



FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

On Monday, Alicia Savage and I drove up to Marblehead to receive SSCPS's new five year charter or, in the language of the ceremony, SSCPS's "fourth charter renewal and fifth charter." Meeting us up there were two alumni, Rick Doane (Class of 1999) and Nora Jordan (Class of 2004). Rick was one of our earliest graduates and Nora was in the first group of four students to attend any Massachusetts charter school for their whole grade school education K - 12. The DESE organizers of the event wanted alumni of charter schools to speak and tell stories of how a charter education had changed their lives. Rick and Nora hit it out of the park as they spoke about how South Shore Charter had taught



them about sacrifice and partnership. Alicia and I were proud of them and how they represented themselves and our school, not just by their descriptions of who they had been and what their school experience had been like, but who they are now. Rick's presentation and description of his past and his current work had me crying and Nora had me laughing. Not that we are biased, but Alicia and I thought they were the most compelling of all the presenters.

In the ceremony, two new charters were awarded to schools just starting out and about twenty charter schools were renewed. The Commissioner of Education Mitchell Chester spoke, as did the new Secretary of Education Jim Peyser. Commissioner Chester spoke about how important charter schools have been in leading Massachusetts to improved school performance. One positive feature the Commissioner attributed to charter schools is that we do not rest and have not rested on our laurels, but are continually working to improve. Secretary Peyser gave an impassioned speech about the need for more charter schools. It was gratifying to hear the appointed leaders of education in Massachusetts speak about the work of charter schools and to see charter folks from the other schools who are also out working hard and doing their best for school children of Massachusetts. It was also good to get back to our school and to see our children. When we walked over the parking lot to our dusty hill it felt like home. It was good to see the future Rick Doanes and Nora Jordans.

It is great to have 7-12 Principal Angie Pepin back in school! This morning she hosted a Parent Coffee to discuss the program for grades 7 - 12. On Thursday morning I will do the same for grades K - 6. The Parent Coffees are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

During the Parent Coffee I will give an explanation for what we have planned for the K - 6 program for next year. We hope these changes are examples of what Commissioner Chester described as a charter school continuing to change and improve. While none of our plans are fully formed, we do have the conceptual framework and goals of the changes in mind. One impetus for many of these changes was to better utilize our facilities so that every group could take art in the art room and have PE in the gym. This rescheduling set in motion a wide-ranging redesign that the teachers and I are excited about. What is listed below is the broad outline of our plans. Please come to the Parent Coffee to learn more.

Level I

<u>Grades 1 and 2</u> – In order to increase teaching time and to minimize transitions, we will move towards more integration of instruction within a grade. The students will be members of two groups, a pod group and a grade group. Over the course of two years, both the pod and grade groups will have the same teacher(s). The pod group will be a multi-age setting where what a student is learning will not be directly tied to the grade curriculum but will

be connected to the Project work and to other topics. It is designed to be a learning situation where children learn as much from each other as from the teacher. Each teacher will do this in their own way. The grade curriculum will be Math, Literacy, and Listening and Learning.

Level II

Here too we are trying to simplify the school day for students and teachers by minimizing transitions. As we have this year, there will be teams of teachers with a Math and ELA specialist on each team. The change will be that those two teachers will also team up for Science and Social Studies and those topics will be taught in a multi-age setting with a two-year-curriculum sequence. We have changed Spanish to be small group classes taught for 35 minutes to groups of about 11 and we have added extra ELA time for the other half of that group to be taught by three teachers for targeted ELA instruction in very small groups.

Level III

Here there are fewer changes, but we are looking to redesign the schedule for small group Math instruction on each of the five days. (Currently the students have one or two large group Math classes a week.) We will also increase Science time for fifth grade students to four times a week.

Please come on Thursday and we can talk. I look forward to hearing your feedback.

On another note: Thanks to all who helped with the Spring Fling both on May 1st and for months before. Your hard work paid off. Thanks to all who came and made it such a party. Thanks to all who helped our students create beautiful pieces of art. Thanks to the merchant and entrepreneurial community who donated their services and products and to those who helped us make connections to that community. It was a great party with wonderful food and seamless organization. I know I had fun and it looked as if everyone else did too.

Ted Hirsch - thirsch@sscps.org

Wednesday	05/06	New Student High School Mandatory Meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	05/07	K-6 Parent Coffee	8:30am
Thursday	05/07	Level II Norwell Library Field Trip	
Friday	05/08	Level III ELA PARCC	
Monday	05/11	Senior Project Begins	
Monday	05/11	Kindergarten Screenings	11:30am-1:30pm
Monday	05/11	MCAS Science Grades 5 and 8	
Tuesday	05/12	MCAS Math Grade 10	
Wednesday	05/13	AP Language & Composition and AP Statistics	
Wednesday	05/13	MCAS Math Grade 10	
Wednesday	05/13	Level II PARCC ELA	
Wednesday	05/13	High School Costa Rica Information Session	6:00pm
Wednesday	05/13	Level IV Sailing Workshop to Newport, RI	

THANK YOU SSCPS!

The Spring Fling auction was a great success and we couldn't have done it without your support.

- ✤ Thank you to all the classroom art project volunteers.
 - ✤ Thank you to all who sold 50/50 raffle tickets.
 - Thank you to all who attended the event.
- Thank you to all who bought donor ads in our auction booklet.

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Please make sure to thank all the local merchants who generously donated to our event. If you won a gift certificate, make sure to thank them.

We would like to thank Wahlburgers, Tosca, East Bay Grille, Michael Aprea catering, Top This Pizza and special thanks to Christina and Mark Harvey for all their help and wonderful food!

The final numbers are in and we raised over \$30,000!

Congratulations to all of you and let's keep it going! www.gofundme.com/opepq0

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 <u>www.coffeepond.com</u>, to login use school password: bluejaguar.

High School Costa Rica Trip - For 9 days in February of next year, a group of lucky SSCPS high school students will be travelling to Costa Rica for the first annual Spanish Department Cultural Immersion Trip, organized by Ryan Gillespie. Our group will arrive just prior to the start of February break and spend the next week and a half traversing jungle canopies, practicing a second language, beholding tropical flora and fauna, indulging in gastronomic delights, and making countless memories along the way. An information session for parents is to be held next Wednesday evening, May 13th, at 6:00 PM in the school auditorium. For inquiries, Ryan can be contacted directly at <u>rgillespie@sscps.org</u>.

Can and Bottle Drive - The school will be hosting a can and bottle drive organized by Lauren Walsh beginning Monday, May 4th and running until Monday May 25th. Boxes will be placed in the high school and at the front desk for cans and bottles to be placed in. Cans and bottles from home can be brought it in. The drive is to contribute towards the Massachusetts Youth Leadership Foundation's MassSTAR 2015 Leadership Conference, a conference which teaches students across the state of Massachusetts the skills and importance of giving back to the community and being a leader.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The SSCPS Board of Trustees will soon be voting on two candidates proposed for membership to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is seeking comment from the community prior to the vote at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Community input will be collected in this electronic format. Below is the link for the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BQFPZQ3

Thank you for taking the time to respond.

ATHLETICS

Spring athletics are in full swing. Here are updates from the coaches.

Baseball:

The 2015 SSCPS baseball season has gotten off to an exciting start. First-year coach Ryan Gillespie ran several weeks of demanding exercises and drills prior to the season's kick-off last week. Starting pitchers Ed Crowley (junior) and Van Harting (junior) have made a tremendous impact on the field not only in their fierce game play but also in leadership. The roster touts several promising young prospects, as well, in Chineme Uyanwune (freshman) and Matthew Whitman (freshman) who will continue to contribute to Jaguars baseball for years to come! Moreover, the team has partnered with Jason Trask of Hingham's South Shore Baseball Club to provide the boys with facilities to hone in their skills. Fun fact: Jason's daughter, Bailey, is a student on Level I in Judy's kindergarten class so he is a prime example of an SSCPS superdad! The home-opener against Pioneer Charter takes place this Friday, May 8th at 3:30 at the South Shore Voc. Tech field, 476 Webster St., Hanover. We encourage all to attend!

Middle School Track and Field:

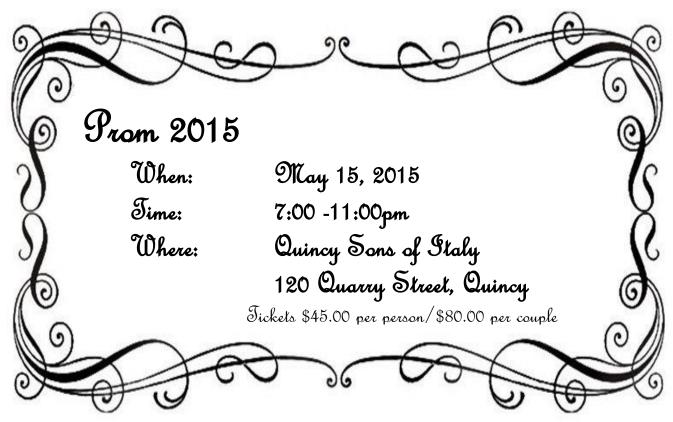
The SSCPS Middle School Track and Field Team had its first meet on Friday May 1, 2015 at 5:30 pm at Madison Park High School. The Boys finished 2nd overall out of 10 teams with a team score of 47 points. Drew Lussier placed first in the long jump with a 16 foot jump and second in the 1600 with a time of 6:07. Lucas Whitemyer placed first in the shot put with a throw of 30'3 and Rawsheed Nelson finished second with a throw of 28'7. The Girls finished second out of ten teams with a score of 44 points. Denesha Lafontant placed second in the long jump with a 12'3 jump and Malescha Nelson finished fourth with an 11'3 jump. Amy Onwuka placed second in the shot put with a 30'10 throw and Molly Kirves placed third with a 29'11.5 throw. Our next meet is Friday, May 8, 2015 at 5:30 pm at Madison Park High School.

High School Track:

High School Track is up and running this season! The Jaguars competed in their first meet of the season last Wednesday at Madison Park High School in Roxbury. It was a Tri Meet for SSCPS who ran against Foxboro and City on a Hill. The Lady Jaguars placed second while the boys tied for first place along with Foxboro. Highlights from the evening included strong running from Melissa Theodore and Darius Anderson in the sprinting department and Paul Sullivan, Jared Farmer and Evan Whitemyer in the distance. The Jaguars look to continue their success today against Salem.

In next week's edition we will hear from the Girls Softball Coach.

WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT <u>WWW.SSCPS.ORG</u> EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG



You are invited to help a Family at the Carolina Hill Family Shelter in Marshfield Massachusetts... You can help in two ways...

- The 1-Gallon Challenge, OR
- Feed the Families

THE 1-GALLON CHALLENGE

When new families go into the Carolina Hill Shelter with nothing to use, Stephanie likes to give them things to make them feel better and make them feel at home. What would you need if you were

homeless?

I challenge you to get together as a family and fill a gallon size baggie with personal items for one homeless family that is new to the shelter.

Ideas & Requests from Stephanie who works there:

Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Razors, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap and...

- \checkmark Special things that Moms need like **feminine care**
- ✓ Special things that kids need like Tylenol, Motrin, **Wipes** & Band-aids
- ✓ Dad things like floss, nail clippers & shave cream

One item that fits or many...we appreciate every little donation!

FEED THE FAMILIES

This Shelter also **COOKS THREE MEALS A DAY** for all of the families that live there. That's **17 whole families**! Imagine cooking breakfast for 17 families every day? They need **<u>a lot</u> of food to feed everyone.**

If your family lets you bring even *one* item to donate, we could all help cover a day of meals for the shelter.

Large Bottles or Cans of	Rice & Pasta	Canned Fruits,	Canned Veggies
Juice. Lots of Juice		Cranberry sauce and	
		apple sauce	
Broth and Pasta Sauce (all	Rice & Pasta	Dried or Canned Beans	Oatmeal
kinds)			
Boxed Dried Potatoes,	Pancake Mix and Syrup	PB & Jelly	Crackers
Canned Tomatoes &	Canned Meats (tuna,	Spices	Dips, Gravy & Sauces
Ketchup	Beef, Chicken)	& Mixes	
Super Special Items that are	Diapers	Baby Wipes	Gift Cards
expensive:			

Collection Boxes will be set up at SSCPS Level III (See Savannah Aylward) or Call Heidi Aylward @ (508)-685-3718 to arrange a before or after school donation of items. Let's be awesome!



Turn Markers



Into Energy!

Dear Parents,

I'm excited to tell you about a very special program we are coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy!

All around SSCPS the Waste Watchers Project will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house – even non-Crayola brands. Drop-off boxes will be located around the school for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—ColorCycle it!

Sincerely,

Bill Tramontana

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE

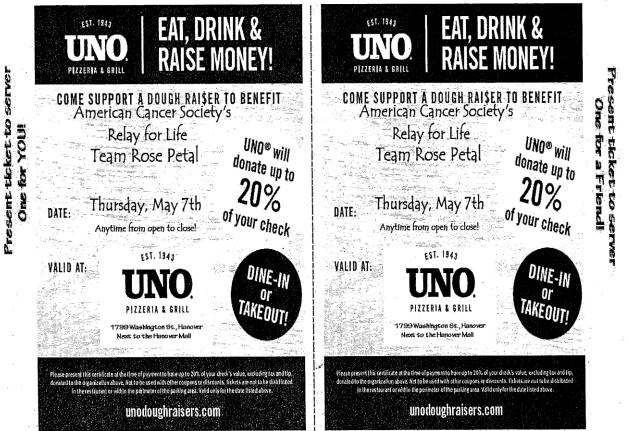
HELP SUPPORT TEAM ROSE PETAL DESIREE PEEPLES (NORA'S POD) HELPS THE TEAM AS PART OF HER COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE TEAM IS HAVING A "DOUGH RAISER" AT PIZZERIA UNO 1799 WASHINGTON STREET HANOVER-NEXT TO THE HANOVER MALL

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH OPENING TO CLOSING INCLUDES DINE-IN OR TAKE OUT

UNO'S WILL DONATE 15-20% OF YOUR CHECK TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

JUST PRESENT THE COUPON TO YOUR SERVER THANK YOU!!



THE SSCPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION presents

Getting Along with Friends, Frenemies & Everything In-Between!

A Talk and Q&A Session for Parents and Caregivers with Katy Shamitz, Social Educator

Tuesday, May 19th 7 - 8:30 pm

South Shore Charter Public School 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell

Katy Shamitz is the founder and director of Skills for Living, a social learning community in Norwell. Katy's background as a school counselor in the Norwell Public School has given her a thorough understanding of the challenges, both social and academic, that young people encounter on a daily basis. Katy takes a practical, relational approach to social education, and works with a diverse range of students, including kids on the autism spectrum and neurotypical kids just trying to figure out where they fit in. Katy encourages kids and families to use their personal strengths when working on areas for growth, and believes that some amount of fun is a must in all learning situations.

Skills for Living

Drama seems to be happening earlier and earlier! How can I help my child deal?

When should I jump in and when should I back out?

> What does "popular" even mean anymore?!



CAR WASH

Help Boy Scout Troop 57 Rockland!

Sophomore Evan Whitemyer is raising money for his Eagle Project, which is constructing and installing new garden beds for the SSCPS gardening programs in the younger levels

Where and When?

<u>Walgreens In Rockland (75 Market St</u>

Rockland, MA)

The car wash is from 9am-3pm on

Saturday May 9th, 2015



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 <u>services@putneytrans.com</u> for more info.



Putney Transportation LLC



5/4/2015 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Contact Info: *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* Holly Hill Farm 236 Jerusalem Road , Cohasset, MA 02025 www.hollyhillfarm.org 781-383-6565

Holly Hill Farm Media contact: jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Spring Bird Walk

Saturday, May 9 8 - 9:30 am

Join locally renowned birding expert and enthusiast Sally Avery for **"Spring Birding"** in the woods and trails at Holly Hill Farm. Sally has led numerous tours for Mass Audubon, as well as for the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*. Sally has a local and statewide following who delight in her expertise and program presentation. Bring good walking shoes and keen ears and eyes as we delight in this lovely rite of spring. Pre-registration is encouraged. Free for members of the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* and \$5 for non-members. Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For directions and more information, call 781-383-6565 or visit www.hollyhillfarm.org.

Holly Hill Farm Organic Plant Sale

Friday, May 15 4-7 pm FHHF Members-Only

Saturday & Sunday, May 16 & 17 $\,$ 10 am – 4 pm

Saturday & Sunday, May 23 & 24 10 am – 4 pm

Our Annual Organic Plant Sale – an event not to be missed! Celebrate the arrival of warm weather by planting a garden this season! Organic vegetables, herbs and flowers available. Our farmers are on-hand to answer questions. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset 781-383-6565 www.hollyhillfarm.org

Farm-to-Table Annual Asparagus Dinner

Saturday, May 23 6 – 10 pm

Our Asparagus Dinner has been moved ahead by two weeks due to local weather conditions. Join us for our annual Asparagus Dinner with Chef Maryann Saporito from Hola! in Marshfield who will take advantage of the early season farm offerings to prepare a five-course prix fixe menu. \$125 per person for Friends of Holly Hill Farm Members, \$150 per person non-members. Wine and beer pairings are included. Evening includes a tour of the asparagus field to understand how this perennial crop is organically grown and harvested. Proceeds will support educational programs at the Farm and at local schools. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. 781-383-6565 www.hollyhillfarm.org

Wellness Retreat at the Farm

Saturday, May 30 8:30am - 4:00 pm

Mark your calendars and plan to join Linda Storm and Darlene Bradlee for a day of Wellness. Highlights include a nature hike followed by freshly prepared smoothies, yoga workshop for spring detoxification, organic vegetarian lunch, afternoon meditation & restorative yoga and a hands-on creative "Soul Map" art collage. Full day, morning half day or afternoon half day options. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Questions and registration call <u>781-383-6565</u> www.hollyhillfarm.org

Summer Programs at Holly Hill Farm: Dig, Grow, Harvest June 8 – August 28

Come to Holly Hill Farm for a Summer Program! There is much to discover, taste and enjoy at Holly Hill and our farm teachers aim to create a memorable experience for all. With 12-weeks of programming designed for kids ages 3 – teens, options abound. Visit our website for all of the details. Don't delay – many of our programs fill quickly. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. 781-383-6565 www.hollyhillfarm.org

Outdoor Yoga on the Farm with Linda Storm, M.Ed., CHHC, RYT

Saturdays beginning June 13 through August 22 (no class July 4th weekend) 8:00 – 9:00am

Join extraordinary instructor Linda Storm for another season of Saturday morning yoga practice right here at Holly Hill Farm. Bring your own beach towel and mat and begin your weekend surrounded by the sights and sounds of our organic farm. Will move indoors in the event of rain. Cost: FHHF Members - \$100 Ten weeks, \$12 drop in Non Members - \$120 Ten weeks, \$15 drop in. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset **781-383-6565**

Movies and Munchies at the Farm

Alternate Wednesdays beginning June 17 – August 5 6 pm

Movies are free of charge and munchies are available for a fee.

Join us for our Summer Films & Food series! Held outdoors, thought provoking films will be shown on the back of the Tomato Barn. Munchies baked in our masonry oven will be available for a fee. Proceeds and donations will benefit the Masonry Oven Fund Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset <u>781-383-6565 www.hollyhillfarm.org</u>

Farm-to-Table Dinner

Saturday, June 20

Mark your calendar and join us for our Farm-to-Table Dinner with Chef Sam Cabral Curtis from The Corner Stop Eatery in Hingham. Details to follow. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. <u>781-383-6565 www.hollyhillfarm.org</u>

2nd Annual Sustainable Garden Tour

Saturday, June 27 10 am – 3 pm

Mark your calendars! Last year's Sustainable Garden Tour was so popular, we've made it an annual event. Local gardeners from around the South Shore will open their gardens to our guests. The Tour will focus on sustainable, naturally/organically maintained gardens. See up close how gardeners keep backyard chickens, care for beehives and utilize composting systems that feed their soil. Details are being worked out, so check our website for updates. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. 781-383-6565 www.hollyhillfarm.org

Masonry Oven-to-Table Dinner

Saturday, July 11

We're putting our own twist on the Farm-to-Table Dinner! Join local Food Historian, Author (Cooking with Fire) and firebuilder Paula Marcoux for an evening of fun, food and conversation. Always entertaining and educational, Paula will prepare dinner in our wood-fired masonry oven. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. <u>781-383-6565</u> www.hollyhillfarm.org

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

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), a letter of recommendation and a sense of meaningful accomplishment in helping to make fresh, local produce available to clients at food pantries. 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 or jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. www.hollyhillfarm.org

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS: THE WEEKLY HARVEST

Farm Teachers in the Community

Recently, the Holly Hill Farm Educators transplanted sugar snap peas into the Peck's Meadow at the Farm with 41 Hingham High School Environmental Science students. In the same field with less precision, but equal passion, the Cushing School third graders from Scituate transplanted baby spinach seedlings. This week Newton Country Day high school senior, Sam will help transplant leeks, kale and Swiss chard. Also Milton Academy senior Alison will help pot up seedlings for the upcoming Plant Sale.



South Shore Therapies Presents A Three Part Proactive Parenting Series

Facilitated by: Lynne Reeves Griffin RN, MEd Author of Negotiation Generation: Take Back Your Parental Authority Without Punishment

> May 12, 19, & 26, 2015 Tuesday Evenings 7 -8:30 PM

South Shore Therapies 163 Libbey Parkway Weymouth, MA 02189 **Fee \$90.00 per person**

For parents of children all ages with emphasis on those with special learning and/or health needs.

Lynne Reeves Griffin is a child development and behavior management expert whose Proactive Parenting programs are nationally recognized. In this three part series, she'll help you reclaim your position of authority with a practical approach to raising your children. Clear boundaries, like good fences, help children understand what behavior is and isn't acceptable. You'll reduce conflict with your children-and forge a stronger, more loving bond because of it.

This program will show you how to:

- Influence your children's behavior-without controlling it
- Predict and prevent challenging behavior
- Let go of time-outs, groundings, spankings, and other punishments
- Teach by example-showing and telling your children how you expect them to behave

With true stories from more than twenty years of parent counseling, Lynne will cover the typical struggles parents face in raising today's children-and tell you how to step out of the negotiation generation and step back into control.

Pre-Registration Required

LIMITED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SO REGISTER EARLY

CALL TODAY 781-545-6585



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 apepin@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 <u>asavage@sscps.org</u> 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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Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your children get free or reduced price school meals, they <u>may</u> 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'sName	School:	
Child'sName	School:	
Child'sName	School:	
Child'sName	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 s Application with Title I Program .	share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals
Yes! I DO want school officials to s Application with SSYMCA Afterso	share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals bool Childcare Program.
Yes! I DO want school officials to s Application with SSCPS Athletic 8	whare information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals & Enrichment Programs.
	above, fill out the form below to ensure that your information is shared for on will be shared only with the programs you checked.
Child'sName	School:
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date:
Printed Name:	
Address:	
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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 children living in home. Also, in) MEMBERS	S Lis	t all	hou	isel frie	nold membe	ers i	incl	udi	ing o	children seeking sch	nool	l me	eals,	sit	blings and both	parents of $(0,13)$
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					
PART 2. BENEFITS- MA SI	NAP OR MA	A TA	FD	С							PART 3. HOME	ELF	ESS,	[M]	[G]	RANT, RUNA	WAY
IF <u>ANY</u> 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.						ГТ, CALL											
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.																	
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(LIST ONLY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WITH INCOME)	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 inc must indicate and how	how much
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PART 5. SIGNATURE AND L																,	
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: Date: Address: City: State: Zip Code: Cell Phone Number: Cell Phone Number: Cell Phone Number: Cell Phone Number: Completed the statement on the provide the statement on the scenario of the statement of the statement on the scenario of the statement on the statement of the statem																	
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PART 6. CHILDREN'S ETH	INIC AND F	RAC	TAT	ΙΓ)EN	TTTIES //	<u>ר</u> ער)	TIC		IAI)						
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Choose one ethnicity:

Choose one or more (regardless of ethnicity):

Hispanic/Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American
Not Hispanic/Latino	□ White	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	
DO NOT	Ր FILL OUገ	T THIS PART. THIS IS FOR SCHOOL	USE ONLY.
Annual Income Con	version: Wee	ekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A M	Ionth x 24, Monthly x 12
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Check if this is an error prone applied	cation – utiliz	e for verification standard sample size - see e	ligibility 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.

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

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART School Year 2014-2015							
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				

programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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Breakfast Order Form Breakfast for the Month of May, 2015

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Student Name

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

Please <u>CHECK</u> off the day breakfast will be ordered.

Week of 5/18 – 5/22	[] Monday	[] Tuesday	[] Wednesday	[] Thursday	[] Friday
Week of 5/25 – 5/29	[X] Monday	[] Tuesday	[] Wednesday	[] Thursday	[] Friday

Number of Breakfasts ordered	 Х	\$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 May, 2015

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

Please <u>CHECK</u> off the day lunch will be ordered.

Week of 5/18 – 5/22	[] Monday	[] Tuesday	[] Wednesday	[] Thursday	[] Friday
Week of 5/25 – 5/29	[X] Monday	[] Tuesday	[] Wednesday	[] Thursday	[] Friday

Number of Lunches ordered	 Х	\$3.25
Less credit due		
Total Amount Enclosed		\$
Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.		



South Shore Charter School MAY, 2015

BREAKFAST				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7	8
Cereal & Grahams	WW Croissant w/Jelly	Cereal & Grahams	3.6 oz. WW Muffin	Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
11	12	13	14	15
Cereal & Grahams	WW Cinnamon Roll	3.6 oz. WW Muffin	WW Croissant w/Jelly	3.6 oz. WW Muffin
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
18	19	20	21	22
Cereal & Grahams	3.6 oz. WW Muffin	Cereal & Grahams	WW Cinnamon Roll	3.6 oz. WW Muffin
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
25	26	27	28	29
MEMORIAL	Cereal & Grahams	3.6 oz. WW Muffin	WW Croissant w/Jelly	3.6 oz. WW Muffin
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
DAY	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice
	Milk	Milk	Milk	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 MAY, 2015

Wednesday Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday 4 5 6 7 8 Sweet & Sour Chicken Chicken Tenders American Chop Suey Tortilla Chicken Bagel Pizza Brown Rice Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Southwestern Beans Corn Whole Wheat Roll Broccoli Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Peaches Banana Orange Fruit Apple Milk Milk Milk Milk Milk 11 12 13 14 15 Chicken & Salsa Cheeseburger Mac Turkey and Gravy Chicken Parmesan Chicken WW Quesadilla Brown Rice Carrots Corn Ziti Green Beans Southwestern Beans Whole Wheat Roll WG Cinnamon Roll Broccoli Orange Apple Banana Orange Peaches Milk Milk Milk Milk Milk 18 19 20 21 22 Herbed Baked Chicken Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Beef Hot Dog on WW Roll **BBO** Chicken on Bun Macaroni & Cheese Sweet Potato Fries Ketchup Potato Wedges Broccoli Cucumber Baked Beans Ketchup Whole Wheat Roll Pears Apple Tangerine Pears Milk Apple Milk Milk Milk Milk 25 27 29 26 28 Hamburger on WW Bun Cheeseburger WW Wrap Cheese Pizza Pancakes & Syrup **MEMORIAL** Broccoli Ketchup Sausage Patty Baby Carrots Potato Wedges Baked Beans Pears Green Beans DAY Apple Baked Apple Slices Milk Milk Milk Milk

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

LUNCH

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LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7	8
Sweet & Sour Chicken	Boneless Chicken Wings	American Chop Suey	Tortilla Chicken	Bagel Pizza
Brown Rice	Sweet Potato Fries	Green Beans	Southwestern Beans	Corn
Broccoli	w/Ketchup	Honey Wheat Dinner Roll	Peaches	Banana
Orange	Whole Wheat Roll	Apple	Milk	Apple Juice
Apple Juice	Pears	Pears		Milk
Milk	Milk	Milk		
11	12	13	14	15
Chicken & Salsa	Cheeseburger Mac	Turkey and Gravy	Chicken Parmesan	Chicken WW Quesadilla
Brown Rice	Carrots	Corn	Ziti	Peas
Southwestern Beans	Whole Wheat Roll	WG Cinnamon Roll	Broccoli	Orange
Pineapple Chunks	Banana	Orange	Peaches	Apple Juice
Apple	Peaches	Apple Juice	Milk	Milk
Milk	Milk	Milk		
18	19	20	21	22
Beef Hot Dog on WW Roll	BBQ Chicken on WW Bun	Herbed Baked Chicken	Macaroni & Cheese	Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap
Ketchup	Potato Wedges w/Ketchup	Sweet Potato Fries	Broccoli	Cucumber
Baked Beans	Tangerine	Honey Wheat Dinner Roll	Apple	Pears
Apple	Raisins	Pears	Orange Juice	Milk
Peaches	Milk	Apple Juice	Milk	
Milk		Milk		
25	26	27	28	29
	Hamburger on WW Bun	Pancakes & Syrup	Cheeseburger WW Wrap	Cheese Pizza
MEMORIAL	Ketchup	Sausage Patty	Baby Carrots	Broccoli
	Baked Beans	Potato Wedges	Pears	Green Beans
DAY	Baked Apple Slices	Raisins	Craisins	Banana
	Milk	Milk	Milk	Orange Juice
				Milk

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