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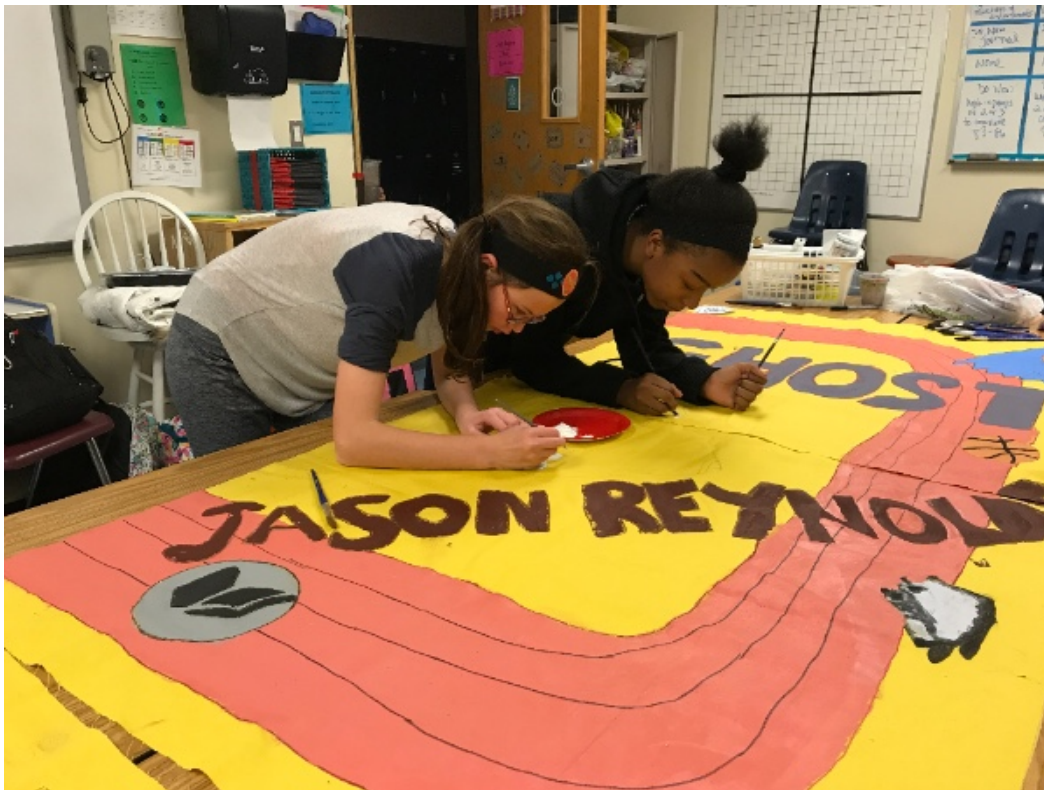


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A Message from Alicia

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~ John F. Kennedy



Students in the Global Graphics Project work on the banner in preparation for the All-School Read.

Thanksgiving is upon us here at South Shore Charter. Tomorrow many of us

to those who help make each day a little better for us all.

Today we are thankful for the gift of literature. This morning we distributed copies of *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds to every Level IV student during our first All-Level Read. Students in the Global Graphics Project read ahead and painted a beautiful banner incorporating major themes in the novel. This banner will be on display all weekend at Storybrook Cove in Hanover celebrating Small Business Saturday. *Ghost* is a story written in the first person narrative of Castle Cranshaw who makes his way onto a community track team and in the process discovers who he desperately wants to be. Castle runs from his difficult past and finds friendship and a sense of belonging once joining the track team. The story is beautifully written and one that resonates no matter who you are or where you come from.

This morning we celebrated the value of teamwork, perseverance, and the importance of overcoming obstacles to reach your dreams. Students were treated to a read-aloud of the first chapter by their pod teacher and were given time to read on their own. As students progress in the novel it will become increasingly clear how transforming the power of the group can be on any individual.

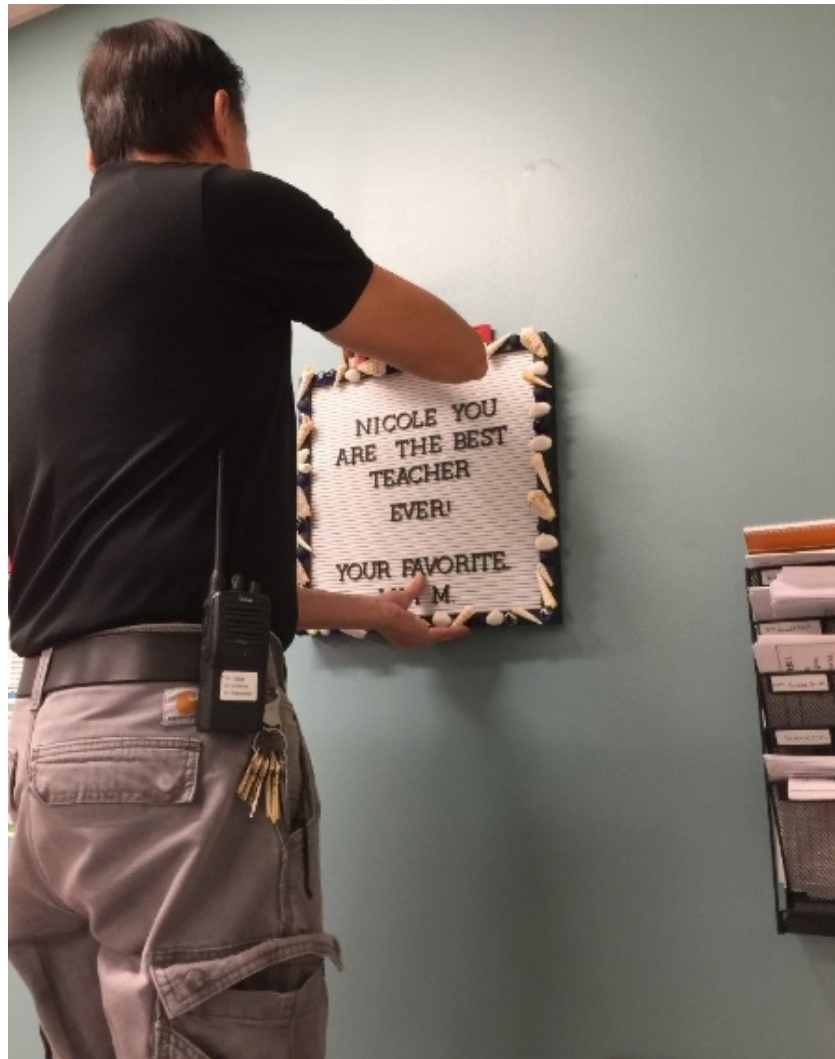
We are reading the story as a group, a team of students and faculty members ready to access a great work of literature. The value of teamwork is a human universal. This novel reiterates what we here at SSCPS already know, working together leads to accomplishment and making a difference in the lives of others.

We owe many thanks to the author of the book, Jason Reynolds, who gave away more than 20,000 books as part of the Indies Give Back initiative. Thank you, Janet Bibeau, owner of Storybook Cove, for your ongoing support of our school. Thank you, Bev Bruce, and all of our Level IV teachers for organizing the event. And thank you, Parents Association members whose generous grant funded the remaining books allowing every Level IV student to go home with a novel today. We are truly grateful.





On Level II the meaning of Thanksgiving has been an important one. Although tomorrow is the big day, our students have spent the past week spreading words of kindness and thanks throughout our classrooms and hallways. This week Level II students honored David Griffith. David has been with SSCPS for years as part of our facilities maintenance team helping with the day to day operations of a school. Hanging pictures, painting walls, cleaning floors, and fixing plumbing, David does it all. We could not have opened this year as smoothly as we did without David's expert assistance and hard work. He's the definition of dedication and working hard to get things right.



David hanging wall art in classrooms as the school year begins.

Yesterday students on Level II honored David for his hard work and dedication

mural is beautiful and a wonderful tribute to a man who does so much for us. Our Level II students are wise. They could not have chosen a more deserving person for this recognition. Thank you, David and Level II for reminding us all of the real meaning of the holiday.



Students from John and Danette's Pod create a thank you mural for David Griffith.

We have so much for which to be thankful. Thank you for sharing your children with us each day. Although they may drive you a little crazy over the next four days of togetherness, know that each child makes our world here at SSCPS the best it could ever be.

On behalf of the South Shore Charter Public School community, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Alicia Savage

Executive Director, South Shore Charter Public School

Health Office Reminder and News:

At 100 Longwater (K-8 school), the entire school is **Peanut/Treenut free**. No products containing peanuts or tree nuts are allowed in the school (this includes Nutella, Granola bars with nuts, or candy with nuts). Also, **Level I is Sunflower free**. This is important to keep all our students safe at school.

dedwards@sscps.org know if you **do not** want your student included in these measurements.

Wednesday	11/21	Level IV All Read Event!	
Wednesday	11/21	Early Release Day	12:00pm
Thursday - Friday	11/22- 11/23	Thanksgiving Break – No School	
Tuesday	11/27	Title I After School Tutoring Begins	
Wednesday	11/28	1 st Trimester Ends	
Upcoming Dates of Interest			
Wednesday	12/05	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Wednesday	12/05	Parent/Teacher Conferences by Appointment	1:00-5:30pm
Thursday	12/06	Principal’s Parent Coffee at 100 Longwater Circle	8:30am
Thursday	12/06	School Council	3:30pm
Thursday	12/06	5-12 Winter Concert at the Hingham High School Auditorium	6:00pm
Wednesday	12/12	K-4 Winter Concert at the Hingham High School Auditorium	6:00pm

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.

- [Book Fair Update](#)
- [CORI and Volunteer Information and Instructions](#)
- Order your 2019 Yearbook!
www.coffeepond.com Yearbooks are on sale now, online use password: **bluejaguar** or by order form located at front desks. Order by Jan.1 for a \$5.00 discount
- [Food Service](#) – **December** and **November** Order Forms and Menus are available!
- [SSCPS Counseling Department](#) offers workshop information and resources for students and families. Click here for information on an upcoming workshop [“Supporting Grieving Kids and Teens”](#)
- From the Health Office [November Nutrition Newsletter](#)
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- Please visit our [Giving](#) link for information regarding The Fund for SSCEF
- Check out the weekly newsletter for [Holly Hill Farm](#)
- [Company Theater production stars SSCPS students!](#)

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