages 4-5) \$560

Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 (Pembroke running 7/11/12 - 8/29/12)

This newly developed 8 week group is designed to meet the needs of pre-school children to develop the necessary hand skills needed for success in school. Group activities will focus on the foundation skills needed for effective handwriting, including sensory-motor awareness, CORE strength, and developing wrist and finger stability and dexterity through fun, creative activities.

Handwriting \$560

(Ages 5-7) Wednesday: 1:30-2:30 (Pembroke: 7/11/12 - 8/29/12) and

Thursday: 9:45-10:45 (Weymouth: 7/12/12 - 8/30/12)

(Ages 8-10) Thursday: 11:30-12:30 (Weymouth running 7/12/12-8/30/12)

These 8 week handwriting groups are geared towards school age children who are struggling with the mechanics of learning to write letters and numbers. The groups will utilize the "Handwriting Without Tears" curriculum, combining multi-sensory writing instruction with preparatory activities for posture, hand strengthening, visual perceptual development and confidence building.

Introduction to Bal-A-Vis-X® (Ages 7 and up) \$350

Wednesday: 3:00-4:00 (Pembroke running 7/11/12 - 8/15/12)

This 6 week group will be led by 2 certified Bal-A-Vis-X instructors. Bal-A-Vis-X is a progressive series of Balance/Auditory/Vision eXercises with bean bags, racquet balls and balance boards which develop body coordination, focused attention and eye-hand coordination that can impact attention and learning. It requires cooperation, promotes self-challenge, and fosters self-esteem.

Brain Gym® 101 (Ages 7 and up) \$350

Thursday 3:00-4:00 (Weymouth running 7/12/12 - 8/9/12)

This 5 week group will be led by a certified Brain Gym® instructor and focus on exercises and movements that stimulate the brain/body connection to decrease stress, and enhance energy, balance, coordination and organization. Brain Gym® helps prepare children with the physical skills they need in order to learn to read, write and function successfully in the classroom and at home.