



FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. I am an avid gardener so I appreciate a harvest. I also appreciate a party. It is wonderful to have a harvest party to celebrate both. At Thanksgiving it is traditional to take time to say what you are thankful for and I am fortunate to have a place to publish my list right here in the Update.

I am grateful for the Atlantic Ocean. I love seeing it and being in it. It reminds me of the vastness, the infinity and the ever changing quality of light and water.

I am grateful for the nutrients in seaweed and the ritual of putting seaweed on the earth and thinking about the bounties of the future. It reminds me that when we take, (harvest) if we want to keep taking (future harvests) we need to give (seaweed) in equal or greater measure.

I am grateful to have a job I love and to work with earnest, compassionate and principled people who show their love for hard work by their daily efforts. It reminds me that together we are doing something important.

I am grateful I have a chance to sweep and to say "good morning" to so many people four days a week. It reminds me that small things matter and that human connection is good.

I am grateful that I am in my twentieth year with this school and that I get to see children I know as they grow up. I love it when they get older and they still smile at me or they bring me blueberry jam more than a decade after being inspired by reading Blueberries for Sal before the start of kindergarten. It reminds me that life is beautiful in how nothing stays the same and how there is a trace of the past in the present.

I am grateful when a parent tells me how much this school means to their family. It reminds me that we are doing something that makes a difference not just in a child's life but in a family's life.

I am grateful that I get to teach kindergarten every Friday. It reminds me how much I love the three part lesson and the drive we all have to learn.

I love the change of the seasons and the chance to take the children on a "Woods Walk." I love to hear their talk in the woods about imagined worlds to which I no longer have direct access. It reminds me of how to see things with fresh eyes and the opportunity to imagine and to dream.

I am grateful to be married to the same person for twenty-eight years and to have had three children together. I am grateful that those children will on occasion still call me on the phone and come home to visit and that two of them are home now. It reminds me just how lucky I am.

I am grateful for role models. I have role models in my colleagues who are able to tell me when they believe I am wrong and who see things that I do not see. I have role models in the students who come tell me about the Linux system and Ubuntu he is using and whose passion is undeniable. I have a role model in my father who for five years has taken care of my mother as she has withdrawn from the world. He has always welcomed my company but never wants to impose on me to help him with my mother's care. It reminds me how to be generous.

I am especially grateful to my father and the care givers who tend to my mother and who have kept her not only alive but happy. It reminds me what is important.

Happy Thanksgiving and may you enjoy the food and the chance to say "Thank you and I love you," to all those you care about.

Wednesday	11/26	Early Release Day	12:00pm
Thurs & Fri	11/27 & 11/28	Thanksgiving Break	
Tuesday	12/02	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	12/03	Level IV Field Trip to Providence College	
Thursday	12/04	Picture Retake Day	
Friday	12/05	Annie Jr. Performance at the Center School Hanover	7:00pm
Saturday	12/06	Annie Jr. Performance at the Center School Hanover	3:00pm
Save the Date:	12/10	Annual Winter Concert – Hingham High School	6:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Debate Club Update 11/23

SSCPS' Debate Club had a stellar start to their season. On Saturday, November 22nd, Neil Feeney and Jeremy Atkins walked away with two wins and high speaker points. Van Harting and Lauren Walsh beat a club record with four wins out of five rounds. Lauren received the highest amount of speaker points available, 30, on her final round. And best of all, Lauren and Van ranked 14th out of all 110 teams competing statewide. Congratulations to the Debate Club!

Win a jar of Skittles and four tickets to Annie Jr.

There are only a few days left to place your guess for the number of Skittles in the jar.

Tickets are being sold in the Front Lobby until Monday

All proceeds benefit the Annie Jr. production.

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. Parents may submit a personalized page that will appear in the back of the book for their senior at these rates: Full page \$150, 1/2 pg. \$75, 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!

Babysitting Training for 8th Graders

Babysitting training will be starting December 11th for the 8th graders in Health. We could use donations of baby dolls (infant), clothing with buttons and snaps, t-shirts, bottles, portable changing units, bath basins, etc. The 8th grade students will be learning to care for ages infant and up. Please bring any items to the art room and leave them outside the Computer Lab door. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS?

The Art Store

Every year the high school art students and department bring **The Art Store** live to our front lobby. It is an opportunity for our staff and art students to offer their creative pieces for sale. **GREAT PLACE TO CHECK OUT HOLIDAY GIFTS.** A portion of the proceeds will go to the high school art program. So, **CHECK US OUT** between Thanksgiving and the December break. Questions, see Marianne, X304.

Level IV Literary Project Hosting Toys for Tots Drive

The Literary Magazine Project is hosting a Toys for Tots community service event. According to the organization's website, the mission of this project is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. The last community service event our project organized was extremely successful, raising approximately \$430. Toys for Tots is a unique event, though. You are not being asked to donate money. This time we ask that you to donate toys to brighten up a child's holiday season. We are accepting brand new, unwrapped toys. Donation boxes can be found in Rachel's classroom (found in Level 4), the high school, and in the front lobby. We hope you decide to donate. Thank you!

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Winter Sports Mandatory Parent Meeting

On Thursday, December 11 at 5pm in the Music Room all parents of students who did not attend the fall sports meeting are requested to attend this meeting. Items covered will be the Concussion and Athletic policies.

Sign Ups for Basketball

Practices will begin after Thanksgiving break. All student athletics must submit the proper forms to their coach prior to the first day of practice. All teams will have their first practice on Monday, December 1 from 3-5pm here at SSCPS. Students should be prepared with warm clothing as there may be outside conditioning.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Gently Used and New Children's Book Collection

Level IV student, Shannon Daly, is collecting "slightly used" books for children, ages 2 to 14, whose parents are students at the Adult Learning Center in Brockton. Each year, all of the adult learners and their children are invited to come and choose books that they can take home so they can create an at home library. The Learning Center relies on donations from community members to make this give-away possible. A lot of the time this is the only way they receive books. The collection box is located in the front lobby and any donations would be greatly appreciated! For larger donations please contact Barbara at barbara6910@msn.com

**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

Presents

**Friday, December 5, 2014
7:00 pm**

**Saturday, December 6, 2014
3:00 pm**



Center School
65 Silver Street
Hanover, MA

**Adults: \$10:00
Students: \$5:00**

Snacks and drinks available during intermission at the concession stand.

Reserve your tickets today!

- Call 781-982-4202 ext 207 to reserve your tickets now.

Leave a message with your name, telephone number, date of show, and # of tickets you need. Tickets will be held until 10 minutes before performance.

Make checks payable to SSCPS



Only 2 shows!

Holly Hill Farm & Friends

11/25/2014 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

FHHF contact: jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Farm Stand Hours

Thru December 6 Saturday and Sunday 11 AM -5 PM

The fall harvest is in! We are open every Saturday and Sunday from 11-5 through early December. Squash, pumpkins and more! Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. [781-383 6565](tel:781-383-6565) www.hollyhillfarm.org

November 29 6th Annual Holly Day Fair 11 AM – 3 PM (flyer attached)

Kick off the holiday season with a visit to our Holly Day Fair. Bring your list and check it twice! Local artisans display their crafts in the greenhouse. Pick up unique gifts for everyone on your list. Holly Hill swags and a wreath making workshop provide the holiday decor for your home. Children's activities keep young ones occupied while you shop. And food... great food is never in short supply at Holly Hill Farm! See you at the Farm! Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565). www.hollyhillfarm.org

December 2 Giving Tuesday 9 AM – Noon

You are invited to the Farm for a morning of mulching as we celebrate Giving Tuesday, a national day of philanthropy. Can't make it to the Farm? Join Leadership Donor Pilgrim Bank and donate to the Farm Pantry Garden Program, which engages local teens in growing organic produce that is donated to local food pantries. This valuable summer program is offered as a free community service opportunity and is funded by private donations and the Frank White Scholarship Fund. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 to ensure the programs viability for the upcoming 2015 season. Visit our website at www.hollyhillfarm.org for details.

January 1 Annual New Year's Day Walk with Naturalist Steve Ivas

Celebrate the New Year at Holly Hill Farm. This walk has become an annual tradition for many families and we invite you to join us. Naturalist Steve Ivas will provide a guided tour along the trails. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565). www.hollyhillfarm.org

Holly Hill Farm Happenings

Do you know of a school, PTO, organization, blogger, writer, newsletter coordinator or media outlet that would be interested in keeping updated on the happenings at Holly Hill Farm? We welcome any new additions to our growing community. Holly Hill Happenings is sent weekly via email and is designed for easy sharing. Organizations utilizing specific services like PeachJar can be accommodated. Contact friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS: THE WEEKLY HARVEST

This week with Holly Hill School Partners

Recently, the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* educators have hosted school teachers from the Governor Winslow school in Marshfield for a day long training, in advance of future student field trips and planting garlic at their new school farm garden. Also, we planted yet more garlic with 4th graders at the Wampatuck school in Scituate and 4th graders at the East school in Hingham. Soon we hope to heel in over 90 cloves of garlic with 8th graders at the Gates Intermediate middle school in Scituate. 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 Is your school one of them? Happy growing, teaching and learning.

FARM ACTIVITIES/POTENTIAL ARTICLES

Giving Tuesday

The *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* is participating in #GivingTuesday on Tuesday December 2, 2014 - a day of national philanthropy. The *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* is raising money to support our Farm Pantry Garden Program (FPGP). The Farm Pantry Garden (FPGP) was started in 2012 by Education Director Jon Belber as a way of engaging teens to learn about sustainable agriculture by growing organic produce to be donated to local food pantries. This week-long summer program is offered as a free community service opportunity. The FPGP just completed its third growing year, making 3 trips to Father Bill's Place in Quincy this past summer, bringing over 50 pounds of produce to feed shelter residents. Our goal is to raise \$2,000. We are already on way to meeting this goal thanks to a leadership donation from Pilgrim Bank. "Giving Tuesday enables communities to come together in caring concern for the well being of their members," said farm owner and resident Jean White. "At Holly Hill Farm, this includes teaching the value of sustainable farming principles that result in healthy food and responsible stewardship that protects the land." Please visit our website any time on Tuesday, December 2 to make a tax deductible donation by using your credit card or PayPal account. In addition to cash donations, the public is encouraged to join us in the Farm Pantry Garden on Tuesday from 9 am to noon to help add a winter mulch of compost and seaweed to improve soil fertility. Contact Education Director Jon Belber at [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565) or jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com for more information.

Stories, Speakers & Partnerships

As a small, non-profit, we are always appreciative of exposure and our small staff of farmers and farm educators are happy to provide interviews or copy for upcoming stories on farms, organic farms, summer camps, or children's programs. Our Farm Educators are available to speak and lead workshops for garden clubs, community organizations and local events. We are also open to discussion on collaboration for potential workshops and partnerships that would support our mission and promote local food and organic farming along the South Shore and beyond. Please contact Lori at friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com if you have any upcoming stories or ideas.

Social Thinking® and the Building Blocks of Social Communication

Presented by: Melanie Austin, MS, CCC-SLP

Wednesday, December 10th, 2014

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Weymouth, First Floor

\$25



Does Your Child or Student

Show little interest in or confusion with making friends?

Spend lots of time playing alone?

Get angry easily and turn small problems into large issues?

Struggle to follow unspoken social rules?

Seem self-focused and show little consideration for others?

Have difficulty with transitions or being flexible?

This presentation is based on "The Incredible Flexible You" curriculum developed through Michelle Garcia-Winner's Social Thinking® program. An overview of the building blocks necessary for social language development will be presented. The vocabulary used in the program will be explained in combination with practical hands-on strategies that can be immediately implemented in your home and school environments.

Register Now!

For More Information or to Register please call

South Shore Therapies at (781) 335-6663

Please Note

Space is very limited and is on a first come first serve basis

Call today to reserve your spot with a credit card

You Can Also Find Us On Social Media!



Alfie Kohn

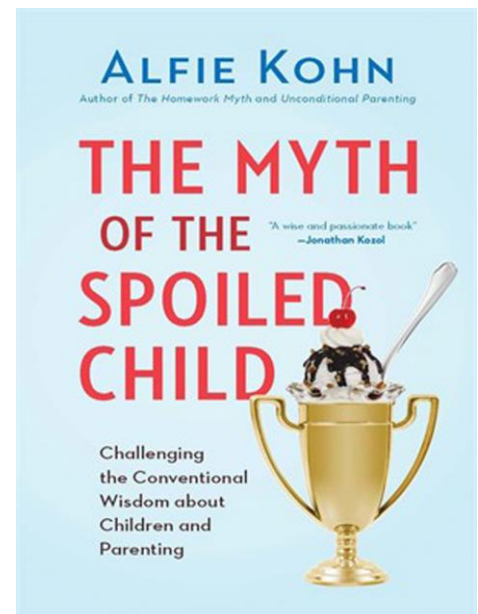
FEAR OF SPOILING: *Rethinking Common Assumptions About Children (and Parenting)*

**Wednesday, December 3, 2014
at 7:00 PM**

Don't Miss Alfie Kohn!

The conventional wisdom is that helicopter parents are everywhere, overprotecting their children instead of letting them learn from failure; that we indulge and coddle rather than setting limits, with the result that we're raising a generation of narcissists; that grades are inflated and trophies handed out too readily. But are these criticisms new? Are they true? And what underlying values—as well as assumptions about child development, human behavior, and motivation—have led even political progressives to sound like social conservatives when the conversation turns to children? Drawing from his newest book, *The Myth of the Spoiled Child*, Alfie Kohn challenges media-stoked fears and misconceptions about kids—what they're like and how they're raised.

Alfie Kohn is the author of 13 books on education, parenting, and human behavior. He has appeared twice on "Oprah," as well as on "The Today Show" and many other TV and radio programs. Kohn works with educators and parents across the country and speaks regularly at national conferences. More info is available at www.alfiekohn.org



Please join us for what will surely be a thought-provoking lecture and discussion!

LOCATION	TICKET INFO
Inly School Meehan Family Artsbarn 46 Watch Hill Drive Scituate, MA 02066	\$20/person. General seating. Tickets on sale now. To purchase, visit: www.inlyschool.org



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: _____

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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 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

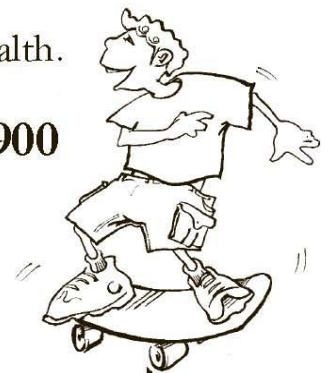
MassHealth



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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kids*





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.

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.

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

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 December, 2014

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, ***Tuesday**, November 25, 2014

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 12/1 – 12/5 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 12/8 – 12/12 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 12/15 – 12/19 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 12/22 – 12/26 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 December, 2014

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, ***Tuesday**, November 25, 2014

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 12/1 – 12/5 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 12/8 – 12/12 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 12/15 – 12/19 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 12/22 – 12/26 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.






Essence of Thyme and Cravings

South Shore Charter School

DECEMBER, 2014

Breakfast

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
1	Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	2	3.6 oz. WW Muffin Fruit Juice Milk	3	WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit Juice Milk	4	Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	5	3.6 oz. WW Muffin Fruit Juice Milk
8	Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	9	WW Croissant & Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	10	Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	11	3.6 oz. WW Muffin Fruit Juice Milk	12	Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
15	Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	16	WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit Juice Milk	17	3.6 oz. WW Muffin Fruit Juice Milk	18	WW Croissant & Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	19	3.6 oz. WW Muffin Fruit Juice Milk
22	Cereal Fruit Orange Juice Milk	23	3.6 oz. WW Muffin Fruit Juice Milk	24	HAPPY		25	HOLIDAYS	
									

* 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!**






Essence of Thyme and Cravings

South Shore Charter School K-8

DECEMBER, 2014

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Beef Hot Dog on WW Roll Ketchup Baked Beans Apple Milk	2 BBQ Chicken on Bun Potato Wedges w/Ketchup Fresh Fruit Milk	3 Sloppy Joe on WW Bun Broccoli Banana Milk	4 Herbed Baked Chicken Sweet Potato Fries Pears Whole Wheat Roll Milk	5 Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Cucumbers Mandarin Oranges Milk
8 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli & Carrots Orange Milk	9 Pancakes & Syrup w/Sausage Pattie Potato Wedges Raisins Milk	10 Mexican Chicken WW Wrap Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Apple Milk	11 Meatballs on WW Sub Baked Beans Orange Milk	12 EARLY RELEASE NO LUNCH
15 Chicken Tenders w/Ketchup Green Beans Apple Whole Wheat Roll Milk	16 American Chop Suey Carrots Whole Wheat Roll Banana Milk	17 Hamburger on WW Bun Baked Beans Ketchup Baked Apple Slices Milk	18 Chicken Parmesan w/Ziti Broccoli Peaches Milk	19 Chicken WW Quesadilla Corn Orange Milk
22 Chicken Stir Fry Brown Rice Broccoli Orange Milk	23 EARLY RELEASE NO LUNCH	24 H A P P Y	25 H O L I	26 D A Y S
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* All Meals include Choice of 1% or Skim Milk.

* Complies with NSLP Regulations




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South Shore Charter School 9-12
DECEMBER, 2014

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Beef Hot Dog on WW Roll Ketchup Baked Beans Apple Peaches Milk	2 BBQ Chicken on WW Bun Potato Wedges w/Ketchup Fresh Fruit Raisins Milk	3 Sloppy Joe on WW Bun Broccoli Banana Pineapple Chunks Milk	4 Herbed Baked Chicken Sweet Potato Fries Pears Whole Wheat Roll Milk	5 Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Cucumbers Mandarin Oranges Milk
8 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli & Carrots Orange Milk	9 Pancakes & Syrup Sausage Patty Potato Wedges Raisins Milk	10 Mexican Chicken WW Wrap Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Apple Orange Juice Milk	11 Meatballs on WW Sub Baked Beans Orange Pineapple Chunks Milk	12 EARLY RELEASE NO LUNCH
15 Chicken Tenders w/Ketchup Green Beans Apple Whole Wheat Roll Orange Juice and Milk	16 American Chop Suey Carrots Whole Wheat Roll Banana and Raisins Milk	17 Hamburger on WW Bun Baked Beans Ketchup Baked Apple Slices Milk	18 Chicken Parmesan w/Ziti Broccoli Peaches Whole Wheat Roll Milk	19 Chicken WW Quesadilla Corn Orange Apple Juice Milk
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