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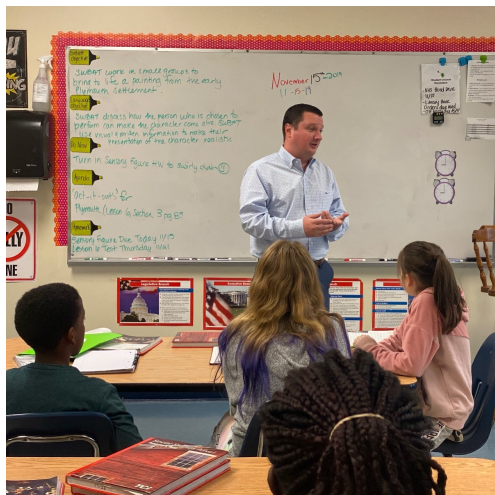
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A Message from Alicia

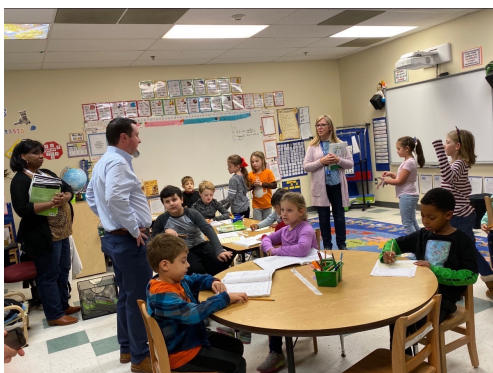
Happy Thanksgiving. With the excitement of the day almost upon us: parades, football, and food, it is a good time to remind ourselves of what matters the most. I remain grateful for being part of this very special school community. Events over the past month, November of our 25th year, have made it clear that the South Shore Charter Public School has truly become an essential thread of fabric of the south shore. Thank you for being part of the fabric.

This November we have hosted numerous visitors. On November 15, we had a wonderful visit from State Senator Patrick O'Connor. Senator O'Connor spent the day traveling to our K-12 classrooms, meeting students and talking to teachers. At the high school, Senator O'Connor spoke to our 12th grade students about obligation and the need he felt to improve the community as well as the decisions that led to becoming a public servant. Our ninth grade students learned about the career paths that lead to the Commonwealth's legislative branch. In speaking to Ashley Hiehiapo's fifth grade history class, Senator O'Connor talked about how politics play a role in individual lives and the impact of some of the laws put into place by the state's Senate and House of Representatives. Senator O'Connor finished the day with a question and answer session fueled by some highly inquisitive fifth graders.



State Senator Patrick O'Connor visits the South Shore Charter Public School.

Friday, November 15, 2019



On Thursday morning, November 21, we hosted another interesting group of visitors; thirty members of [Leadership South Shore](#). Leadership South Shore is a community building educational program founded by the South Shore Bank and the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. Participants of this year-long program are business leaders who are seeking to learn more about the opportunities and challenges throughout south shore communities. The focus of the Education Day was *Diversity and Inclusion in Education*. That morning a full bus load of participants came to our school specifically to learn about our successful educational models of inclusion and the diversity that makes our school so unique. Visitors were led on a campus tour of 100, 104, and 700 Longwater where they had the opportunity to observe instruction and speak to teachers. Later that afternoon, Achille Yangambi, Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator, traveled to Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School to participate in Leadership South Shore's panel *The Progress of Education on the South Shore*. We were honored to be part of this special day and enjoyed our guests tremendously.



**Members of Leadership South Shore arrive at 100 Longwater to begin their tour.
Thursday, November 21, 2019**

November visits continued at Open House. The South Shore Charter Public School held the first Enrollment Open House on Saturday, November 16. Within two hours over 100 people came through our doors to learn more about our school. Prospective students and their families were led on classroom tours by our students where they met teachers and posed questions. Guests asked about the day-to-day life of an SSCPS student in addition to some of the institutional traits that separate us from a traditional district school.

Many questions posed during the information sessions were about student expectations as well as the teaching and learning we have instituted to ensure that every student meets the expectations of a college preparatory curriculum. There were great questions about art and music classes, as well as specific questions about our Honors and Advanced Placement options at the high school. Many families were very interested in knowing that our World Language program is K-12, with Spanish being offered as early as kindergarten.

Families are frequently surprised to discover that charter schools are public schools and follow the laws, guidelines, and curriculum frameworks defined by the Massachusetts Department of Education. Many of the questions families asked were about our inclusion model and the Learning Services program. After listening to so many families who have students in other districts, we remain thankful that we are able to offer an educational model that provides opportunities for every child.



Providing opportunity for every student is at the core of what we do here at SSCPS every day. It is in the spirit of our mission statement; inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life that students and teachers at the high school have introduced the [Best Buddies](#) program. New to SSCPS this month, the Best Buddies program will pair students to support the friendships that will develop over time. Although the Best Buddies program traditionally pairs special needs student with regular education students, we intend on shifting that paradigm. Here at South Shore Charter, we recognize the need for all students to build friendships with one another; we will be offering special events for all students to get together and socialize in an informal way in a variety of settings.

The Best Buddies program at SSCPS is for all students interested in forming social relationships with others. Participating students can be paired in a one-to-one match for friendship; there are no requirements for participating other than the desire to make more friends and enhance a sense of [belonging to a community](#). Students may opt to be an associate member who participates in any of the social events. We are excited to be starting this program here at school and are thrilled that our students are fully committed to making a great program work so well for all.

Special thanks to the students and teachers and who have made this amazing program possible:

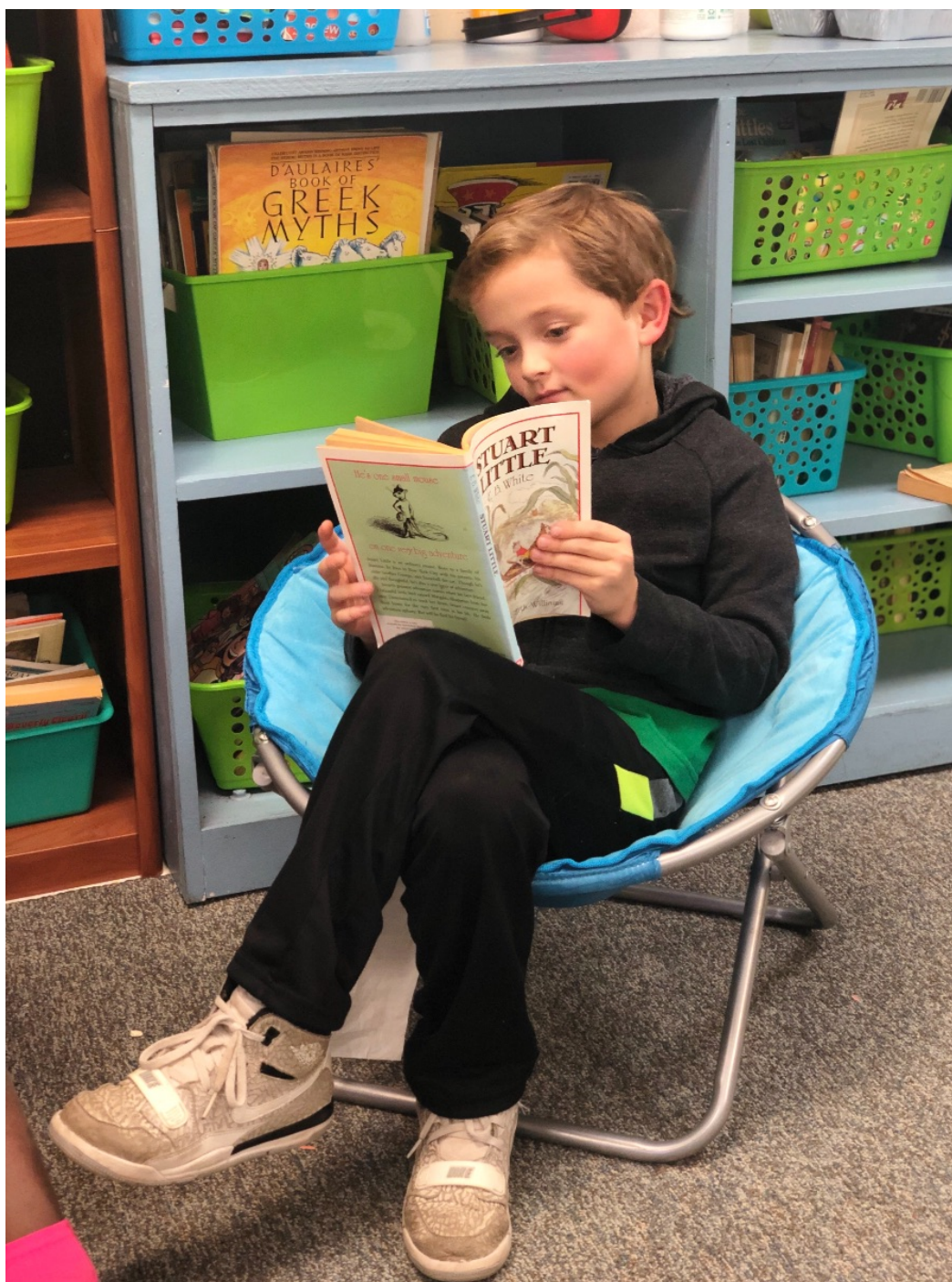
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I couldn't imagine a more meaningful way to welcome Thanksgiving and the holiday season than by introducing the Best Buddies program to our school. I look forward to continuing the successful launch of the program this year, to growing the program into more levels, and the many friendships and successes that will result in the years to come.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director, South Shore Charter Public School



NOVEMBER IS LITERACY MONTH AT SSCPS

November has been an exciting month of promoting literacy for all. Literacy Night, the National Honor Society Read for the Record day, and our annual Book Fair are SSCPS traditions that celebrate the magic that occurs when a book is matched with a child. As November comes to a close, please help support our classroom libraries by donating today.

DONATE

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Annual Fund and to the September and November School Support Drives!
Our Annual Fund Appeal was mailed to all families last week. This year we are hoping for 100% participation from our families.
Our goal is to raise \$75,000 to in honor of our 25th Year!

Happy Thanksgiving!



A Winter Extravaganza

DATES

December 11th Levels 1 & 2

December 18th Levels 3-HS



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Winter Concert Series

A show you won't want to miss!

DEC. 11TH & 18TH , 2019 | 6 PM

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
17 UNION ST, HINGHAM, MA 02043

Drop by for a delightful performance to warm your heart this holiday season!

Save the Date
Trivia Night
Saturday, January 25, 2020
Weston Hall, Weymouth

password: bluejaguar.

Order by December 31st for the discounted price of \$37.00

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 with any questions.

Wednesday	11/27	1 st Trimester Report Cards Distributed for Grades 1-4	
Wednesday	11/27	Early Release Day	12:00pm
Thurs/Fri	11/28 & 11/29	Thanksgiving Break – No School	
Tuesday	12/03	K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences by Appointment	4:00-7:00pm
Wednesday	12/04	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Wednesday	12/04	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	12/05	Principal's Coffee at 100	8:30-9:30pm
Thursday	12/05	School Council	3:40pm
Saturday	12/07	Parents Association Meeting at 100	9:00am
Save the Date!			
Wednesday	12/11	K-4 Annual Winter Concert at Hingham High School	6:00pm
Wednesday	12/18	5-12 Annual Winter Concert at Hingham High School	6:00pm

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

- **December Order Form and Menu is now available.** [Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Order Forms](#)
- [Best Buddies Parent Information Letter](#)
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- The Travel Club is sponsoring a fundraiser at [Sky Zone in Kingston December 4](#)
- SSCPS students collecting donations for their local town. [Click here for more information](#)
- Community Interest: Click here for information on [Team IMPACT](#)

[2019-2020 Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

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Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at palgera@sscps.org to submit SSCPS items for publication.



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