

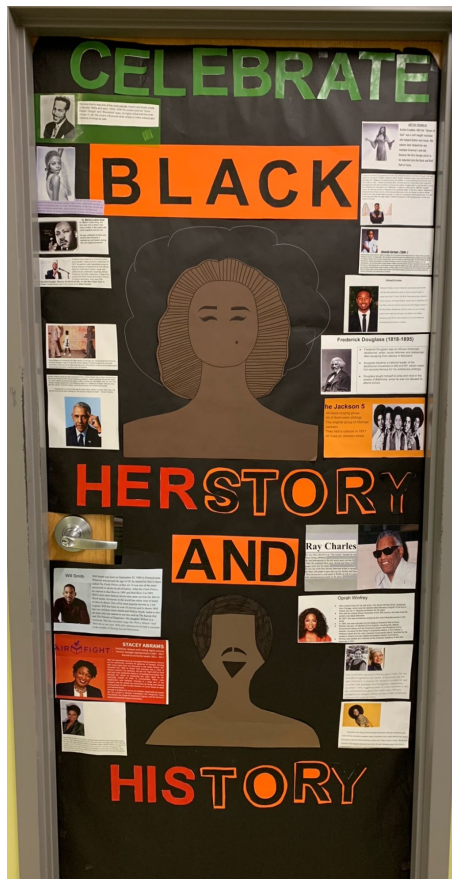
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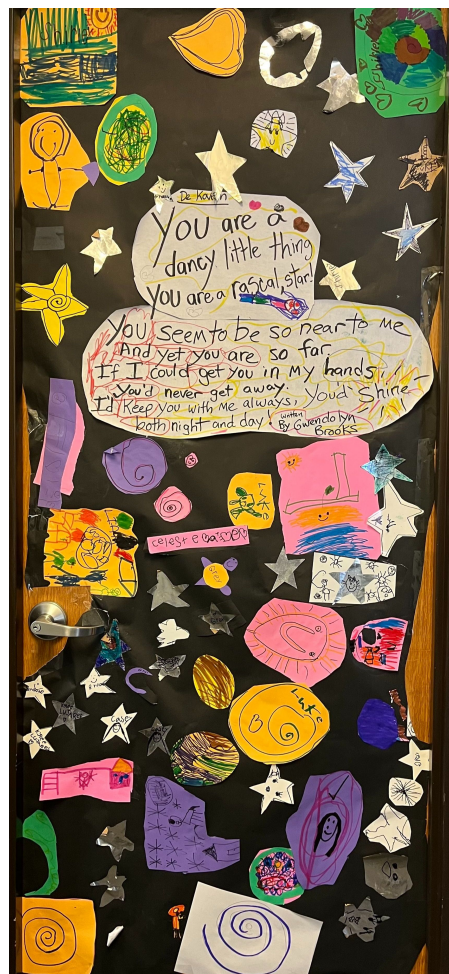
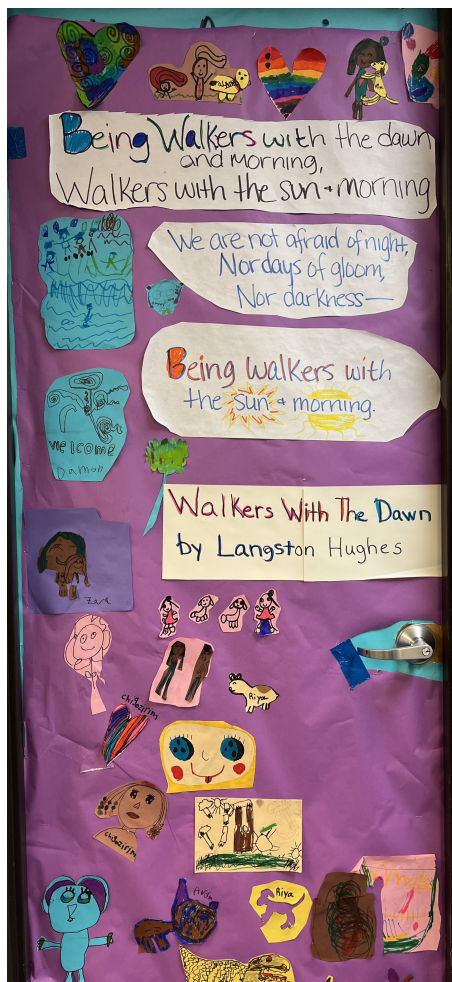


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BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT SSCPS





A Message from Angie Pepin

While the weather has proven challenging over the past couple of weeks, students and teachers continue to push ahead with teaching and learning as we move past the midpoint of our school year. February is a month for celebration. This week students in the lower grades will be celebrating the highly-anticipated 100th day of school with a variety of hundred-themed activities. Throughout our classrooms across our buildings students are engaged with lessons and activities that celebrate Black History Month. Our teachers and students are finding creative ways to make bleak days outside joyful ones in our buildings.



Students in Deana's first grade are bringing in collections of 100 items as part of the 100th day of school celebration.



Melissa's kindergarten class is celebrating February and our school with the "Why I Love Our School" Project. Kindergarten students are collecting hearts from students across our campus this month.

March is on the horizon and with it comes the start of the spring testing season.

This month the [Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#) released its school report cards for Massachusetts public schools and districts. The report card provides information from the state accountability system, bringing together a set of measures around school performance. Our accountability results are calculated using data from several sources including MCAS, student attendance, high school completion, and enrollment in advanced coursework at the high school level. Our 2021 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 both [English](#) and in [Haitian Creole](#).

The COVID-19 crisis has impacted this year’s report card data. In April 2021, as a result of the cancellation of the spring 2020 [MCAS](#) testing, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requested and received a waiver of certain federal accountability requirements for the 2020-2021 school year from the US Department of Education. As a result, the DESE did not change school accountability determinations for last year. Our overall accountability classification, substantial progress toward targets, remains unchanged. Please take some time to review the report card and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about our data.

Last spring we saw a modified MCAS administration for students in grades 3-10. This year the state is returning to a typical MCAS administration. Students will test for two days for each tested subject. All MCAS exams will be computer-based Next-Generation MCAS tests. Please find this spring’s MCAS schedule below.

2022 MCAS Dates, Grades 3-8

	English Language Arts	Math	Science (<i>grades 5 & 8 only</i>)
Level II (grades 3-4)	April 6th & April 13th	May 23rd-24th	
Level III (grades 5-6)	April 7th & April 14th	May 18th-19th	May 23rd-24th
Level IV (grades 7-8)	April 26th-27th	May 16th-17th	May 23rd-24th

2022 MCAS Dates, High School

English Language Arts (grade 10)	Math (grade 10)	Biology (grade 9)
March 22 - 23	May 17th-18th	May 23rd-24th

While the 3-8 MCAS provides data about student learning and is a factor in our school’s accountability status, it is the high school MCAS that has an impact on the individual student. All students are required by the state to meet the [Competency Determination](#) (CD) standard in order to earn a diploma. This means that students must earn a passing score on the ELA, Math, and Science MCAS exams. Last spring in response to the COVID-related school disruptions, the DESE modified the CD requirement for the class of 2021, allowing students to earn their CD through completed coursework. This Board of Education

extended this accommodation to the class of 2022. At this time students in the class of 2023 are required to pass MCAS exams to meet their CD requirement in both ELA and Math. The Competency Determination will return to pre-COVID requirements beginning with the class of 2024.

In other testing news, we will be administering an SAT exam to all Juniors on Wednesday, April 13th. Taking the exam in school provides students with the opportunity to take this important test in a comfortable environment with staff members they are familiar with. We will use this day to administer the PSAT 10 to the sophomore class and the PSAT 8/9 to students in grades 8 and 9. These exams provide teachers with important data as we plan interventions for students and adjust our curriculum. We will send out reminders as the date of these exams draws nearer.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Angie Pepin

Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS



The SSCPS Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams have won their first two games of the season!

Monday, February 7

SSCPS Boys Basketball vs. McAuliffe (Away) 28-24

SSCPS Girls Basketball vs. McAuliffe (Away) 17-14

Tuesday, February 8

SSCPS Boys Basketball vs. McAuliffe (Home) 41-31

SSCPS Girls Basketball vs. McAuliffe (Home) 19-11

What's Happening in the Cultural Diversity Workshop



The High School *Cultural Diversity Workshop* started off the first week of Black History Month with a bang. Students created a beautiful montage of African Americans representing all facets of American Life, including African American students attending SSCPS. Students titled the Bulletin Board "This Is Us - Beauty and Strength." All students worked very hard on various aspects of the board and the finished product was very well received by everyone at the high school. The students of the *Cultural Diversity Workshop* also plan on presenting a viewing of the movie *Black Panther* to other Workshops at the High School as part of our continued celebrations for Black History Month.

Additionally, students will conduct a fundraiser this Valentine's Day. All proceeds will go to the United States Foundation for the Children of Haiti.

By: Naimah Fernandes and Layla Bernadeau
Cultural Diversity Workshop Leaders

Family Survey Reminder

Please remember to complete the 2022 **Annual Family Survey** by **Friday, March 4, 2022.**

Survey data is used for the Annual Report and for institutional planning during the July Board of Trustees meeting. During the

July meeting, the Board of Trustees reviews key measures which help define student achievement and institutional strength. Data gleaned from this year's survey is an essential component of school-wide planning as we continue to hone our vision of the SSCPS student experience. We will be relying on data provided by families as we establish programs, design next year's schedule, and work to enhance the day to day life of an SSCPS student. Maintaining school culture and student life continues to be a priority. Over the past two years, family participation has been high. **Please be sure your voice is heard by completing the survey linked below.**

SURVEY LINK

At-Home Rapid Antigen Testing (NEW opt-in form)

1. **At-Home Rapid Antigen Testing** on Sunday (NEW opt-in form)
2. **Routine COVID Safety Checks** every week (If you have not yet signed up, [click here](#). If you are setting up a secondary account, please put the code: **KDHEHV** under the organization code.)
3. **Symptomatic Testing** (If you have not yet signed up, [click here](#))

Overview: At-Home Rapid Testing Program

- **About the Test:** [iHealth](#) is a 15-minute at-home FDA-approved rapid antigen test
- **Opt-In:** To participate, you must opt in by completing the form. By opting in, you will agree to review the training materials for test administration, report positive test results to your student's school, and administer the tests according to SSCPS Health Office guidelines.
- **Weekly:** Every two weeks you will receive an iHealth at-home rapid test kit. Each kit contains two individual tests. Your student will administer one test each week on Sunday.
- **Reporting Positive Test Results:** If your student tests positive on an at-home antigen test, you will inform their school of the positive result using the [Positive Test Result Notification form]. The school will keep the results confidential and will not make individual results public. In addition, it is strongly recommended that you inform your healthcare professional of the positive result.
- **Easy, Free, and Flexible:** This test is administered at home (not at school), reducing the burden on school staff and time to administer tests and increasing a family's flexibility to do testing in the home for free.

How do I administer the test?

- [Click here](#) for a full “how to” written guide in various languages
- [Click here](#) for a video of an individual self-testing

How do I submit results?

- **Submit Results:** You must submit positive test results to your student's school. [Click here](#) to submit positive test results.
- **Confidentiality:** Positive test results are shared with your school district for informational purposes only. Individual results will remain confidential, and they will never be made public.

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More from the Health Office

Per Massachusetts guidelines, all students in Grades 1, 4, 7, 10 are to have a height and weight done at school. We will be starting this after February vacation week. Please contact the appropriate health office if you would like to opt your student out of this.

You can still sign up for the Opt-in at home weekly COVID testing. Please have your student drop off the signed paperwork to the health office. You only need to report a positive COVID test result.

Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic & Test Site

Beginning on Tuesday February 8, 2022, the Town of Marshfield is offering a COVID 19 vaccine and testing site at the Marshfield Fairgrounds 61 South River Street in Marshfield. The clinic is open for all Plymouth County residents on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9am-3pm. Appointments can be made by logging onto www.marshfieldcares.com or the service is also available for walk-ins. The clinic has all 3 vaccines and boosters, if you have your vaccination card, please bring it with you. The vaccinations and test are done through a drive-thru operation that is free and convenient.

From the Physical Education Department



Dear Parent or Guardian,

It's time for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge™! As a Kids Heart Challenge Heart Hero, your student will meet kids with special hearts and raise funds for the health of all hearts. They'll also get moving with fun activities, learn about keeping their hearts and brains healthy and feel great for helping others.

Join today! Not only will you be helping fight heart disease and stroke (the No. 1 and No. 2 killers worldwide), but participants can earn fun thank-you gifts AND earn PE equipment for their school!

TIP: if you receive checks, use the app to scan them and have the amount immediately added to your child's total.

SIGN UP TODAY!

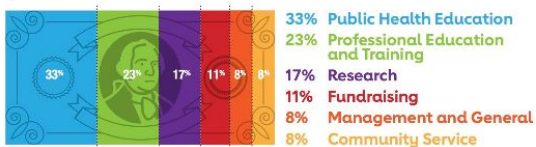
- 1 Download our Kids Heart Challenge app or visit heart.org/KHC to register.
- 2 Help your student choose a daily health challenge: **BE ACTIVE** or **BE KIND**.
- 3 Set a fundraising goal with your student and send emails to invite friends and family to support it.



Donations collected will help kids like Finn.



Finn was born with multiple heart defects and spent the first eight months of his life in the hospital. Finn has had 14 heart surgeries and over 18 medical procedures to give him the gift of life. Today, an energetic Finn loves to have fun.



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Your student can also earn the following thank-you gifts.



REGISTER ONLINE: WRISTBAND

- RAISE \$5: CREW**
- \$10: SKY** plus lower-level gift
- \$15: JUMP ROPE** plus lower-level gifts
- \$25: LEE** plus lower-level gifts
- \$40: FLASH** plus lower-level gifts
- \$50: T-SHIRT** plus lower-level gifts
- \$75: PLAYGROUND BALL** plus lower-level gifts
- \$100: BANKS** plus lower-level gifts
- \$200: AMOR & MAX** plus lower-level gifts
- \$250: SOCKS** plus lower-level gifts
- \$500: BALL LAUNCHER** plus lower-level gifts
- \$1,000: 2 SPEAKER SET** plus lower-level gifts

Complete Finn's Missions online to earn his exclusive Finn's Lifesavers Award!



Fundraising is optional. All students will be participating in Phys. Ed class.

The top fundraiser in each grade will get to pie their P.E. teacher in the face!

HBrems@sscps.org
JPMarcellus@sscps.org
Event Week: 2/7-2/11
Fundraising due date: 2/16

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

Our Level III Community Service Project is conducting a donation drive for the Scituate Animal Shelter.

Visit their website below to learn how you can help!

SCITUATE ANIMAL SHELTER

FY22 School Calendar Modifications

On December 9th, the SSCPS Board of Trustees voted to modify the FY22 School Calendar due to instructional days missed. Changes are as follows:

On April 15th, there will be a half-day to make up for the snow day on January 7th. Religious exemptions will be granted.

There will be no school on June 20, the state holiday Juneteenth.

From the Yearbook Committee:

The 2022 yearbook is coming - now is your chance to order yours! Yearbooks are back to their normal pricing of \$40 each.

To order yours, head to the [Coffee Pond website](#) and enter the password "bluejaguar".

Parents of seniors can have a personalized page in the yearbook as well.

SENIOR AD PRICING:

-full page: \$150

-half page: \$75

-1/4 page: \$50

Residential Energy Assistance Program

The Attorney General's Office is pleased to announce the Residential Energy Assistance Grant (REAG) program. The program is designed to provide additional funding to programs that aid Massachusetts families currently receiving heating assistance and to expand assistance to more eligible households.

For full details please review the attached RFP. The grant announcement website, which includes a link to the application portal, can be found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/fy2022-fy2024-residential-energy-assistance-grant>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to AGOGrants@mass.gov.

Housing Help

Paying rent or a mortgage can be especially challenging during a pandemic. The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development has centralized information about resources for families struggling to make rent or mortgage payments due to COVID-19. If you or another family you know needs assistance, please click below for more information.

HOUSING HELP

Food Service - Breakfast and Lunch Program

February Breakfast and Lunch Order Forms are now available!

All students enrolled at SSCPS qualify for Free Breakfast and Lunch for the 2021-2022 academic year. Please click on this link - [FamilyID Online Registration](#) - and register for meals. If you have any questions, contact me at csalamone@sscps.org or at 781-982-4202 x156.



help our teachers!

The Parents Association is working to ensure teachers can fill their classrooms with the items they need. To help support our teachers and their classrooms, please view the wishlists below.

Thank you!

[VIEW WISHLISTS](#)

SSCPS National Honor Society Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

[Redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS

SSCPS Blood Drive

PE Space- 104 Longwater Dr.

Wednesday March 16, 2022

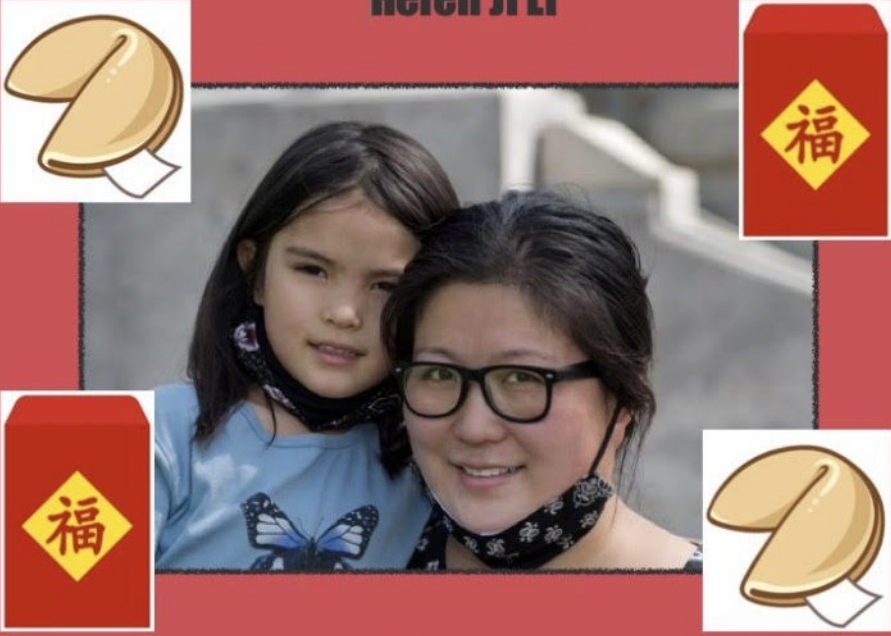
1:00– 6:00pm

Sign up through the following Red Cross link and type in zip code, 02061:

[CLICK HERE](#)

A Multicultural Story and Song Series!

Helen Ji Li



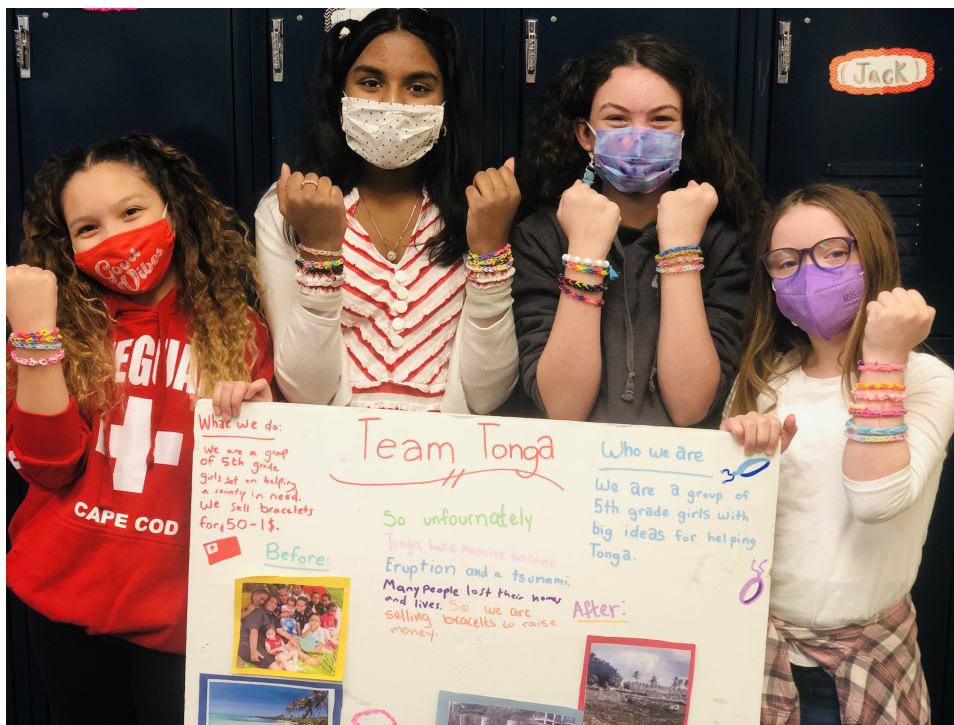
Journalist, Author, and Education Advocate Helen Li presents

A Multicultural Story and Song Series!

Join us for Lunar New Year Traditions and Cultures

For more info contact:
Lilymomloveyou2@gmail.com

Raising Awareness & Support for Tonga after Volcano & Tsunami



5th grade students, Bethany Ziniti, Cassie Briggette, Adhya Athimamula and Gracealee Perez have made bracelets to fundraise money for the country of Tonga after it recently suffered from a massive volcanic eruption and subsequent tsunami. Bracelets will be sold on Level III from 12:55-1:20pm Monday through Friday of next week for 50 cents to \$1 each. Come buy a beautiful bracelet to help support people in need!

SABBATICAL CLOTHING BANK

NEED CLOTHES?

FREE CLOTHING FOR THOSE IN NEED

- DESIGNATED MONTHLY PICKUP OPPORTUNITIES
- CLOTHING FOR ALL AGES
- COVID SAFE PRACTICES
 - GLOVES WORN WHILE PACKING BAGS
 - CURBSIDE PICKUP
 - DESIGNATED PICKUP TIMES



Sabbatical Clothing Bank and Lions Club Food Pantry

Sabbatical Clothing Bank is still open (by appointment only) for donations and for those in need of clothing. Visit their website below for forms and more information.

Sabbatical Clothing Bank:
<https://www.sabbaticalclothingbank.com/>

The Lions Club Food Pantry is also still hosting their "No Questions Asked Food Pantry", open on Mondays from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM and Fridays from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM.

Lions Club Food Pantry:
<https://duxburylionsclub.org/about-us>

Both organizations are located at:
136 Summer St, Duxbury MA

This Week | Up and Coming

Thursday	02/10	School Council via Zoom	4:30pm
Thursday	02/10	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30pm
		Development Meeting	7:00pm
		Personnel Meeting	6:30pm
		Governance Meeting	6:00pm
		<i>All meeting will be held in-person at 700 Longwater Drive and via Zoom.</i>	
Wednesday	02/16	Parents Association Meeting via Zoom	6:30pm
Mon-Fri	2/21-2/25	February Vacation – No School	

IMPORTANT LINKS

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

- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Food Service](#)
- [COVID-19 Protocols 2021-22](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)
- Visit our new online option to [purchase SSCPS apparel!](#)

School Documents:

- [2021-22 School Calendar](#)
- [Student and Family Handbook](#)
- [Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)
- [SSCPS By-Laws](#)

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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