



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Students and parents from the South Shore Charter Public School participated in State House Day to show support for legislation sponsored by state lawmakers Barry Finegold and Russell Homes that would lift the enrollment cap on charter schools. Our students and parents traveled to the State House on April 11, 2013 to hear State Senator Finegold and Representative Holmes discuss the importance of this bill and the impact it is destined to have on school districts throughout the Commonwealth. Our students heard Representative Holmes talk about educational inequality, not in terms of traditional public schools versus charter public schools, but instead the dilemma of the need for quality schools for all students. Using Boston as an example, Holmes discussed the discrepancies among zones within Boston, the North Zone, the East Zone and the West Zone. Looking at district data, the zone with consistently the lowest performance has always been the East Zone. No matter what reform strategies have been attempted within the traditional public school system, the East Zone remains lower than the North Zone. And the North Zone remains lower than the West Zone. The situation has proven impossible to change. Quality education has remained elusive to very specific student populations all residing within certain zip codes.

Charter schools offer a remedy. And we prove that here, in our little school just south of Boston, every single day. Our student population is comprised of individuals from many different zip codes. Every child brings something new and exceptional to the classroom. Our expectations are the same for every child from each and every district. We know that every child will succeed, every child will go to college, and we are proud and fortunate to teach every single one.

Our eleven students had no difficulty transporting the message of the importance of quality schools. They carried the message to State Senator Hedlund's office. All eleven of our students spoke up about their own experience as a student here, and why that experience has had such a significant impact on their life and how they learn. Very early in the conversation our students identified each town they were from. Eleven students claimed eleven different former school districts. Some students spoke of attending SSCPS since level one, others talked about entering in high school, but all comments shared the unifying theme of the strength of our student body, the dedication of our faculty, and the support of our parents.

The ability to discuss and debate pending legislation with lawmakers in a meaningful way is an essential piece to who we are as citizens. Our students represented who we are with deliberate precision. Participating students were David Brown, Neil Feeney, Julia Griffin, Jessica Guerrier, Jessica Hoffman, Zachary Johnston, Amanda Pamphile, Desmond Sullivan, Sten Tchouanguem, Kaylee Urquiza-Anagnos, and Daniel Vital. A sincere thank you to our parents who gave a day of their time to accompany us on this trip and speak in support of the South Shore Charter Public School, - Janet and Ken Daley, Beth Farmer, Jennifer Gammon, Caitriona Hollowed, and Priscilla Kelly. Your participation and sense of civic duty was remarkable.

Less than a week later, who we are as citizens came to the forefront in a different way. Throughout a difficult week, originally intended to be a week of spring vacation and celebration, we as parents were faced with explaining the very worst of human nature to those we love and try to protect. It became a week of constructing sentences never before imagined. And a week of leaning on all that is good in an attempt to confront what is not. Who we are as citizens was never more evident.

Upon returning to school we as a faculty know that children, like us, have many questions and want to understand why. Faced with questions to which there are no answers, our role as teachers is to explain what we can, to be there to listen, and to recognize signs from students who are reaching out because they need to. Please know that we will continue to support your children, and thank you for entrusting them to us.

Thursday	04/25	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	04/25	Development Committee	5:30pm
Thursday	04/25	Governance Committee	5:30pm
Thursday	04/25	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	04/25	Board of Trustees	7:30pm
Friday	04/26	Golf Committee meeting	8:30am
Friday	04/26	10 th Grade field trip to Newport	
Tuesday	04/30	Level II Parent Coffee	8:30am
Tuesday	04/30	11 th Grade field trip to College Fair	
Wednesday	05/01	High School Parent Coffee	8:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all bakers, cooks and purchasers for our Annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

The luncheon will take place on Friday, May 3rd. This is the half day. We will need main dishes, side dishes, salads, desserts, drinks and paper goods. You can drop off your item in the morning at drop-off or at dismissal/pickup. The luncheon hosts about 80 staff members, and they love and appreciate the assortment of food that is sent in by our families. They look forward to our luncheons every year!

If you would like to donate, please contact me directly at jpettinelli123@hotmail.com. Thank you for your generous donations!

Justina Pettinelli, Parent of Christian Pettinelli (Level I)-and-Susan Mallon, Parent of Natalie Mallon (Level IV)

Level I and II Before School Fitness Program-SSCPS parents, Janet Daley and Jessica Lussier, will be running a **free** before school fitness program called BOKS. BOKS is a fitness program supported by the Reebok Foundation and Jessica and Janet are excited to bring it to our school. Here is a brief description of what Janet and Jessica will be doing with the children:

The children will be dropped off at 7:30am by families at the gym space. The program consists of an active warm-up activity, running, relay races and many other fun team oriented games. The goal of BOKS is to keep the children moving and having fun. All classes end with a cool down and a quick nutrition talk about making smart choices and then Janet and Jessica will walk the children to 100 Longwater.

We will be running another session of the morning fitness program. There will be two groups this time. Level 1 including kindergarten will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Level 2 will meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings starting next week and will be held from 7:30-8:10 in the new gym space.

The program is open to all of Level I and Level II and is limited to 20 students per session. A flyer and application will go home with your child on Wednesday, April 24th and is due back on Friday, April 26th. If it is oversubscribed on the 26th student names will be drawn randomly. You will be notified by email if your child is in the program.

2013 YEARBOOK

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You can also order online at : www.jostensyearbooks.com

Attention Proud Parents: You can sponsor a page for your senior in this year's book. We will also include advertisements from local businesses. Pricing for pages and ads are as follows:
 1/8 of a page \$ 25, 1/4 page \$50, 1/2 page \$85, Full page \$150. Contact: cbodnar@sseps.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WORKSHOPS AND PROJECTS?

Waste Watchers

The Level II Waste Watchers have been collecting K-Cups from the coffee maker in the teacher's room and cereal bowls from the breakfast program all year long. We are happy to announce that we have collected over 1,000 of these little hazards to our environment. These plastic containers are non-biodegradable but our students have found a great use for them. We are using them to start all our plants for the spring that will eventually be put in the flower pots out in front of the school. We would also like to thank Amy's Pod, June's Pod and Holly Hill Farm for using them too. We all need to think outside of the box, or in our case outside of the K-cup, when it comes to saving our planet.

We also harvested the parsley that was planted this semester in our indoor garden and gave it to a local restaurant. Jake's Seafood in Hull is using it to garnish their delicious meals. The owner James O'Brien, has a picture of our project hanging on the wall. Go and check it out.

Happy Earth Day!

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

Community Service is always encouraging families to let us know what their students are doing for community service and also other events that are going on in their communities. Recently families have been contacting us giving us additional information on upcoming events which are listed below. Please Email Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com for any other events that are coming up in the near future.

Name of Organization	Dates	Website
Arthritis Walk	May 5 th Natick and Plymouth	Arthritis.org
Walk for Hunger	Sunday May 5-Boston Common	Projectbread.org
Cross Roads for Kids (camp clean up)	Sunday, May 5 in Hingham	Staceyannleroyfoundation.org
Avon Walk for Breast Cancer	May 18-19 th Boston	Avonwalk.org
13 th Annual New England Chapter Cure Spinal Muscular Atrophy Rock & Roll	May 18 th – DCR Wompatuck State Park – Hingham – 10 am	Fsma.org
Brain Tumor Ride Brain Tumor Society	May 18 th Waltham	Braintumor.org
Boston Takes Steps for Crohns & Colitis Disease	June 1, 2013 Boston Common , Boston	online.ccfa.org
PAN Challenge for Kids	June 9, 2013 Hingham Wompatuck State Park	www.kids.pmc.org/hingham.aspx
Bike Rides for Multiple Sclerosis	June 29 th - Boston May 4 th - Martha's Vineyard	Nationalmssociety.org
PAN Challenge for Adults	August 3 & 4	http://www.pmc.org/ride/routes

Please check the web sites for further information on these upcoming events.

Stacey Ann Leroy Foundation

The Stacey Ann Leroy Foundation is looking for 10-15 volunteers to participate in a Community Service Event on **Sunday May 5th at Crossroads for Kids camp in Hingham**. They will be cleaning and readying the camp for Spring sessions. Please contact Heidi Alyward: Summer_Skies@msn.com or Patty O'Brien 508-472-7613 if you are interested in volunteering for this event. (<http://www.staceyannleroyfoundation.org/>).

Blanket & Towel Drive for "The Service Dog Project" Madison McGuiness and Amelia Dalton are running a Blanket & Towel Drive for "The Service Dog Project". It is a farm in Ipswich, MA where they train Great Danes to be Service Dogs <http://www.servicedogproject.org/> We visited the farm a few weeks ago and it is a wonderful organization that could use our help. There is a box in the school lobby to collect blankets, towels and sheets you no longer need. You can check out the farm at the following website: <http://explore.org/#!/live-cams/player/great-dane-service-puppies-indoor-puppy-room>.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Holly Hill Farm is having the first farm to table dinner of 2013 on Saturday May 11 from 6-9 pm. This special event **"Spring Asparagus & More!"** will offer guests a chance to visit the field where asparagus grows, discover its unique growing habits, learn tips for growing asparagus at home, and then enjoy a delicious dinner that incorporates our local organic spring salad greens, leeks, asparagus and more in various mouthwatering recipes. Visiting chef Robin King from Restaurant Oro in Scituate will create a menu that includes locally sourced fish and meat and wines paired with each course. This fundraising dinner supports the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, the non-profit education center based at Holly Hill Farm, and will ensure the continuation of valuable educational programs at our historic family farm and in school gardens around the South Shore. Join us for this special event as we celebrate spring and welcome another season of local organic food and sustainable agriculture. Seating is limited so please purchase tickets either by visiting our website, www.hollyhillfarm.org or by contacting Jon Belber at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com or 781-383-6565. Cost is \$75 for members of the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, \$85 for non-members. Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For directions and more information, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org.

Keeping a Naturalist Sketchbook with Artist Lynn Rizzotto - *The Friends of Holly Hill Farm* is offering an inspirational one-time drawing experience on Sunday, May 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for several 'teams' of one grandparent and one grandchild. Local artist, and lifelong keeper of a sketchbook, Lynn Rizzotto will guide a hands-on drawing and observational session at the Farm. This is a unique opportunity for each grandparent/grandchild team to learn new ways to study and record nature. Proven ideas for locations to sketch, recommended art materials, and resource materials will be discussed. Lynn, who is the director of the Children's Creativity Workshops, will share her own sketches, drawings and paintings that have been influenced by documenting nature in gardens, farms, forests and marketplaces, in New England and during her travels. Enrollment is limited to 10 teams. The fee for each grandparent/grandchild team to take part in this enriching experience is \$20 for Members of *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*; \$30 for Non-members. Grandchildren ages 6 to 10 years are welcome. All art materials are included. All fees will be donated to help support the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*. Payment is due at time of pre-registration, and is required by April 30, 2013. Please call the *Friends* office at 781-383-6565, or email jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com to register.

"Raised Beds: design, build, plant, harvest at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset," Saturday, May 4th from 10 to 12 noon. Come learn the benefits and joys of creating, building and planting a productive, organic raised growing bed. We will go over plans, design ideas seedlings, sowing seed schedules and how to gain the most production from the growing season. Each participant will take away some early seedlings and plants, along with lots of ideas. Cost \$12 FHHF members/\$15 non-members.

Two great afterschool programs at Holly Hill Farm are happening now at Holly Hill Farm: **"Hardy Holly Hillers"** will be on Tuesdays from 4-5 pm. Come outside and join us for after school jaunts around Holly Hill Farm. Recent studies suggest that today's children suffer from "Nature Deficit Disorder," a term coined by Richard Louv, author of "Last Child in the Woods." This afterschool program will give children the interaction with the natural world they need, allowing them to expend pent up energy and become familiar with the diverse ecosystems of the farm and notice all the beauty of spring. **"After School Animal Club"** will be on Thursdays from 4-5 pm. Celebrate the return to spring as the animals in the barnyard regain their sprightly step, shed their winter coats and eagerly enjoy new company. Weekly chores include feeding the animals, collecting the chickens' eggs and tucking all the animals into their shelters for the night. Join the club and make friends with the farms' animals. For more information, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org.

The much awaited **Holly Hill Farm Plant Sale** is coming up May 18, 19, 25, & 26 from 10 am - 4 pm each day. There will be organic plant starts for the home garden, with reliable favorites and some new varieties for your home vegetable gardens. Organic soil amendments from Vermont Compost will be available for purchase as well as organic fertilizers and pest controls. The farm stand will be open with produce and eggs for sale. Members of the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* (the non-profit education center based at the farm) have a special opportunity to shop on Friday May 17 from 4 to 6 pm, ahead of the general public. Become a new member that afternoon and see what all the excitement is about! In addition to early admission to the famous plant sale, *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* members receive other benefits including discounts on all programs and workshops at the farm, free admission to the Members' Annual Spring & Fall Events, Spreading Roots (our quarterly newsletter), a copy of our Annual Report, and the knowledge that your membership supports an organization dedicated to using an organic farm to teach the value of sustainable agriculture, preservation of historic buildings, woodlands and open spaces.

**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**

Spring must almost be here because it time to get ready for...

The 11th Annual BIG HAIRCUT is on June 3, 2013

To benefit **Locks for Love** <http://www.locksoflove.org> which is an organization that makes wigs for children, who lose hair due to disease. Minimum hair needed for BIG HAIR CUT - 12 inches.

All are welcome!

All you need for the event: is a pair of scissors, a permission slip if under 18, and a Cutter (someone you want to give the honor of cutting your hair during the event).






Participants receive credit for half their Community Service requirements.

Volunteers of all sorts wanted: hairdressers, setup and tear down, artists, hair-braiders, promoters, musicians. Cancer survivors who would like to speak... you name it!

Be there for the big countdown, a SSCPS tradition, and a great time!

Questions ? see Claudia: ext 334, Rm 10 in the high school, cdarrow@sscps.org

TOUCH A TRUCK

Sunday, May 19, 2013
 10:00am – 1:00pm
 Abington Town Hall and Library
 500 Gliniewicz Way Abington, MA

We are in need of vehicles, food, activities and volunteers. Please contact Iris Mahegan, Janet Daley or Denise Demaggio if you are interested or want to help with organizing this fun family event.

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2013 YEARBOOK

Inspired by You

It's That Time...

Dear Parent:

The 2013 yearbook is now in progress and all the memories of the 2012-2013 school year will be published forever in print. A yearbook is a trip back to those fun times in school when friends were forever and life was an exciting promise. It captures that feeling and brings those times back again and again. Someday your kids will want to look back, too. Buy them a little time — buy them a yearbook!

So please fill out the order form below, calculate and attach your payment, and bring or mail to the main office today!

Student name _____

Home Phone (in case there are any questions on order) _____

Homerom _____ Grade _____

Order Options : Check the box next to the option of your choice and mail payment with completed form to the address listed below. Books will be distributed in June.

- 2013 Hardcover Yearbook - 25.00
- 2013 Softcover Yearbook - 20.00 (limited quantity)

Total Amount Enclosed (cash or check): _____

Please make checks payable to: South Shore Charter Public School

Send completed form and payment to: SSCPS 2013 Yearbook
 South Shore Charter Public School
 100 Longwater Circle
 Norwell, MA. 02061

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of May, 2013
*Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, April 30, 2013*

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 5/6 – 5/10 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 5/13 – 5/17 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 5/20 – 5/24 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 5/27 – 5/31 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 May, 2013
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 5/6 – 5/10 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 5/13 – 5/17 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 5/20 – 5/24 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 5/27 – 5/31 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Number of Lunches ordered _____ X \$3.00

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER SCHOOL
MAY, 2013
Catered by Essence of Thyme

BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	7 Raisin Bran Apple Cinnamon Waffles Orange Juice Milk	8 Corn Flakes Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	9 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	10 Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Cocktail Milk
13 Corn Flakes Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	14 Yogurt Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Orange Juice Milk	15 3.6 oz. WW Banana Muffin Orange Juice Milk	16 WG Cinnamon Roll Apple Cinnamon Waffles Orange Juice Milk	17 3.6 oz. WW Blueberry Muffin Orange Juice Milk
20 Raisin Bran Apple Cinnamon Waffles Orange Juice Milk	21 Corn Flakes Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	22 Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Cocktail Milk	23 Rice Krispies Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	24 Toasty O's Apple Cinnamon Waffles Orange Juice Milk
27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 WG Cinnamon Roll Apple Cinnamon Waffles Orange Juice Milk	29 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	30 3.6 oz. WW Blueberry Muffin Orange Juice Milk	31 3.6 oz. WW Chocolate Chip Muffin Orange Juice Milk

* All Meals include 8 ounce Milk. Choice of 1%, Skim or Lactaid

ALL MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER SCHOOL K-8
MAY, 2013
Catered by Essence of Thyme

Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs Fruit Cocktail Whole Wheat Roll Milk	7 Meatballs on a WW Sub Sweet Potato Banana Milk	8 Chicken Alfredo w/Ziti Broccoli Applesauce Milk	9 Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Cucumber Pears Milk	10 Low-Fat Cheese Pizza w/Veggies Italian Magic Beans Apple Milk
13 Ziti & Meatballs Corn Grapes Milk	14 Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Peaches Milk	15 Jamaican Beef Patty Southwestern Beans Corn Tangerine Milk	16 Hamburger on a WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Baked Sliced Apples Milk	17 Chicken WW Quesadilla Green Beans Banana Milk
20 Mexican Chicken WW Wrap Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Apple Milk	21 BBQ Chicken on WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Tangerine Milk	22 Buffalo Chicken on WW Wrap Chickpea Salad Peaches Milk	23 American Chop Suey Broccoli Orange Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk	24 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Chinese Style Vegetables Grapes Milk
27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 Cheesy Chicken Broccoli Bake Corn Apple Milk	29 Pancakes Sausage Pattie Sweet Potato Baked Apple Slices Milk	30 Turkey Ranch Wrap Cucumber Fruit Cocktail Milk	31 Beef Hot Dog on WW Roll Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Banana Milk

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SOUTH SHORE CHARTER SCHOOL 9-12
MAY, 2013
Catered by Essence of Thyme

Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Fruit Cocktail Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk	7 Meatballs on a WW Sub Sweet Potato Banana Apple Juice Milk	8 Chicken Alfredo w/Ziti Broccoli Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Applesauce Milk	9 Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Cucumber Pears Orange Juice Milk	10 Cheese Pizza w/Veggies Italian Beans Pineapple Apple and Milk
13 Ziti & Meatballs Corn Grapes Milk	14 Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Peaches Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk	15 Jamaican Beef Patty Southwestern Beans Green Beans Orange Apple Juice and Milk	16 Hamburger on a WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Baked Sliced Apples Apple Juice and Milk	17 Chicken WW Quesadilla Spanish Rice Green Beans Banana Peaches and Milk
20 Mexican Chicken WW Wrap Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Apple Orange Juice and Milk	21 BBQ Chicken on WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Orange and Pineapple Chunks Milk	22 Buffalo Chicken on WW Wrap Chickpea Salad Peaches Orange Juice Milk	23 American Chop Suey Broccoli Orange Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Apple Juice and Milk	24 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Chinese Style Vegetables Grapes Milk
27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 Cheesy Chicken Broccoli Bake Corn Orange Peaches Milk	29 Pancakes Sausage Pattie Sweet Potato Baked Apple Slices Milk	30 Turkey Ranch WW Wrap Cucumber Fruit Cocktail Banana Milk	31 Beef Hot Dog on WW Roll Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Raisins Orange Juice and Milk

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