



Update

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FROM THE K-12 INTERIM PRINCIPAL

While we close the book on this school year, I know that children and their families are thinking about next school year. Nora, Krista, and I have met with many parents over the past few weeks during our parent coffees. It has been a wonderful opportunity to both talk to families about plans for next school year and to hear from parents about what has worked and what hasn't worked for their children. I believe that I learned more than I shared. The feedback from families about these meetings has been overwhelmingly positive. I plan to institute these meetings on a more regular basis for the 2018-2019 school year, mostly likely on a monthly basis. While those meetings will not be Level specific, they will be an opportunity for me and other members of the administrative team to provide information about what is happening at school and for families to share information about what they are hearing at home.

Most of my conversation with families has been about the changes to Level I and Level II. I want to share a brief synopsis of what we discussed here in the Update, as well as provide an opportunity to have further questions answered. The discussion at the lower grade parent coffees covered three critical areas; expansion, curriculum, and scheduling. In next year's phase of the expansion, we will be adding two additional classrooms to Level I. This will allow us to accommodate our rising first graders and to expand in a way that preserves the integrity of our model. We will be hiring two new teachers and two new tutors to fill those classrooms. There will be some students in those classrooms that are new to our school and others that are current students. While the number of students on Level I will be increasing the number of students in each classroom will not. Currently we have about 22 students in each room. Next year that number will range from 18 to 20. Clearly we will need to add classroom spaces to make room for these students. There will be construction at 100 Longwater this summer. We will be turning some office spaces into classroom spaces to accommodate this increase. Those lost office spaces will likely move off site. We will also be making some classroom moves to help keep Level groups together and we will be assessing bathroom assignments to prevent overcrowding.

This year we have had some exciting curricular changes that are improving student learning and we will continue to build on this. Next year will be our second year of implementing the Wit and Wisdom curriculum for English Language Arts in grades K-4. We have learned a great deal from this first year. Our teachers are working hard to make adjustments to this curriculum to meet the needs of all of our students. It is our third year using Eureka Math. We are seeing the results as the foundational number sense that this type of instruction provides is paying off in the ability of our students to tackle increasingly rigorous math content. We will continue our K-7 Eureka Math implementation moving into 2018-2019. Next year we will be in our second year of FOSS science on Level II. We will also be bringing a new science curriculum to Level I. This work will help us to prepare our students for the rigorous science courses they will be engaged in as they move to the middle and high school levels. The Department of Secondary and Elementary Education is releasing new Social Studies and History standards for next year. Our teachers will be working to implement those new standards and to align the curriculum vertically.

We are making some scheduling changes for Levels I and II to reduce the number of transitions and to increase the time on learning. Some things will shift to place the focus on math and English Language Arts instruction in the morning. Our teachers find that this is when students are most prepared to learn. Students will begin their day separated by grade level and will complete their math and English language arts instruction in the morning. Math and reading instruction will continue to be single grade. Students will then move into mixed grade level groups for recess, lunch, Focused Instructional Time, specials, and Project later in the day. The time they will spend in multi-age groups as opposed to single grade groups will not change significantly. For example, Focused Instructional Time groups will now be multiage. Science and social studies instruction will be single grade. Our goal for next

year is to make the multiage time as meaningful as possible as we work to create groups and partnerships that provide opportunities for students to both mentor and learn from their peers. At the same time, we want to make sure that we optimize instructional time for our youngest students. I am including draft schedules for grades 1-4 below.

I realize that families have questions about next year and that not everyone was able to attend one of the parent coffees. I will be holding an additional meeting to answer parent questions on the afternoon of **Tuesday, June 19th from 12:30-1:30pm at 100 Longwater Circle**. This meeting is open to all parents, grades K-12. The meeting will have the same format as the parent coffees. I will review the proposed changes with the group and then open up the meeting to questions.

We are in the home stretch! As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Angie Pepin – apepin@sscps.org

DRAFT Level I Schedule 2018-2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:20	Morning Message	Morning Message	Morning Message	Morning Message	Morning Message
8:20- 9:30	Math/Snack	Math/Snack	Math/Snack	Math/Snack	Math/Snack
9:30-9:50	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
9:50-11:25	English Language Arts	English Language Arts	English Language Arts	English Language Arts	English Language Arts
11:25-11:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:55-12:55	Special	Special	Special	Special	Special
12:55-1:35	FIT	FIT	FIT	FIT	FIT
1:35-1:55	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
1:55-2:45	Science	Social Studies/Open Circle	Science	Project	Social Studies/ All Pod
2:45-3:00	Pod/Dismissal	Pod/Dismissal	Pod /Dismissal	Pod/Dismissal	Pod/Dismissal

*Shaded sections indicate periods in which 1st and 2nd graders would be integrated/multi-age.

DRAFT Level II Schedule 2018-2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:20	Morning Message	Morning Message	Morning Message	Morning Message	Morning Message
8:20-9:50	ELA 4/Math 3	ELA 4/Math 3	ELA 4/Math 3	ELA 4/Math 3	ELA 4/Math 3
9:50 -11:20	ELA 3/Math 4	ELA 3/Math 4	ELA 3/Math 4	ELA 3/Math 4	ELA 3/Math 4
11:20-12:10	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
12:10-12:55	FIT	FIT	FIT	FIT	FIT
12:55-1:45	Special	Special	Special	Special	Special
1:45-2:45	S.S/Science	S.S/Science	Open Circle/ Project	S.S/Science	Town Meeting/ Project
2:45-3:00	Pod/Dismissal	Pod/Dismissal	Pod/Dismissal	Pod/Dismissal	Pod/Dismissal

*Shaded sections indicate periods in which 3rd and 4th graders would be integrated/multi-age.

*Snack/Break is integrated into the math class.

Weds-Fri	06/13-06/15	New Kindergarten Class Screening and Enrollment	By Appointment
Wednesday	06/13	Volunteer Celebration Parents Association Meeting	6:00pm 6:30pm
Thursday	06/14	Level II Field Trip to Forges Field	
Friday	06/15	5th Grade to Plaza Azteca	
Friday	06/15	6th Grade to George's Island	
Monday	06/18	Level IV Color Games	
Tuesday	06/19	Final Exams for Grades 7-11	
Tuesday	06/19	Level I Grades 1 and 2 Beach Day	8:30-11:00am
Tuesday	06/19	Level III Field Day	
Tuesday	06/19	Faculty/Staff Luncheon hosted by the Parents Association	12:00pm
Tuesday	06/19	Early Release	12:00pm
Tuesday	06/19	K-12 Parent Information Meeting at 100 Longwater Circle	12:30-1:30pm
Wednesday	06/20	Final Exams for Grades 7-11	
Wednesday	06/20	Level II Awards in the Level II Great Room	10:00am
Wednesday	06/20	Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	06/21	Final Exams for Grades 7-11	
Thursday	06/21	Level III Awards at the SSCPS Gym	8:30am
Thursday	06/21	Level IV Award Ceremony at the SSCPS Gym	10:30pm
Thursday	06/21	Early Release	12:00pm
Friday	06/22	Last Day of School – Early Release	12:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, June 19th. This is a half day. We will need main dishes, side dishes, salads, desserts, and drinks. We also need volunteers to help set up, collect food being dropped off and clean up.

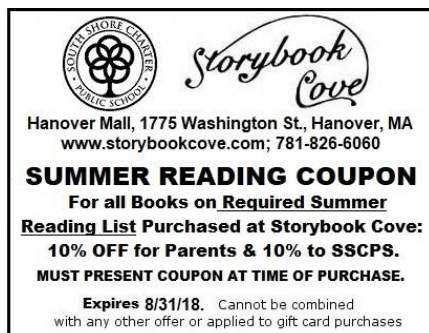
If possible, **please** try to drop off your item in the morning at drop-off. This helps save time in the afternoon. You may also drop any items off at dismissal, especially if it's a hot item, since there is no way to reheat food, although Crock-Pots can be dropped off **anytime**. We will also have people at the circle from 11:30 on, so you may drop off your item and jump right in the pickup line.

The luncheon hosts about 100 faculty/staff members, and they love and appreciate the assortment of food that is sent in by our families. They always express their sincere appreciation to everyone.

If you would like to donate or volunteer, please contact me directly at debbielbundrick@yahoo.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

SUMMER READING BOOK FAIR NEWS: It's a wrap!



Thank you to independent bookseller Janet Bibeau, the owner of *Storybook Cove* in Hanover Mall, who has generously offered to extend the **book sale price of 10% off** through the summer to SSCPS families. Just bring the 10% off coupon below for **in-store purchases** at the shop.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

As the year comes to an end, all medications/Epipens/Inhalers need to be picked up by a parent before the last day of school. All medications that are not picked up by the last day of school will be disposed of, this includes all Inhalers/Spacers and Epipens. The Health office is typically open from 8am-3pm but please call if you need to coordinate a time to drop off or pick up.

If your child will require medication at school next year, a new medication/doctor form will need to be filled out for the 2018-2019 school year and will be sent out in the August mailing. Medications and forms will only be accepted when dropped off together by a parent.

Call Darcie (K-8) or Susan (High School) with any questions.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Hope you can join us Friday, June 22nd, on the last day of school to watch a Brockton Rox game at Campanelli Stadium. Tickets cost \$10 per person so please drop off your check (or cash) payable to SSCEF to Karen Boyle at the front desk at [100 Longwater Circle](#) by Wednesday, June 20th. Be sure to include your name and the amount of tickets you are purchasing. The game begins at 7pm.



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INC.

Thank you again to all of our families and friends who have contributed to our Annual Fund this year. The Fund pays operating expenses, Projects and Workshop expenses, as well as music, arts and athletic programs. Please contribute your fully tax deductible donation before our fiscal year ends on June 30, 2018. Mail your donation to: SSCEF, P.O. Box 512, Accord, MA, 02018, or drop off a check in the envelope at the Front Desk, or [Donate Now Online](#).

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Wellspring

As of April 1st SNAP (food stamps) recipients and those interested in becoming SNAP recipients here on the south shore will no longer have to travel or call Quincy or Brockton for assistance. Wellspring is now a DTA Community Partner and will be able to handle all SNAP (food stamp) applications and re-certifications. We will also be able to complete interim reports and help trouble shoot any issues that arise with benefit coverage. Please direct anyone interested in this offering to Stephanie Masland: 781-925-3211 x127.

Sober Parenting Journey (SPJ). Wellspring is proudly partnering with South Shore Peer Recovery to offer this evidence supported program. SPJ is a 14 week workshop where participants meet weekly in a small group setting for 2 hours. The class is free to all participants and included complimentary childcare and dinner. Parents and caregivers in recovery face the additional challenge of building strong, positive relationships with their children while maintaining their sobriety, which can be both rewarding and daunting. Sober Parenting Journey provides a

valuable source of fellowship and support and enhances awareness of potential triggers that may escalate relapse. Registration ends April 15th for this class.

SCHOOL MEALS (BREAKFAST AND LUNCH)

Children need healthy meals to learn. The South Shore Charter Public School offers healthy meals every school day. Your children may qualify for free meals or reduced price meals.

If your child(ren) was eligible for free or reduced meal benefits last year, this does not automatically qualify your family for benefits this academic year. Your family **MUST complete a NEW 2017-2018 Meal Benefit application** and return it to Charlene Evans, Food Services Coordinator at SSCPS, UNLESS you have received a notification letter from the school this academic year notifying your family of approval of direct certification of meal benefits. [Click here](#) for the application for free or reduced price meal benefits.

If a your family was notified of free and reduced meal benefit eligibility this academic year, Your family **MUST** still complete a lunch and breakfast order form for each student for each day they wish to accept a meal benefit. You are able to complete meal orders on a weekly or monthly basis.

**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 Rox Game

Join us Friday, June 22nd, for a Brockton Rox baseball game at Campanelli Stadium.

The game is sure to be a fabulous evening with family fun, entertainment,
FIREWORKS, a great baseball game, and the perfect opportunity to celebrate the last
day of school with friends!

Date: Friday, June 22nd

Opponent: Pittsfield Suns

Location: Campanelli Stadium, 1 Feinberg Way, Brockton

Time: 1st Pitch at 7:00pm, gates open at 6:00pm

Fundraiser: Purchase your tickets for \$10 each along with your name(s),
and your check payable to SSCEF with Karen Boyle at the FRONT DESK
AT 100 LONGWATER CIRCLE.

Event Description:

- 🎟️ Watch Rox Baseball with your Classmates, Friends and Family
- 🎟️ Participate in in-game promotions on the field!
- 🎟️ Meet and get autographs from players and K-O!
- 🎟️ Visit our Kidzone, with a Bounce House, Face-Painters and games!



Instrument Donations



**The Music Department is
looking for:**

- Saxaphones
- Flutes
- Trumpets
- Trombones
- French Horn
- Tuba



**Anything
will help!**



2018/2019 School Bus Registration



[Your Town > SSCPS Service](#)

2018/2019 School Bus Service Registration Directions:

→ Log onto www.putneytrans.com

→ Select the [Registration] tab

Login Information For South Shore Charter Public School

→ Your Username: guest

→ Your Password: school

NOTE: Registration for new families will begin 5/30/2018. Seating is limited, please register early.

For more information, please email Norma Laurent at nlaurent@putneytrans.com.

This service is on a first come first serve basis. Once the bus is full, remaining families will be added to our waitlist.



**WELLSPRING MULTI-SERVICE CENTER &
SOUTH SHORE PEER RECOVERY PRESENT**

SOBER PARENTING JOURNEY

***Tuesdays beginning May 1st from 5:00-7:00pm
At South Shore Peer Recovery, 51 Cole Parkway, Scituate***

Parenting Journey is free and open to everyone. We work with mothers, fathers, and caregivers from all walks of life who are raising children of all ages.

SOBER PARENTING JOURNEY | PROGRAM

In Sober Parenting Journey, a small group of parents and caregivers meet for 2 hours a week for 14 weeks. The program includes activities, discussions, a family-style meal each session and complimentary childcare. Addiction is complicated and difficult to overcome. Parents and caregivers in recovery face the additional challenge of building strong, positive relationships with their children while maintaining their sobriety, which can be both rewarding and daunting. Sober Parenting Journey provides a valuable source of fellowship and support and enhances awareness of potential triggers that may escalate relapse. In a safe and caring setting, participants will explore past and present patterns of emotional regulation, compulsive thinking, and addictive behaviors that influence choices. With hard work and honesty, participants will create a new path that strengthens sobriety, accountability, and positive actions while facing the daily challenges of recovery.

This Sober Parenting Journey workshop is a Wellspring and South Shore Peer Recovery program made possible in part by HAPSA, Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition, Hull Firefighters, Social Service League of Cohasset, Quincy Family Resource Center and Debby & John Flanagan.

South Shore Peer Recovery organizes people in recovery from all addictions, their family members, friends and allies, to put a positive face on recovery. SSPPR provides peer support, education, and advocacy opportunities; working to remove barriers to recovery; treating all with dignity and respect regardless of the pathway of recovery.

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**South Shore Peer Recovery – www.southshorepeerrecovery.com
51 Cole Parkway, Scituate MA 02066 – 781-378-0453**

REGISTER TODAY!

Must register by April 15th
Contact Stephanie Masland at
Wellspring for more information
781.925.3211 x127
Stephanie@wellspringhull.org
Program limited to 8 participants

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU

In a supportive setting, we will work with you to uncover your inner strengths and help you to achieve personal transformation in recovery:

- Begin to understand & experience healing new & old wounds
- Address the impact of triggers that lead to relapse
- Learn about local resources & support available to you
- Effectively communicate with your children
- Become more confident & optimistic about maintaining recovery
- Learn to overcome shame, guilt & stop justifying consequences related to substance use
- Create new possibilities for yourself & your children



Are You A SNAP(**Food Stamps**) Recipient? Do You Want To Become One?

Wellspring Multi-Service Center can help!

Now a proud Community Partner with the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA), Wellspring can assist you with all of your SNAP issues, application & recertification needs

No more drives to Quincy or Brockton DTA locations!
No more waiting on the phone for answers to simple questions!

For more information...

Stephanie Masland, Director of Community Outreach
781-925-3211 x127



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Holly Hill Farm & Friends

6/11/2018 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Contact Info: *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 www.hollyhillfarm.org 781-383-6565

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Holly Hill Farm Stand is Open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00am – 5:00pm

This Saturday, June 16, BROWN BOAR FARM will be at Holly Hill Farm from 10:00am to noon. Please place your order by Friday, June 15, 9:00am if you would like to pick up at the farm on Saturday. They have 7 different sausages, and an array of pork chops, ribs, roasts, ham steaks, bacon, etc. For a full list and prices, go to brownboarfarm.com and email Meaghan.swetish@brownboarfarm.com to place your order.

Holly Hill Farm will feature our fresh, organic salad greens and head lettuces, along with fresh herbs this weekend. For your summer salads and grilled meats and fish, try some Hippy Pilgrim garlic salts in flavors like Basil, Rosemary, Lemon or Original. They use certified organic garlic from Vermont and Plympton, MA. We have a selection of Taza chocolate discs and stone ground chocolate bars in a variety of artisanal flavors for your sweet tooth! Come and see what else we have in our beautiful Main Barn Farm Stand! Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 781-383-6565 hollyhillfarm.org

FUN ACTIVITY! SOUTH SHORE QUESTS!

Quest Boxes will remain in place from April 15th to November 15th, 2018

South Shore Quest season has begun! Are you new to questing? A quest is a way to turn a walk into a treasure hunt. The South Shore Quest committee publishes a book of quests every year. This year there are 14 quests in many towns across the South Shore and there is a **new Troll themed quest at Holly Hill Farm!** Quests are self-guided. Quest books are for sale at the farm (\$5.00 each book) and at several other locations around the South Shore including Holly Hill Farm, the Hingham Public Library, South Shore Natural Science Center, Buttonwood Books & Toys. Always check this website prior to your Quest for updates: <http://www.southshorequests.org/>

FARM TO FOOD PANTRY TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM AT HOLLY HILL FARM, COHASSET

The *Farm to Food Pantry Program* is a unique opportunity for teenagers aged 13-18. We are ready to plant, grow and work in the Farm Pantry Garden. We are excited to host students seeking community service and who wish to volunteer at Holly Hill Farm. **Ongoing Dates: Friday, March 16, 3:00-5:00pm and/or Saturday March 17, 9:00-12:00. This schedule will be in effect through June 23.** For further information and to register, visit our website, hollyhillfarm.org. Contact Education Director, Jon Belber with any questions at 781-383-6565 or jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com

Walking Trails are open to the public at HOLLY HILL FARM every day!

Holly Hill Farm is a tranquil destination for a stroll in the woods and a visit with our farm animals. Property maps are available for purchase in the Greenhouse or in the Farm Office during business hours (\$3.) **Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 781-383-6565 hollyhillfarm.org**