

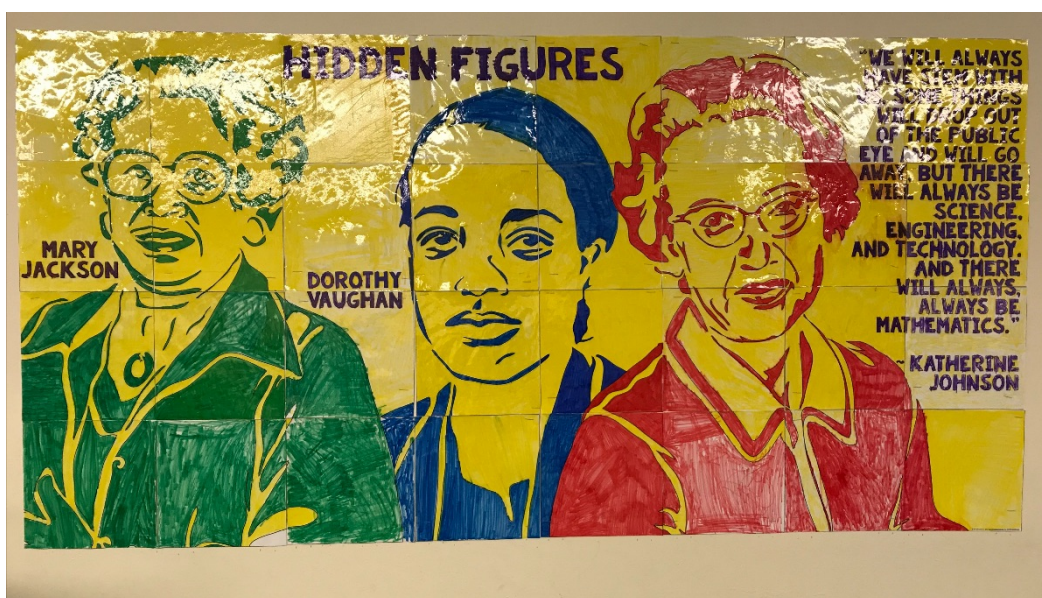
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A Message from Alicia



Students on Level II Celebrate Women's History Month by Making Tile Art

A Light exists in Spring
Not present on the Year
At any other period –
When March is scarcely here

A Color stands abroad
On Solitary Fields
That Science cannot overtake
But Human Nature feels.

Upon the furthest Slope you know
It almost speaks to you...

~ from *A Light Exists in Spring* by Emily Dickinson

Although the weather may make us feel otherwise, today is the first day of spring. It may seem hard to believe that Dickinson's "Light" is finally here. As we make our way through March, celebrating Women's History Month, Read Across America, and spring sports, we appreciate the truth in her poetry and all that comes with new beginnings and the anticipation of what is to come.

On Wednesday, March 6, we welcomed 200 new students at the Enrollment Lottery. We could not be happier with all that our new students will bring to our school community. It is appropriate that we hold the lottery as spring approaches. It marks a new beginning for those students representing 26 sending districts, their families, and for our school community as well.

Whether the student is an incoming kindergartener or a new high school student, the hope and excitement bring optimism to the new school year.





Level II Celebrates Read Across America Day

March 1, 2019

We are humbled to have received over 900 applications from families seeking a new beginning for their students. On lottery day, once again the Great Room at 100 Longwater was filled with prospective families there to witness the process. This year we were once again excited to be able to offer more students seats on all levels.

In the weeks leading up to the enrollment lottery, the Instructional Leadership Team, faculty, and staff reviewed the current educational programming and looked to the future to make some decisions surrounding enrollment and what our students need. Because of the increase in space at 700 Longwater Drive in October, we were able to accept all applicants for the high school during this lottery. Working within the parameters of our growth plan, we know that our increase in enrollment will allow us to increase programming options for our students, including adding a foreign language and transitioning to Pre-AP coursework at the high school.

The enrollment lottery follows all parameters outlined in the [Enrollment Policy](#). We continue to use the growth plan to outline the size and needs of each level. Anticipated openings are determined by the number of students we have in a grade in the current year, the number of students who have indicated they will be returning next year, and then the number of students identified in our growth plan.

In addition to posting the number of anticipated openings, and the number of applications received, we also post the number of applications we receive from each sending district at the lottery. This year we have continued the trend of receiving the highest number of applications from Weymouth (262), the second highest number of applications from Randolph (185), and the third highest number of applications from Brockton (129). Our greatest excitement is the number of siblings who have applied for Kindergarten; 39 applied which means that we were able to accept all siblings and were able to welcome new families as well.



Congratulations Maxine Crays!

Special congratulations to eighth-grade student Maxine Crays on an amazing performance at the regional spelling bee on March 13, held in Lynn, Massachusetts. Maxine competed and won the first two rounds of the regional spelling bee and made it on to the third competition facing tough competition from students statewide. Maxine is now one of the top 60 spellers in Massachusetts. Special thanks to Jennifer Johnson and Kaitlyn Antonowicz for working so hard with our students and organizing our school's first involvement in the National Spelling Bee. We could not be prouder.

Thank you for being part of the South Shore Charter Public School.

Sincerely,
Alicia Savage, Executive Director

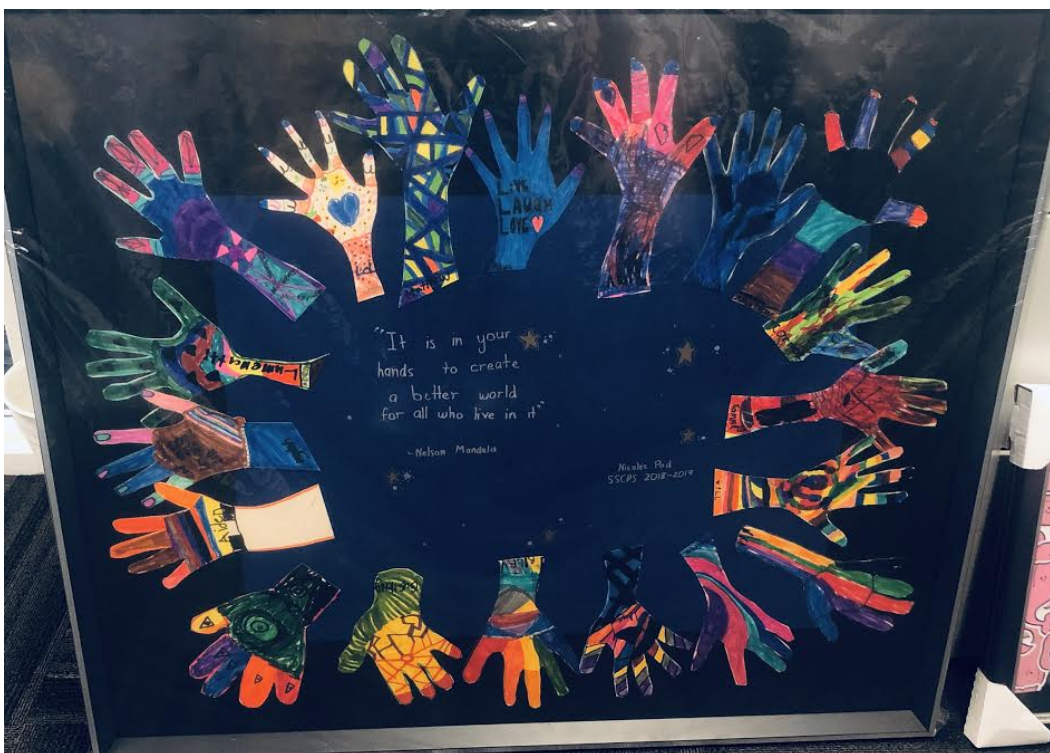
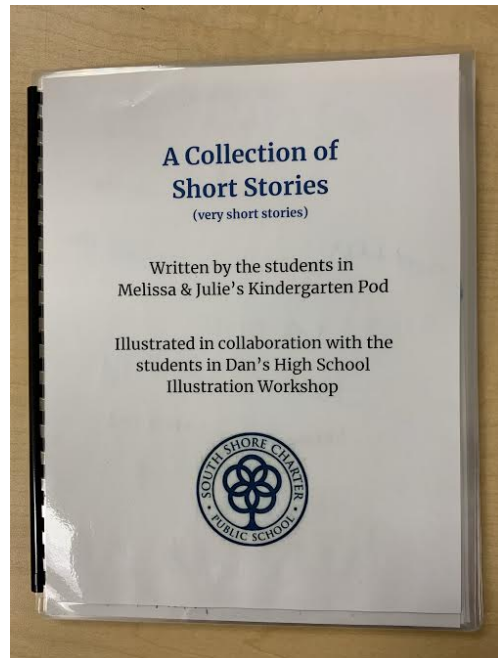
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[2019 Annual Parent Survey](#)
All comments may be sent directly to



Our 24th Annual Auction and Comedy Night is next Friday, March 29th at Doubletree Hilton in Rockland. The auction is our largest fundraiser of the year, and all proceeds raised benefit the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation that funds our K-12 community. The per person price is \$45 and will include dinner and the show.

We have fewer than ten tickets left so please [sign up](#) today!

Thank you to all the students, teachers, and parent volunteers who have been helping and working hard to make this event successful. Here is a sneak peek at some of the pieces that will be displayed at the event. Next Wednesday, we will open up the auction site for all to participate. Stay tuned!



Wednesday	03/20	Professional Development Day – no school for Students	
Thursday	03/21	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting at 700 Longwater Drive	8:00am
Friday	03/22	8 th Grade Trip to NYC. FINAL day to reserve a spot. Deposit must be given to Krista or brought to the front desk. Registrations will NOT be able to be accepted after this date.	
Friday	03/22	11 th Grade to UMass Amherst	
Friday	03/22	High School Mock Trial Final in Boston	
Friday	03/22	K-4 Second Trimester Grades Distributed	
Tuesday	03/26	MCAS Grade 10 ELA	
Wednesday	03/27	MCAS Grade 10 ELA	
<i>Save the Dates!</i>			
April 1-5		American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge	
April 3		NHS Hosting Blood Drive at 700 Longwater Drive	11am-7pm
April 11		International Food Night at Stetson Hall , Randolph	6-7:30pm

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest.

- [Food Service](#) – March and April Order Forms and Menus are available!
- **Order your 2019 Yearbook!** Order online at www.coffeepond.com and use password: bluejaguar or complete an order form available at the front desks
- [SSCPS Counseling Department](#) offers workshop information and resources for students and families
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- Please visit our [Giving](#) link for information regarding *The Fund for SSCEF*
- From the Health Office: [March Nutrition Newsletter](#)
- [2019 Annual Parent Survey](#)
- High School Workshop hosting [Movie Afternoon](#) on Wednesday April 3!

Please contact Pam Algera at palgera@sscps.org to submit SSCPS items for publication.

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