



Wednesday	12/14	Annual Winter Concert – Hingham High School	6:00pm
Thursday	12/15	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	12/15	Development Committee	5:00pm
Thursday	12/15	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	12/15	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	12/16	SEPAC Meeting (offsite)	8:30am
Friday	12/16	Level I Puppet Show	8:30am & 1:00pm
Monday	12/19	Level III Frog Pond Field Trip	
Monday	12/19	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	2:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone that donated food and other items to the teacher luncheon. They were overwhelmed with various choices of main dishes salads, etc and desserts! Thank you to Melissa Freitas for helping to set up and thank you to Pam, Kathy, and Susan for helping to clean up. If you haven't pick up your crockpot, please pick up today. Thank you again for another successful luncheon!!!

Karen Boyle - Parent of Richie and Jonathan (HS) and Caroline (level II)

Last chance to join the SSCPS Ski Club is December 15th – Grades 7-12 - For information visit the SSCPS website: www.sscps.org/student-life/academics/

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In the Principal's Update I try to give a sense of the goings on here at SSCPS and every day there are many events that are worthy of documentation and reporting but only a few get written about. I choose what to write about by picking out events that are emblematic of our work here at SSCPS. Usually I write about teachers and how they do such inspiring work but today I will write about the actions of students.

The Monday before last, one of my fifth grade math FIT groups was in the library for math class and we were casting about for things to do and came up with the idea that we ought to estimate the number of books in the library. I gave a little lesson on how I thought it best to estimate the books and we decided to have a contest to see who could come up with the closest estimate. The fifth graders diligently estimated the number of books and we thought that right after class we would ask Bev Bruce, our reading specialist and staff library guru, how many books we had in the library. Well it turns out we did not have an actual count of the books but that Bev had made an estimate and it was around 6,000 books. For the fifth graders, the estimate did not qualify as a precise enough figure; there was no way to know who had actually made the best estimate since we only had another estimate to compare. I did not think much more about this problem until the group met again this Monday and the students wanted to know who had the best estimate.

The saying is that “an elephant never forgets” but it seems to me it should be amended to say “a fifth grader never forgets.” The only way to solve the problem was to count the books ourselves.

We went in as a team with yellow stickies and counted and posted the number of books on every shelf. That took all FIT time but the students were not satisfied. They wanted the total so I got the adding machine with a tape from our bookkeeper Linda Weldon and gave advice as to how to use a team approach to make the tally. With over a hundred figures to sum I insisted that they needed two counts that were identical to be sure we had an accurate count. When I went to check on the group they explained a wonderfully elaborate team approach that was much more inclusive and egalitarian than the one I had suggested but had only run the numbers once and were halfway through their second tally when they ran out of time. Yesterday morning three of the group completed the task using Excel, and Excel sorting, and yellow sticky sorting, and missing yellow stickies, and all kinds of other complications. With the group now able to show that the tally was accurate and the inputs were error free we are proud to report that there were 7,054 books in the library on Monday. This is the count of the books that were actually in the library that day. There are other books out in circulation so our total book count is even higher than that.

There were many things that pleased me about the exercise of estimating and then counting the library books. Here are a few bulleted points:

- When it looked as though we might need to repeat the task because of missing slips, (solved through reading the tape after sorting the data from largest to smallest, and discovering the missing figures), the amazing attitude of the students, their joy in the work and their willingness to do it all over again.
- Bev’s encouragement and compliments about our work and her telling us how pleased she was to have a more accurate count of the books in the library.
- The most significant joy I felt was in having over 7,000 books in our library.
- One last thing, it turned out my estimate was the closest to the total! Now it may seem odd than an adult would be proud to be more accurate than a group of fifth graders but those folks don’t know how outstanding these fifth graders are.

We as a school want to send out compliments to all of the folks who have worked on our library over these past years, over 7,000 quality and labeled books, wow.

See you at the Winter Concert tonight.

Ted Hirsch thirsch@sccps.org

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: “Let the cat out of the bag.”

Level 2: “Seeing is believing.”

Judy Pritchard on Level I is collecting snow pants (used or new) to ensure that all Level I children are able to play in the snow at recess this coming winter. Snow pants may be dropped off at Kassandra's Kindergarten class (room 311). Thank you!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

During this time of year there is such a need to help those less fortunate than ourselves. This would be a good learning experience for our students to participate in and earn their community service hours as well.

Here are a few suggestions of organizations that can use our support during this time of year:

Toys for Tots - contact their website for more information <http://www.toysfortots.org/>

Cradles to Crayons – Contact their website for more information liz@cradlestocrayons.com

Father Bills Place – Contact their website for more information <http://www.fatherbillsmainpring.org/>

Food Pantry – Contact your local food pantry to see what their needs are.

These are only suggestions. There may be other organizations such as local homeless shelters in your towns that may need support. Contact your local social services agencies to find out what families can use your help.

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.

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

Evan and Avery Burke decided as part of their community service to collect pencils, erasers and hand held sharpeners for a needy school in South Carolina. This is part of the **Pencil Project**. The school is grades K-5 and houses 538 students. There is a box on level 1 and level 2 if you would like to donate any supplies. They set a goal to collect 538 pencils so each child could have their very own pencil. If you have any questions regarding the project please contact Julie Burke at juliercklnd@aol.com Thanks Evan, grade 3 and Avery, grade 1

Looking for a holiday gift for the dog lover in your life? Skylar Jordan (Level I Amy's pod) is selling dog collar covers as part of her community service project. The covers are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. All money raised will be donated to Potcake Place, a dog rescue organization that indirectly helped us adopt Skylar's own potcake dog, Daisy. (You can go to potcakeplace.com to learn more about potcakes.) She only has about 20 left so act fast! If people want to donate puppy toys, leashes, collars etc (or cash)...we will be sending a Christmas care package to "Potcake Place" next week along with whatever money we've raised so far from selling the dog collar covers.

The holiday season is a joyous time for children and their families. The Home for Little Wanderers is trying to make sure the holiday season is happy for those children who don't have a family to celebrate the holiday with or families that need a little help. There is a box in the front lobby to help collect donations of new unwrapped toys or gift cards to help with the "Big Wishes for Little Wanderers Gift Drive". If you are donating a gift card there will be an envelope at the front desk. Below is the Top Ten list from the Home for Little Wanderers website. If you are interested in additional ideas you can go to http://www.thehome.org/site/PageServer?pagename=events_big_wishes_giftideas

Thank you in advance, Shepherd Family - Ashley (10th grade), Zachery (8th grade), Dylan (7th grade)

TOP TEN

Requested Items:

Gift cards

Hooded sweatshirts for older youth

XL coats for young men and women

Age-appropriate electronic games and board games for teens

Flannel pants (large sizes)

Balls (basketball, soccer, football)

Products for all hair types

Fleece socks (adult sizes)

Bath towels

Age appropriate DVDs (no R-Rated movies)

**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**

Dining for a Cause:

We have schedule TWO vendors for
December 14th
(day of The Winter Concert)

Sal's Pizza is right down the street
from the school... High Street (cross
over route 53)to Grove Street ... res-
taurant is behind the Mobil (on the left
side of Grove Street)

Nona's homemade is in
downtown Hingham at 19 Main Street.
Next to Brewed Awakenings.



Present this ticket to
the cashier and 20%
of your total sale will
be donated back to
the South Shore
Charter School.

Valid only Wednesday
December 14th.

LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH!

FOR

South Shore Charter Public School

Sal's PIZZA

LOCATION:

**SAL'S PIZZA
9 GROVE STREET
NORWELL, MA**

DATE:

Home of the 19" 3lb. PIZZA December 14, 2011

Straight From Boston's North End

10% from your total order donated to SSCPS
Bring your friends, your family, and your appetite!

Pre-Order for YEARBOOK 2011-12

The SSCPS Yearbook 2011-12 is going to be bigger
and better than ever!

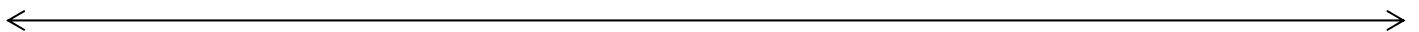
Reserve your copy by
December 23 and save \$10 off of the price!

Delivery at Senior Dinner for seniors and all others June 1!

Great holiday present!

Money, cash or charge must be received by December 23.
Orders after December 23 will not receive the \$10 savings.

Questions? Kathryn @ khahn@sseps.org



Name _____

paid 40.00 check cash
2010-11 yearbooks on clearance for \$15.00 ask Kathryn

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of January, 2011
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 1/3 – 1/7 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/10 – 1/14 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/17 – 1/21 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/24 – 1/28 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/31 – 2/4 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 January, 2012

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 1/2 – 1/6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
	Hamburger or Veggie (circle one)				

Week of 1/9 – 1/13	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday
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Week of 1/16 – 1/20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday #_____
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Week of 1/23 – 1/27	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Hamburger or Veggie
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(circle one)

Week of 1/30– 2/3	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday #_____
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Number of Meals ordered _____	X	\$3.75
Number of Slices of Pizza ordered _____	X	\$1.75
Number of Hamburgers/Veggie ordered _____	X	\$3.75

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.



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!**



South Shore Charter
January 2012
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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

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

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