



FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

Last year at this time I was writing to you about the coming of spring and the arrival of the skunk cabbage. In previous years at about this time I have celebrated in the Update the harvesting of food from my cold frame. This past January I harvested kale and turnips from my own soil even without the benefit of a cold frame. It is hard to remember now but the start of the winter was quite mild. Due to the miracle of cold frames and my own obsessions, that January harvest was the 33rd consecutive month that I had eaten fresh food from my own soil. This year I was not able to harvest fresh food in February. The cold frames were under a blanket of snow and my months of continual harvest are over. In April I will begin again and hope that next winter is not like this winter and the streak of months of harvest will begin again.

On Wednesday morning I expected to find the sad news that the skunk cabbage was not up. I pulled off of Prospect Street in Hingham next to the George Washington Forest and expected to see only snow. I parked my car and went to look to see if perhaps I was wrong. As I traipsed across the snow I saw these bare patches. In them I found skunk cabbage maybe a little bit smaller than they had been this time in March last year but just about the same. The amazing attributes of skunk cabbage were stronger than the snow. You see



skunk cabbage produces its own heat and it had melted the feet of snow. If you know where skunk cabbage grows I urge you to search for it. Seeing the skunk cabbage made me happy and I take heart because of the power of the warmth that is coming and the remarkable example of the skunk cabbage and the greens in the cold frames ready to harvest beginning in about ten days. Spring is coming, by the calendar it will be here tomorrow. It can be seen on slopes with a southern exposure as the green tint of green grass is revealed by the melting snow

As there is a change in the season that we can feel in the growing strength of the sun's light there is also a change in cycle of the school year. Teachers are developing the budgets for next year and administrators are planning the new schedules and programs that will change. Our goal for change is to make our program better and to improve the daily lives of students and teachers here at SSCPS. To communicate and share with you and learn from you before our plans are set, we will be hosting coffees in the music room on May 7th for K - 6 and May 6th for 7-12.

Another sign of spring is on April 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM we will be hosting an International Food Night. Wanjiru Nganga the Title I Parent Liaison is helping us put on this event and included in this Update is her flyer and letter. We are hoping to make a cookbook of all the recipes that are the basis of the dishes brought in that night. To quote from Wanjiru;

SSCPS is a diverse community. We include families that represent the spread of cultures from all the continents. We speak a variety of languages – English, Haitian Creole, Mandarin, Spanish, Greek, Portuguese, Yoruba, Igbo, Cape Verdean, French, Albanian, Amharic, Nepali, Polish, Swahili and many more. To celebrate all of the languages and cultural richness within our school, we look forward to gathering together to share food, conversation, and dance.

Ted Hirsch – thirsch@sscps.org

Thursday	03/19	PARCC Level III ELA	
Thursday	03/19	Development Committee Finance Committee Governance Committee Personnel Committee Board of Trustees	6:00pm 6:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm
Friday	3/20	PARCC Level III ELA	
Friday	03/20	Winter Athletic Award Ceremony at the SSCPS Gym	3:30pm
Saturday	03/21	Debate Club – Needham	
Tuesday	03/24	Early College Planning Seminar at the SSCPS Gym	8:30am
Tuesday	03/24	PARCC High School Math	
Tuesday	03/24	Grade 10 MCAS	
Wednesday	03/25	PARCC Level II ELA	
Wednesday	03/25	Grade 10 MCAS	
Wednesday	03/25	Junior Class Fenway College Tour	
Thursday	03/26	PARCC High School ELA	
Thursday	03/26	Grade 10 MCAS	



Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all of our SSCPS families.
 A special thank you to
 Caroline Boyle and Julia Griffin
 for their wonderful
 Irish Step performance.

Please remember to complete the Annual Parent Survey

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/S/2015SSCPSSURVEY](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015SSCPSSURVEY)

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 asavage@sscps.org
 Pou yon kopi sondaj sa a nan yon lòt lang, tanpri voye demann ou an asavage@sscps.org*

ATHLETICS

On Friday, March 20th, the SSCPS Athletic Department will be hosting an award ceremony for all the basketball players and their families. The ceremony will begin at 3:30 in the PE space. Each coach will present certificates to their players and any other awards they would like. This will be a time used to reflect on the great basketball season all the teams have had and for each coach to share some stories with the other teams while presenting. It is very important that we take time to acknowledge our great student athletes and give closure to the winter season as an athletic department. Thanks for all the support and time you have put in this season! Any questions or concerns please contact the student athlete's coach or Athletic Director Joe Kay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015 Yearbook

The 2015 yearbook is now in progress and all the memories of the 2014-2015 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 student will want to look back, too. Buy them a little time - buy them a yearbook! To order online go to www.coffeepond.com, to login use school password: bluejaguar. Personal ads for your senior should be sent to cbodnar@sscps.org in pdf or jpeg format. Design help is offered if needed. Rates are: Full pg. \$150, 1/2 pg. \$75, and 1/4 pg. \$50.

Bottle and Can Drive - Fundraising for the Italy Trip

Starting this Friday and continuing on every Friday, students will be hosting a *Bottle and Can Drive* to raise funds for their trip to Italy. They will be accepting bottles and cans to return for deposit. If you would like to contribute, please drop BAGGED items at the loading dock on Friday mornings during drop off.

Bake Sale!!! on Level III

Enjoy a special treat on Fridays! The students going to Italy are holding a BAKE SALE on Fridays to raise funds for their trip. Come and get a yummy treat!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Parents Association Elections:

It's that time of year! Elections will be held in April, with results published no later than the May PA meeting. All positions are open (members of the Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Grade Reps). Please review the PA By-Laws for position descriptions and eligibility requirements. Lisa Harvey-Mone is chairing the Election Committee. She and the Committee will be sending out info regarding elections. If you have any questions regarding elections, or would like to submit your name for a position, please send a note to elections@sscpspa.org.

**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**



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life

March 19, 2015

Hi Everyone,

Finally the mounds of snow are melting and Spring is here with us!

**Come, let us eat as we usher in Spring,
at the Annual SSCPS International Food Night
@the Gym Space | Thursday, April 16, 2015 | 6:00 – 8:00pm**

Prepare one of your family's favorite recipes, and then come sample what other families have prepared as we enjoy an evening of great conversations, meet new families, and catch up with the old ones. And when we are fully stuffed, we can shake a leg to some great music.

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This year we would like to create a **SSCPS International Food Night Recipe Book**. We will be asking families to share your recipe and bring kitchens from around the world to SSCPS. **Please complete the attached recipe form and bring it along with you.**

We are also looking for volunteers to help out during the event, please let us know if you can help set up, during the event or clean up after the event.

This is an evening that you do not want to miss!

If you would like to attend, and we hope you will, please email Title I Parent Liaison **Wanjiru Nganga** on wanjiru_nene@yahoo.com or call teacher **Bev Bruce** on 781 982 4202 X336

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT

Calling all SSCPS Families
Let us usher in Spring with some flavor from your
favorite family recipe!

Potluck dinner from Kitchens around the World!

Please share your recipe so that we can create an SSCPS
International Food Night Recipe book.

Thursday April 16, 2015
6.00pm - 8:00pm
@ THE GYM SPACE

Please note we do not have a kitchen facility so all food should arrive ready to serve.
SSCPS will provide plastic utensils, paper plates and paper cups.

Please let us know who will be coming, what dish your family will bring, name of the dish & from which part of
the world it comes from so that we can prepare the appropriate labels.

RSVP to Beverly Bruce @ 781 982-4202 X336 or Wanjiru Nganga at wanjiru_nene@yahoo.com

NUT FREE RECIPES
PLEASE



Have unwanted/unplayed instruments?

**LOOKING FOR USED VIOLINS, VIOLAS,
CELLOS, AND BASSES**



Please donate to
help school program!!!



Contact High School teacher Kevin Burokas
Classroom 103
Phone Extension: 301
Email: kburokas@sscps.org

20th Annual Spring Fling



We'll have raffle items, silent and live auction, and your support raises vital funds for our children!

Cost: \$30 admission includes complimentary adult beverage and dinner.



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Friday, May 1 | 6 - 10PM

Cushing Center
673 Main Street
Norwell, MA

More Information:

Contact Laurie Dannison
for more details at
ldannison@sscps.org



School Bus Services

Putney Transportation will be providing open enrollment for school bus services from selected areas, to the South Shore Charter Public School. Rates start as low as \$100 a month until May 15th, and afterwards regular rates may apply. **Note: Limited seats are available.** Registration will close July 31st at 5p.m. Call us at 1(800) 531-1257 or email us at services@putneytrans.com for more info.



MEFA's Early College Planning Seminar for Parents

Learn about planning, saving and paying for college.



Seminar Topics Include:

- How much should we save for college and when is a good time to start saving?
- Will savings affect financial aid?
- If we can't save enough, should we bother saving at all?

Details:

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: South Shore Charter Public School
PE Space
104 Longwater Circle
Norwell, MA 02061

Please see your school counselor or visit
www.mefa.org for more information.

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Holly Hill Farm & Friends

3/17/2015

Welcome! We've put together this update specifically for local teachers and our school partners. Sent via email, this update will include details on field trips, activities, and school programs. Please feel free to pass it along to others who may be interested in learning more about all that Holly Hill Farm has to offer! Questions? Visit our website at www.hollyhillfarm.org or contact us at 781-383-6565.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS: THE WEEKLY HARVEST

Recently, the Holly Hill Farm teachers have been seen placing a new outdoor compost bin, next to the gigantic hills of snow (removed from the flat roof) at the Plymouth River School in Hingham. The children have continued conscientiously placing their apple cores, orange peels and veggie scraps into the cafeteria buckets, and now they can take the buckets of compost ingredients to the outdoor bin. At the farm, the teachers will soon dig and shove a path to the Annie's hoop house and begin to sow some seeds in trays, further signs of encouraging Spring. While our public programs are the most visible outreach we provide the local community, our Farm Educators have partnerships with more than 40 schools along the South Shore. Happy growing, teaching and learning. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565). www.hollyhillfarm.org

Consider This! 2015 Essay and Illustration Contest: Soil is Food for Plants flyer attached

The 5th Annual Consider This! essay and illustration contest, sponsored by the Friends of Holly Hill Farm and supported by the Frank H. White Scholarship Fund. The 2015 topic: Soil is for Plants. Students in grades K-12 are invited to participate. Entries due by Thursday, April 2. Details are available at www.hollyhillfarm.org.

Farm Pantry: A Community Service Program for Teens ages 15 - 18

After school program begins March 18 & 20 3-5 pm

Ongoing opportunities through November

Free – Family Membership suggested

This rewarding program for teens is fast becoming one of our most popular! Students explore organic growing methods as they help to sow, grow, harvest and deliver fresh produce for local food pantries in Cohasset and Hull as well as, Father Bill's Place, a community shelter in Quincy. Early in the season, tasks help ensure the successful growth of crops. Later in the growing season the focus shifts to harvesting crops. Students are welcome to attend one, two or all twelve sessions! Participants will exit the program with documented hours of community service (a graduation requirement for some local students) and a letter of recommendation. Interested students are required to complete an application and write a letter of interest in order to participate. Forms are available on our website. Questions? Contact Education Director Jon Belber at [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565) or jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com

Teacher Training: Grades K-6

Thursday, March 26 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

\$40 includes lunch

For our 8th consecutive year, we will host local teachers from around the South Shore for a day at the Farm. Teachers will learn about the unique hands-on curriculum-connected field trip opportunities developed by our experienced Farm Educators. [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565). www.hollyhillfarm.org

Field Trips

Designed with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in mind, our hands-on programs provide students the opportunity to visit, learn and participate. Details for specific programs are available at www.hollyhillfarm.org.

Holly Hill Farm 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 781-383-6565 www.hollyhillfarm.org

Holly Hill Farm & Friends

Consider This! 2015 Essay and Illustration Contest

Soil Is Food for Plants

The 5th annual Consider This! essay and illustration contest is sponsored by the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* and supported by the Frank H. White Scholarship Fund, in memory of Frank White. Frank was a fifth generation farm owner with his wife Jean. They returned to the family owned farm in 1998 to begin organic farming, and in 2002 formed the educational 501(c)(3) non-profit, the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc.* The *Friends* is committed to using the farm as an outdoor classroom and providing farm-based environmental education programs to students, children, families and adults throughout the year.

Teachers: Please let your students know about the following categories and ways to submit entries. There will be awards and honorable mention presented on **Thursday, April 16th, 2015** at the Paul Pratt Memorial Cohasset Public Library at 5 pm. All participants welcome. All entries due to Jon Belber at Holly Hill Farm no later than **Thursday, April 2nd at 5 pm.**

Entry Topic for 2015: Soil Is Food for Plants [United Nations general assembly declares 2015 as international year of the soils]

Grades K-5: Write and/or draw about What Is Soil? Consider what makes soil alive!

Grades 6-8: List and show the properties and benefits of soil for growing food.

Grades 9-12: Research the soil food web, and describe how farmers make and use healthy soil that allows plants and the environment to thrive. Show how sustainable soil conservation methods lead to a more productive, living soil.

Submission Process: Please express your consideration in a piece of writing, illustration, or video. Written entries should be a maximum of 250 words. The winning entries will demonstrate thoughtful consideration of the topic and be informative and inspiring to others. Submissions will be reviewed by the Frank White scholarship committee and *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* educators.

Completed entries can be delivered or sent to:

Jon Belber, Education Director, at 236 Jerusalem Rd in Cohasset, MA 02025

Questions and further details can be found by calling the *Friends* (781) 383-6565 or emailing Jon at: ibelberhollyhill@hotmail.com



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **South Shore Charter Public School** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.75**; lunch costs **\$3.25**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **\$0.30** for breakfast and **\$0.40** for lunch.

1. *Do I need to fill out an application for each child?* No. **Complete only one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.** We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Charlene Evans, Food Services Coordinator, 781-982-4202.**
2. *Who can get free meals?* All children in households receiving benefits from MA SNAP, MA TAFDC or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.



If you have received a NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION for free meals, do not complete the application. But do let the school know if any children in your household are not listed on the Notice of Direct Certification letter you received.

3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals.
4. *Can homeless, runaway, and migrant children get free meals?* Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Angie Pepin, 7-12 Principal, 781-982-4202 or aepin@sscps.org.**
5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **781-982-4202** if you have questions.
7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.
9. *Will the information I give be checked?* Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. *If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?* Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

11. *What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?* You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Alicia Savage at 781-982-4202 or email asavage@sscps.org or by mail to 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061.**
12. *May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?* Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. *Who should I include as members of my household?* You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. *What if my income is not always the same?* List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. *We are in the military. do we include our housing allowance as income?* If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. *My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. is her combat pay counted as income?* No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. *My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?* To find out how to apply for MA SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call the MA SNAP Hotline **1-866-950-3663**

If you have other questions or need help, call **781-982-4202x106**
Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: **781-982-4202x106**
Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: **781-982-4202x106**

Sincerely,
Kristine Bingham
Director of Finance

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SHARING INFORMATION WITH MEDICAID/SCHIP

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your children get free or reduced price school meals, they may also be able to get free or low-cost health insurance through Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Children with health insurance are more likely to get regular health care and are less likely to miss school because of sickness.

Because health insurance is so important to children's well-being, *the law allows us to tell Medicaid and SCHIP that your children are eligible for free or reduced price meals, **unless you tell us not to.*** Medicaid and SCHIP only use the information to identify children who may be eligible for their programs. Program officials may contact you to offer to enroll your children. Filling out the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application does not automatically enroll your children in health insurance.

If you do not want us to share your information with Medicaid or SCHIP, fill out the form below and send in (Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals).

No! I DO NOT want information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application shared with Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

If you checked no, fill out the form below to ensure that your information is NOT shared for the child(ren) listed below:

Child's Name _____ School: _____

Child's Name _____ School: _____

Child's Name _____ School: _____

Child's Name _____ School: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

For more information, you may call **Kristine Bingham** at 781-982-4202x106 or e-mail at kbingham@sscps.org

Return this form to: **SSCPS, 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061.**

SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To save you time and effort, the information you gave on your Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify. For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals.

- Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with **Title I Program**.
- Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with **SSYMCA Afterschool Childcare Program**.
- Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with **SSCPS Athletic & Enrichment Programs**.

If you checked yes to any or all of the boxes above, fill out the form below to ensure that your information is shared for the child(ren) listed below. **Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.**

Child's Name _____ School: _____

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

For more information, you may call **Kristine Bingham** at **781-982-4202x106** or e-mail kbingham@sscps.org

Return this form to: **Kristine Bingham** at **SSCPS, 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061.**



If your child is eligible for free or reduced school meals, your child may also be eligible for **free or low cost health insurance** through MassHealth.

To learn more call: 1-800-841-2900

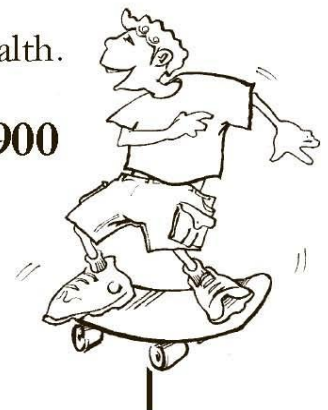
MassHealth



Si su niño es eligible para almuerzo gratis o reducido, su niño pueda ser eligible para **seguro de salud gratis o de bajo costo** por medio de MassHealth.

Para saber mas, llame al: 1-800-841-2900

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MASSACHUSETTS FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION

SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015

If you have received a NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION from the school district for free meals, **do not** complete this application. But **do** let the school know if any children in the household are not listed on the **Notice of Direct Certification** letter you received.

PART 1. ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS List all household members including children seeking school meals, siblings and both parents of children living in home. Also, include other relatives and friends living in home if you live as a single economic unit. (See instructions- Q.13)

NAME OF ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (First, Middle Initial, Last)	NAME OF SCHOOL CHILD ATTENDS	CHECK IF A FOSTER CHILD (LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF WELFARE AGENCY OR COURT) * IF ALL CHILDREN LISTED BELOW ARE FOSTER CHILDREN, SKIP TO PART 5.	CHECK IF NO INCOME
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PART 2. BENEFITS- MA SNAP OR MA TAFDC

IF **ANY** MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES **MA SNAP** or **MA TAFDC** benefits, PROVIDE THE AGENCY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER* LOCATED ON THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE (DTA) BENEFIT LETTER. SKIP TO PART 5 AND SIGN THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE PROVIDED AN AGENCY ID NUMBER.

AGENCY ID: _____ * Do not provide EBT card number.

PART 3. HOMELESS, MIGRANT, RUNAWAY

IF ANY CHILD YOU ARE APPLYING FOR IS HOMELESS, A RUNAWAY, OR MIGRANT, CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX AND CALL **Angie Pepin, 781-982-4202x102**

HOMELESS RUNAWAY MIGRANT

PART 4. TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME (BEFORE DEDUCTIONS). List all income on the same line as the person who receives it. Check the box for how often it is received. RECORD EACH INCOME ONLY ONCE. DO NOT INCLUDE MONEY RECEIVED FROM MA SNAP OR MA TAFDC.

1. NAME (LIST ONLY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WITH INCOME)	2. GROSS INCOME AND HOW OFTEN IT WAS RECEIVED															
	Earnings from work before deductions.	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	Welfare, child support, alimony	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	All other income (you must indicate how much and how often)
(Example) Jane Smith	\$200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
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PART 5. SIGNATURE AND LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (ADULT MUST SIGN)

A parent or caretaker adult must sign the application (see Use of Information Statement on the back of this page). I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information that I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted. An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form also must list the last 4 digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the "Check here if you do not have a Social Security Number" box. See Use of Information Statement on the back of this page.

Sign here: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Last four digits of Social Security Number *** - * * - _ _ _ _ Check here if you do not have a Social Security Number

PART 6. CHILDREN’S ETHNIC AND RACIAL IDENTITIES (OPTIONAL)

<i>Choose one ethnicity:</i>	<i>Choose one or more (regardless of ethnicity):</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic/Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	

DO NOT FILL OUT THIS PART. THIS IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Only annualize income if there are multiple pay frequencies

Total Income: _____ Per: Week, Every 2 Weeks, Twice A Month, Month, Year Household size: _____

Dual Eligibility: Foster child(ren) – Free _____ Non-foster child(ren) – Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____

Categorical Eligibility: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____ Eligibility: Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____ Reason: _____

Check if this is an **error prone application** – utilize for verification standard sample size – see eligibility manual for instructions.

Determining Official’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Verifying Official’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,590	\$1,800	\$416
2	\$29,101	\$2,426	\$560
3	\$36,612	\$3,051	\$705
4	\$44,123	\$3,677	\$849
5	\$51,634	\$4,303	\$993
6	\$59,145	\$4,929	\$1,138
7	\$66,656	\$5,555	\$1,282
8	\$74,167	\$6,181	\$1,427
Each additional person:	+7,511	+626	+145

Use of Information Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. “The U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual’s income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

USDA is an equal opportunity employer.

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of March, 2015
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
3/30 – 4/3

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.75

Less credit due _____

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Lunch Order Form

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
3/30 – 4/3

Number of Lunches ordered _____ X \$3.25

Less credit due _____

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Breakfast Order Form

Breakfast for the Month of April, 2015

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, ***Tuesday**, March 31, 2015

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 4/6 – 4/10 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/13 – 4/17 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/20 – 4/24 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/27 – 5/1 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.75

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

\$ _____

Lunch Order Form

Lunch for the Month of April, 2015

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, ***Tuesday**, March 31, 2015

Student Name: _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 4/6 – 4/10 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/13 – 4/17 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/20 – 4/24 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/27 – 5/1 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Number of Lunches ordered _____ X \$3.25

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.



South Shore Charter School
APRIL, 2015

BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	7 WW Croissant w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	8 Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	9 3.6 oz. WW Muffin Fruit Juice Milk	10 Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
13 Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	14 WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit Juice Milk	15 3.6 oz. WW Muffin Fruit Juice Milk	16 WW Croissant w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	17 3.6 oz. WW Muffin Fruit Juice Milk
20	V A C A T I O N			24
27 Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	28 3.6 oz. WW Muffin Fruit Juice Milk	29 Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	30 WW Cinnamon Roll Fruit Juice Milk	<i>May 1</i> WW Croissant w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk

* All Meals include Choice of 1% or Skim Milk.

* Complies with NSLP Regulations

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
APRIL, 2015

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Orange Milk	7 Pancakes & Syrup Sausage Patty Potato Wedges Raisins Milk	8 Mexican Chicken WW Wrap Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Apple Milk	9 Meatballs on WW Sub Baked Beans Orange Milk	10 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Potato Wedges Banana Milk
13 Chicken & Salsa Brown Rice Southwestern Beans Apple Milk	14 Cheeseburger Mac Carrots Whole Wheat Roll Banana Milk	15 Turkey and Gravy Green Beans WG Cinnamon Roll Orange Milk	16 Chicken Parmesan Ziti Broccoli Peaches Milk	17 Chicken WW Quesadilla Peas Orange Milk
20	V A	C A T	I O N	24
27 Boneless Chicken Wings Potato Wedges w/Ketchup Whole Wheat Roll Apple Milk	28 Hamburger on WW Bun Ketchup Baked Beans Baked Apple Slices Milk	29 American Chop Suey Carrots Whole Wheat Roll Banana Milk	30 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Potato Wedges Orange Milk	May 1 Sloppy Joe on WW Bun Broccoli Green Beans Orange Milk

* All Meals include Choice of 1% or Skim Milk.

* Complies with NSLP Regulations

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



South Shore Charter School 9-12
APRIL, 2015

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Orange Apple Juice Milk	7 Pancakes & Syrup Sausage Patty Potato Wedges Raisins Milk	8 Mexican Chicken WW Wrap Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Apple Orange Juice Milk	9 Meatballs on WW Sub Baked Beans Orange Pineapple Chunks Milk	10 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Potato Wedges Banana Orange Juice Milk
13 Chicken & Salsa Brown Rice Southwestern Beans Apple Pineapple Chunks Milk	14 Cheeseburger Mac Carrots Whole Wheat Roll Banana Peaches Milk	15 Turkey and Gravy Green Beans WG Cinnamon Roll Orange Apple Juice Milk	16 Chicken Parmesan Ziti Broccoli Peaches Milk	17 Chicken WW Quesadilla Peas Orange Apple Juice Milk
20	21 V A C A T I O N	22	23	24
27 Boneless Chicken Wings Potato Wedges w/Ketchup Whole Wheat Roll Apple Pears Milk	28 Hamburger on WW Bun Ketchup Baked Beans Baked Apple Slices Milk	29 American Chop Suey Carrots Whole Wheat Roll Banana Peaches Milk	30 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Potato Wedges Orange Apple Juice Milk	May 1 Sloppy Joe on WW Bun Broccoli Carrots Orange Pineapple Chunks Milk

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