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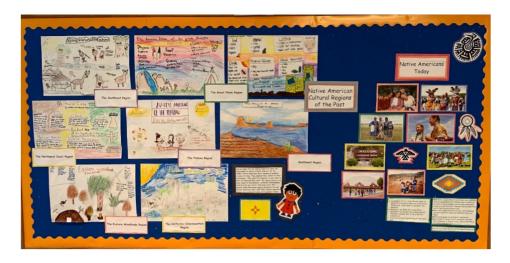
A Message from Kristen

Heritage months provide an additional opportunity for us to shine light on aspects of history that are embedded in the general curriculum. Here at SSCPS, teachers find ways to celebrate achievement, innovation, and creativity through engaging activities and vibrant displays.

Similar to Black History Month, Women's History Month traces its origins to a weeklong observance that was expanded to a commemorative month via joint resolution and presidential proclamation. March was chosen in order to coincide with International Women's Day on March 8, which honors the economic, political, and social achievements of women. The National Women's History Alliance designated the 2022 theme, "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," which is "both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history."



Above: A Level I display celebrates Women's History Month.



Above and below: Level III students shared work during Native American Heritage Month and Black History Month.

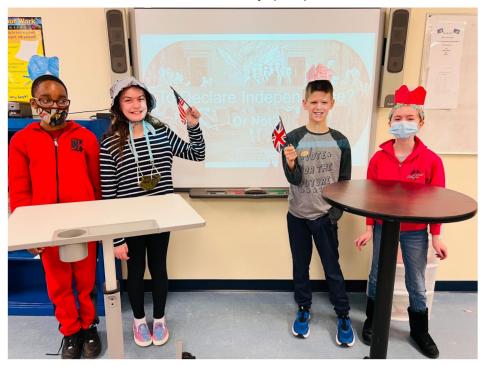


Access to information via mobile devices has many benefits. However, it is more important than ever to be equipped with skills that allow us to evaluate and make sense of content that appears on our screens. The skills students learn in school and at home can prepare them to process difficult news and tend to their mental health. As the Russia-Ukraine War continues, many students have seen disturbing images that cause them to worry about safety and the future. History and social science practices and news and media literacy skills build our capacity to evaluate information, verify sources, and identify facts and evidence-based reasoning. Coupled with mindfulness tools, they can help us face current events more confidently. A recent AP News article offers suggestions for talking to children about what is happening in Ukraine. Among other things, it suggests limiting screen time, focusing on the helpers, and maintaining a routine that incorporates meaningful activities.



Above: Level II created posters featuring explorers.

Students develop history and social science practices incrementally. Kindergarteners, for instance, identify the reasons an author provides to support points in a text. Third graders consider Plymouth Colony from European and indigenous perspectives and compare the opinions of Massachusetts Patriots and Loyalists. Fifth and sixth graders are introduced to a TEE method that helps them organize theses (claims), evidence, and explanations regarding social studies content. In fact, our fifth graders recently engaged in debate about colonial independence from the perspectives of Loyalists and Patriots they studied. They laid the groundwork for debate by participating in a virtual experience hosted by the Commonwealth Museum, reading texts closely for evidence, and organizing their persuasive arguments.



Above: Fifth graders in Ashley Hiehiapo's class prepare to debate.

Our eighth graders and high school seniors are immersed in a civics action project that requires them to demonstrate civic knowledge, formulate focused questions, evaluate source information, explain conclusions, and determine steps to take informed action. Other high school students are engaged in research that will form the basis of formal papers related to the history curriculum.

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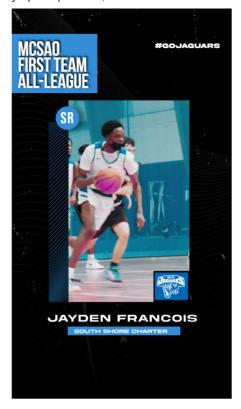
Kristen Mullin-Connolly

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MCSAO AWARD RECIPIENTS

Celebrating the winners of the 2021 Fall and 2022 Winter MCSAO awards! #GoJaguars





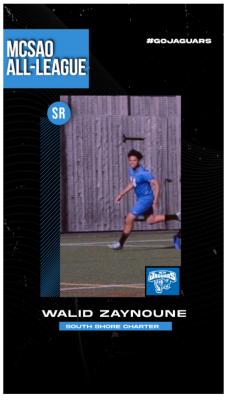




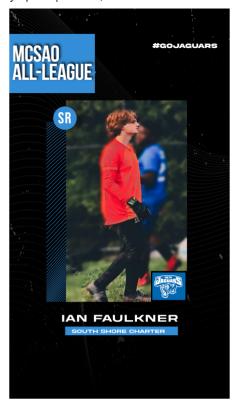














T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE



Fifth grade student, Saoirse Daly, and the Level III Student Council will be selling T-shirts to fundraise for Ukraine from March 10-17th. T-shirts are \$3 each and you can choose from three different logo designs on the front. Designs are pictured below. Shirts will be on display at 100 Longwater at the front desk, the Level IV Snack Shack and in the Level III Great Room during lunch times. Grab a shirt and show your support! Thank you!

A Message from the Go Green Workshop

Hello parents of SSCPS!

You are hearing from Sawdah and Adria of the Go Green workshop in the high school. As a part of our spring project, we have been researching ways to keep the school community eco-friendly and are working to inform the rest of the school community about this topic. We created a short slideshow for the teachers to show the students of grades 1 through 4, containing ways to keep SSCPS "green". Feel free to take a look at the slideshow attached and let us know your thoughts. We also invite you to complete a short survey to learn "how many earths would we need if everyone lived like you?" If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us and we hope this will inspire our school to stay green!

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Sawdah Osman and Adria Sunnerberg

Ways to Keep SSCPS Green

Ecological Footprint Survey

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Parents of Children with Special Needs Coffee Hour - 3/11

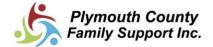


3/11/2022

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS COFFEE HOUR

Join us for Coffee Hour and Conversation

Are you a parent or caregiver of a child with special needs? Are you looking to meet and connect with other parents in your community who may share similar situations and experiences? Please join us for a very casual meet and greet where you can meet others and share experiences, stories and resources within a community of other supportive parents. Hosted by Plymouth County Family Support.

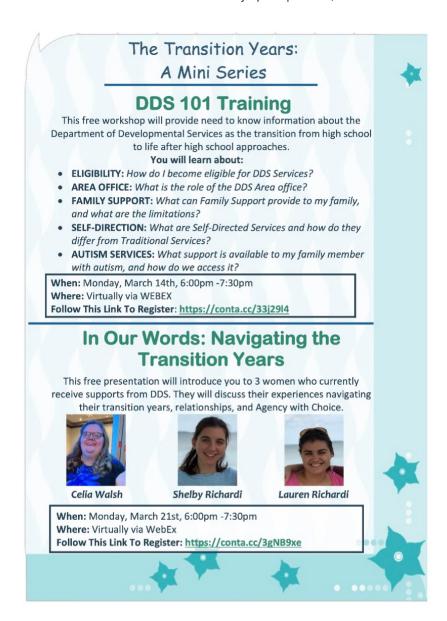




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Plymouth, Ma 02360

DDS Training Workshops - 3/14 and 3/21



<u>Visions of Community Virtual Conference - 3/15</u> and 3/19



Sibshops Virtual Classes - 3/23-4/27
www.pcfamilysupport.org



You're invited to our Spring 2022

Sibshops!!

A program just for SIBS with

special needs. It gives us great pleasure to share this amazing opportunity with you, to provide you an engaging, and fun way to meet new friends that may get things on a whole new level.

My name is Jennifer Roback, a certified Sibshop facilitator. I am a teacher, and mom to three beautiful children. I look forward to sharing this experience with you.

Virtual Classes!

We will be offering a FREE 6-week online series

Wednesday Evenings

5:30-6:30pm

3/23/22-4/27/22

*access link to be provided after signing up



To Register— Name: _______ Age: ______ Parent/ Guardian: ______ Email: ______ Phone:

Send to:
Cari Robbins
Plymouth County Family
Support
118 Long Pond Rd Ste 100
Plymouth, Ma 02360
508-927-4520 ext100

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FREE VIRTUAL CONCERT -BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Boston Symphony Orchestra is offering free access to a Family Concert until March 19th, 2022. Click the button below to view!

VIEW CONCERT

COMMUNITY SERVICE OUTREACH

The SSCPS community is accepting donations in order to provide "Kindness Bundles" to those in need. In this colder weather, some items in higher demand are hats, gloves, socks, and the like. Both new and gently used items are welcomed.

Donations are being collected through the month of March–please feel free to visit the link below to view the list of desired items. All donations can be delivered directly to SSCPS in the bin front or the bin in room 101.

Donation Website

Traffic Reminder

We appreciate your efforts to be a good neighbor to our surrounding office buildings. We are asking that all cars waiting in line not use neighboring properties as places to park or drive through when dropping off or picking up your students. Please do not block our neighbors' driveways and entrances during drop off or pick up.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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, <u>click here</u>. 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: <u>iHealth</u> 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.

Darcie Edwards, RN

(she/her/hers) SSCPS School Nurse 781-982-4202 x104 dedwards@sscps.org

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.

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

SSCPS National Honor Society Blood Drive



Redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

Give blood."

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

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

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 <u>Coffee Pond website</u> 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

Home Energy Assistance Progams

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - Known commonly as Fuel Assistance, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills.

Heating System Repair & Replacement Program (HEARTWAP) - The Heating System Repair and Replacement Program provides emergency heating system repair and replacement services to low-income households.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program provides eligible households with full-scale home energy conservation services.

For full details please review the link here: https://www.mass.gov/home-energy-assistance-programs

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

March 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 - <u>FamilyID Online</u>

<u>Registration</u> - and register for meals. If you have any questions, contact me at <u>csalamone@sscps.org</u> or at 781-982-4202 x156.



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

This Week | Up and Coming

Wednesday	03/09	Junior Parent Night via <u>Zoom</u>	6:00pm
Thursday	03/10	School Council via Zoom	4:30pm
Thursday	03/10	Board of Trustees Governance Committee Personnel Committee Development Committee All meetings held at 700 Longwater Drive and via Zoom	7:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm
Friday	03/11	2 nd Trimester Ends for Grades K-4	
Wednesday	03/16	Blood Drive hosted by the National Honor at the SSCPS Gym, 104 Longwater Drive	1-6pm
Friday	03/18	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm

IMPORTANT LINKS

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website <u>www.sscps.org</u> 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 <u>purchase</u> SSCPS apparel!

School Documents:

2021-22 School Calendar

Student and Family
Handbook

<u>Arrival and Dismissal</u> <u>Procedures</u>

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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