



## Weekly Update | February 5, 2020

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### A Message from Angie



SSCPS Celebrated Work Read Aloud Day.  
Pictured above is Dave Rogers reading to Level I students.

With the arrival of February, our teachers and students are engaged in lessons, performances, and presentations that celebrate Black History Month. While the history of African Americans is embedded in all of our study of American history, February provides us with a special opportunity to highlight the achievements of Black Americans. At SSCPS students have taken the lead to make these experiences especially meaningful and relevant by designing their own programming. We are lucky to have an active and engaged Black Students Union at our high school. BSU students, with help from their advisors Sheina Prince-Eugene and Gabby Palmer, have put together presentations for students on Level III and Level IV. The group presented to our seventh and eighth graders this morning and will be working with Level III students on Monday. The Black Students Union has also prepared a rotating

series of workshops for their peers at the high school that they will be presenting on Friday, February 14th. The purpose of the workshops is to introduce students to the work of the BSU, raise awareness, and provide a forum for productive discussions.

Last week students in grades K-8 had the opportunity to attend performances put on by Bright Star Theater. Students in grades K-5 attended *Meet Dr. King*, a play focused on the Civil Rights Movement. The production focused on helping students to understand the concepts of freedom, integration, and equality. Students in grades 6-8 experienced the words of great writers such as Maya Angelou, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth in *Let Freedom Ring: Music & Poetry Of Black History*. Performances like these help bring to life the lessons that students are learning in the classroom.

Black History Month also provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the cultures that make up the SSCPS community. Our third annual African Diaspora Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 27th. The event is an opportunity to honor one of our school's great strengths, our diversity. The African Diaspora is a term used to describe how cultures that began in Africa have been established throughout the world. This night has a target audience of students in grades K-4 and is similar in structure to Literacy Night. Rather than moving from room to room to listen to books, students will visit classrooms to learn about cultures that developed as a result of the African Diaspora from members of the SSCPS community. Students are always eager to learn about the cultures and traditions of their peers and teachers. If you would like to present to students about your country of origin, please contact Sheina Prince-Eugene, K-4 Assistant Principal at [sprince@sscps.org](mailto:sprince@sscps.org). We will provide more details as the night draws closer. Please mark your calendars, this is a special event.

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February is traditionally the month that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education releases school report cards for Massachusetts public schools and districts. Our school report card can be accessed [here](#). A cover letter describing the school report card in English can be found [here](#). A Haitian Creole version is available [here](#). The DESE has released flyers with more information in [English](#) and in [Haitian Creole](#). I discussed the report in some detail with parents at this morning's Principal's Coffee. If you were unable to attend today and have questions about the data, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Reminder: Mary Cole from the Greater Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership to come in and present to families on the evening of Tuesday, February 11th. Mary will be presenting in the high school Great Room at 700 Longwater Drive beginning at 5pm.

At the session, parents can expect to learn more about what e-cigarette and vape products are, why they are harmful, how the industry is targeting children, and how to protect our children from this new face of nicotine addiction.

A growing number of children at the middle school and high school levels are impacted by the vaping trend. I encourage all parents, including those of younger children, to attend. Information about vaping can be found at [getoutraged.org](http://getoutraged.org).

Angie Pepin  
Principal, South Shore Charter Public School



*Let Freedom Ring: Music & Poetry Of Black History*  
Bright Star Theatre Performance | January 2020



On Thursday, January 31st the winners of the Level III and Level IV spelling bees competed to determine the SSCPS winner. Congratulations to Jordan Alexandre, Amogh Athimamula, Lehna Belony, Ayira Cunningham, Rick Deibel (not pictured), Anthony Della Rocca, Prince Gnakou, Abigail Lantigua, Shaelyn Leonard, Madison Quinn, and George Seabury for their outstanding work!



Congratulations to 6th grader, Ayira Cunningham, the winner of last week's final round of our middle school spelling bee competition. Ayira will represent SSCPS in the next round of the SCRIPPS National Spelling Bee!

From the Registrar's Office


Later this week all current families should receive an email that will look like the example below. The email will include a link to the annual Intent to Return forms.

We ask that all families complete these forms indicating their enrollment intent for the upcoming school year. Please complete and submit one online form for each child enrolled at SSCPS by February 24, 2020.

For those of you new to SSCPS, families who would like to remain enrolled do not need to reapply. The Letter of Intent is the only form we ask our families to complete.

If your child has a sibling you would like to enroll or if you have a sibling on the waitlist you must complete an application to be included in the upcoming enrollment lottery. The application may be found at [this link](#). The deadline for all applications is Monday, February 24. The Enrollment Lottery will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Should you have any questions, please contact Pam Algera at [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org).



**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL: 2020-2021 Intent to Return and Verify Demographics for:**  
1 message

Info@sscps.org <info@sscps.org> Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 10:11 AM  
To: palgera@sscps.org

Dear

SSCPS is collecting enrollment intent data electronically. The link below will bring you to two online forms:  
2020-2021 Confirmation of Intent to Return & Student Verification  
2020-2021 Intent to Return-Not Returning

Please complete one form for each child you have at the school and submit by Monday, February 24, 2020. If after February 24, you decide that your child will not be returning please contact the school.

Administrator's Plus Online Forms

Thank you for your attention and please contact me directly with any questions.

Pam Algera  
Registrar  
palgera@sscps.org

If you do not wish to receive these emails please email [info@sscps.org](mailto:info@sscps.org). To unsubscribe click here [info@sscps.org](mailto:info@sscps.org)

South Shore Charter Public School  
100 Longwater Circle  
Norwell, MA 02061

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## From the Health Office

- Reminder: The students go outside to recess in all kinds of weather both cold and wet. Please have a change of clothes that can be left at school in case of falls at recess.
- The Health Office is in desperate need of **Boys pants size 6-10**, if anyone has some to donate you can drop off at the health office at 100 Longwater Circle.

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## From the Foundation

### Annual Fund Update

Please make your [contribution](#) to the Annual Fund today! We are hoping for 100% participation from all of our families to reach our \$75,000 goal.

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# Level I and II Soccer Sports Camp



## FUNDRAISER FOR THE HUMAN PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

*Students from the high school workshop will be coaching  
with assistance from faculty volunteers.*

*Students attending will meet in the level 2 great room after school and will be  
escorted to the gym space*

**February 10th-13th, 2020**

**3:30-4:30pm (pick up at 100)**

**\$40 per child for the 4-day session**

**(checks to SSCPS or cash)**

Limited space available: **FIRST 30 students max**

**\*Your child's medical forms must be on record at the school\***



*Please fill out the following and return with payment to the front desk at 100  
**NO LATER THAN 2/7/20***

**CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that the risks associated with camp activities could result in injury, I assume  
these risks and, knowing them, hereby give my child permission to participate in the Human  
Performance Sports Camp February 10th-13th, 2020 from 3:30-4:30pm.*

**Contact Information:**

Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Accommodations: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Level IV Project Collecting Donations for [Cradles to Crayons](#)

The Creative Minds Project led by Katie Curry is collecting donations for Cradles to Crayons. Cradles to Crayons is an organization that collects clothing and other items for homeless children ages 0-12. Their goal is to help children have basic necessities. There will be a donation box located near the front desk labelled "Cradles to Crayons Donations." We will be collecting new or like new items such as clothing, shoes, toys, books, baby gear, and other basic necessities beginning January 13 through February 13.

[Click here for a list of items needed.](#)

Thank you!

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## Library Volunteer needed!

We are looking for a parent volunteer to assist **Level 4 students** in the library during their FIT time from **9:10-10:00 am each Wednesday**. If anyone is interested, please contact Bev Bruce [bbruce@sscps.org](mailto:bbruce@sscps.org) or call x336. Help connect our older students with great books from our collection!

# World Read Aloud Day

## CELEBRATE AT HOME

Reading aloud to children supports language development, cultivates a love of reading, and strengthens relationship development skills. LitWorld founded World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) to encourage people to celebrate and embrace the many benefits of reading aloud. Join us by celebrating World Read Aloud Day at home!

### HOST A READ ALOUD NIGHT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Invite family and friends over and read your favorite books aloud together! Discuss the stories and share old and new favorites with one another.

### POST PICTURES READING YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS ONLINE

Join our discussion online by posting pictures of your favorite read aloud texts and the places and spaces you like to read aloud using #WorldReadAloudDay!

### BECOME A VOLUNTEER READER

Read aloud at a school, community center, or retirement home in your neighborhood. Collaborate with others to organize a reading event for your community that brings everyone together to celebrate the power of reading!



#WorldReadAloudDay

For more ideas, visit:

<http://www.litworld.org/worldreadaloudday/>  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/worldreadaloudday/>  
<https://education.microsoft.com/literacy>

### WHAT SHOULD YOU READ ALOUD?

#### **Favorite books and stories**

Read childhood favorites or create new family favorites!

#### **Writing done by family members**

WRAD is a great day to share your personal work.

#### **Newspapers and Magazines**

Expose older children to different styles of writing with a newspaper or magazine article.

#### **Anything and everything!**

Words are all around us! You can celebrate the power of literacy by challenging your family member to read aloud whatever they get their hands on! Think food labels, recipe books, appliances... anything is an opportunity for expanding vocabulary!

### TIPS FOR READING ALOUD AT HOME:

- Make a list of your child's favorite stories and read them often!
- Ask your child questions about the story.
  - For example: What was your favorite part of the story? How did the story make you feel?
- Act out stories as you read or listen to audiobooks! Find creative ways to enjoy stories together as a family.
- Choose a 'reading space' in your home where you and your child can relax and read together.
- Remove distractions in the space to help your audience stay engaged.

Be the Story. #WorldReadAloudDay  litworld  @litworld  @litworldsays



## SOCKIT2CANCER!

The High School Student Board needs your help to collect Socks for local Cancer patients on the South Shore!

We invite you to participate in the **Sock it 2 Cancer** campaign dedicated to bringing joy to cancer patients through the gift of fun & silly socks. **This is an easy way to help build relationships and create a community of support for the patient.**

**What happens to the socks?** All the socks are hand delivered to the South Shore Hospital Dana Farber Cancer Center. They will be given to the Cancer patients getting Chemo treatments.

**What kind of socks?** Any New Adult socks are accepted, the more fun and silly the better. Look for a pair of socks that might make someone smile. Here are some suggestions:

- Warm & cozy socks any color with no slip grip on the bottom are always a great find!
- January 1- Feb 10— we are looking for Red/White/Pink socks with a Valentine's/love socks.

Please bring new socks to Mary Carter's Office at the High School by Friday, February 7.

Thank you!  
Mary Carter, Student Board Advisor

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## SSCPS YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

The 2019-2020 Yearbook is now in progress.

To order online go to [www.coffeepond.com](http://www.coffeepond.com), to login use school password: bluejaguar.

Families may submit a special personalized page for their senior that will appear in the back of the book at these rates: Full page \$150, 1/2 pg. \$75, 1/4 pg. \$50. Due date is March 30, 2020. The yearbook staff can help with any design concerns.



Please email Christine at [cbodnar@sscps.org](mailto:cbodnar@sscps.org) with any questions.

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## Upcoming Events

### 25th Annual Auction | March 27, 2020

Save the date for our **25th Annual Auction** that will take place on Friday, March 27th at the Pembroke Country Club. Reach out to Laurie Dannison at [ldannison@sscps.org](mailto:ldannison@sscps.org), or 781-982-4202, ext. 207 if you would like to be part of the Auction committee. We are always looking for new volunteers to help out with the event. Thank you for your support!

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Thursday	02/06	Principal's Coffee at 100 Longwater Circle – DESE Report Card	8:30am
Thursday	02/06	<a href="#">School Council Meeting</a>	3:30pm
Thursday	02/06	High School Mock Trial to Hingham Court	
Thursday	02/06	Math Counts to New Bedford	
Friday	02/07	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Ashley's Project to Museum of Fine Arts	
Friday	02/07	Level IV Dance in the SSCPS Gym	3:30-5:30
Saturday	02/08	Ski Club travels to Ragged Mountain	6:30am
Tuesday	02/11	Vaping Information Night for Parents at 100 Longwater Drive	5:00pm
<a href="#">2020-2021 School Calendar is now available!</a> <a href="#">Revised 2019-2020 Calendar</a>			

## ***Important Links***

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org) every Wednesday.

- **February Order Forms and Menus are available.** [Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Order Forms](#)
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- Community Interest: Click here for information on [Team IMPACT](#)

**Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.**

## ***School Documents***

[2019-20 School Calendar](#)

[2020-21 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[Pick-up Procedures](#)



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