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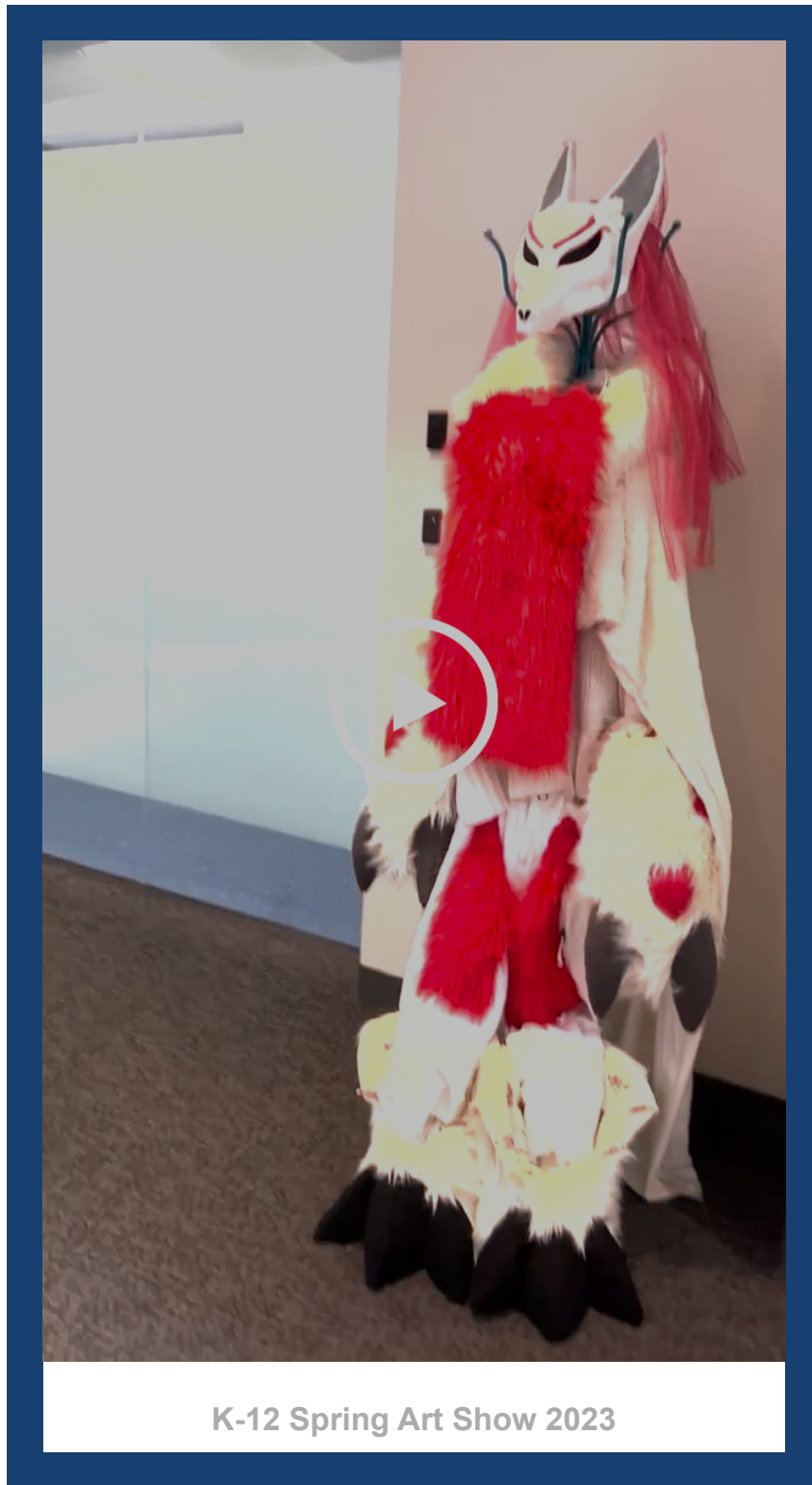
Weekly Update | June 14, 2023

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A Message from Alicia

Today marks the final Weekly Update of the 2022-2023 academic year. With one more day of the school year remaining, it seems remarkable how time seems to pass swiftly during these last days of school. As our regular classroom routines make way for final exams, Exhibitions of Mastery, culminating field trips, recognition ceremonies, thrilling field days, and spirited competitions, a sense of accomplishment permeates the air. Students, families, and teachers have put in considerable effort to reach this point. Now is the moment to relish in the achievements of our students.

Events serve as capstones of a fruitful academic year. This year the Civics Fair Project Showcase was held on June 9. Eighth grade students were able to showcase their work and provide informative presentations on their research topic. Students in grades K-12 showcased their brilliant work at the first Art Show on June 8. Over one thousand pieces of artwork were exhibited and we could not have been more proud of our students. We hope you enjoy the video below that showcases some of the work on display that evening.



K-12 Spring Art Show 2023

June is the time of year when student achievements punctuate inevitable transition. On June 2 we celebrated the Class of 2023 at their Commencement Exercises. As the senior class launched from 700 Longwater, the rain could not suppress the moment. Although we will greatly miss this year's graduates, we know they will go on to make their mark in the world in unique and important ways. Our newest alumni can step confidently into the future knowing that they will always have a home here at South Shore Charter.

Welcoming Our Newest Alumni | Class of 2023

Our wonderful kindergarten students completed their first year of school on June 7. Exuberant eighth grade students will complete middle school tomorrow. Although there is excitement and celebration surrounding these milestones, there remains a part of us as adults that would like to freeze time. In the words of Robert Frost, *Nothing gold can stay*.

As the school year comes to a close, we recognize the end of great things. This year there are three outstanding educators who will be retiring from South Shore Charter.



Joyce Powers, K-12 Building Substitute Teacher

Started at South Shore Charter ten years ago. She grew into her role and quickly became indispensable. Covering classes, working the front desk, organizing picture day, Joyce's ability to orchestrate amidst the excitement of the school day was astonishing. Above all, her endless patience and kind heart made her presence a true gift.



Emily Merwin, High School Science Teacher

Emily has been teaching at South Shore Charter since 2008, bringing the sciences to our students in life changing ways. Her compassion, high standards, and ability to meet each student where they are, was what propelled our students forward and allowed a love of inquiry to take hold. In her fifteen years here Emily graciously took on leadership roles, level coordinator, assistant principal, and most significantly, teacher mentor. Emily has uplifted our students and this profession each day. We are a better school, and teaching is a better profession, because of Emily.



Claudia Darrow, High School Learning Services Teacher

Claudia has been with South Shore Charter since beginning as a substitute teacher in 1996. Claudia has been an assistant teacher, a reading teacher, a Title I teacher, and a Learning Services teacher. Claudia organized the annual *Locks for Love* community service event held here at South Shore Charter for a number of years. In each role she has been there for every student who needed help. For over twenty-five years, Claudia has worked with students through her planning time, past regular school hours, and even on weekends, doing whatever it takes to foster learning. The impact of Claudia's work has been far reaching.

We thank these three amazing teachers for their time and commitment to the students of the South Shore Charter Public School. Every day they represented the best of the teaching profession. Each has been a gift to our school community and we wish them all the best as they head out to greet their next venture.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank the SSCPS Board of Trustees and the SSCPS Parents Association for all of their hard work, dedication, and support this school year. Special thanks to Tadhg Sullivan, Student Representative, Cindy Lyons, PA

Representative, Peter Farrell, and Kathleen Trask, who will be stepping off the Board of Trustees at the end of this month. Thank you for your service to the South Shore Charter Public School.

I would like to thank William Smyth, Vice Chair, and Edwin Rivera, Chair for their years of service to the South Shore Charter Public School Board of Trustees. Bill and Edwin will be leaving the Board when their term ends at the end of June. Bill Smyth became involved with South Shore Charter in the 1990's when the school was located in Hull. Bill was first elected to the Board in October 2002. He served on the Board from 2002-2010, and returned to the Board of Trustees in 2014, remaining on the Board since that time. He has seen our school grow and change over the past twenty-one years into the school we are today. As he comes to the end of his term, we would like to thank Bill for his longstanding commitment to South Shore Charter Public School. Edwin Rivera has been a member of the South Shore Charter Public School community since August 2007. Always an active parent volunteer, Edwin continued supporting SSCPS by joining the Board in 2014. Since that time, Edwin has led the Board through real estate transactions, campus growth, and strategic planning. We are grateful to Edwin for his ongoing dedication to SSCPS and we are pleased to announce that Edwin will be joining the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation as a Trustee beginning in the Fall.

To our families and friends of South Shore Charter, our sincere thanks for being an integral part of our school community. The support you have provided to our school over the past year has been invaluable. Your acts of kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated.

Enjoy the summer and your time with family and friends.

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Alicia Savage
Executive Director

Reminder from the Health Office

Medication pick up for students will be done Monday, June 12th through Thursday, June 15th at morning arrival or afternoon dismissal or at a prearranged time. Medication needs to be picked up by an adult, it can not be sent home with students. We are unable to store medication until the following school year so any medication not picked up will be properly disposed of. If you are unable to pick up at arrival or dismissal please reach out to the health office at jkjelgaaard@sscps.org or 781-982-4202 x 104.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT



This weekend Casey Mantil-Klein, Aurora Bell, and Nora Dupuis from Jessica E's 1st Grade Pod and Simon Mantil-Klein, Aadam Khan, and Patrick Garr Chase from Darlene's 3rd Grade Pod ran a lemonade stand for their **Community Service Project**. They raised a total of \$370 for Save the Children and World Central Kitchen Ukraine. What an incredible accomplishment!

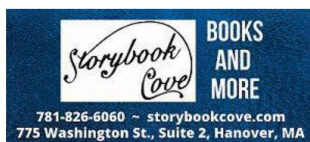


Are you 12 and under? Are you looking for something fun, creative and different to do this summer? Try Invent the Summer! Invent the Summer starts its weekly Invent the Summer Engineering Challenges next week June 21. Students with their parents can sign up on the website if they would like to join: <https://www.inventthesummer.org/>. Each week the kid-run "board of engineers" present a problem and kids invent a solution. There are weekly prizes and participation is on a week to week basis. So pick and choose what you want to do and how often. SSCPS has won the grand prize for our school three years in a row. Let's try to make it FOUR! SSCPS's very own Siddarth M. and Stella V have joined the Jr. Board of Engineers and will be cheering us on. We also have students who are in the Hall of Fame! Prizes include a \$1,000 grant for your school for STEM activities and supplies for the most school entries, a 3-d Printer, cricket and more!

A note from the kids behind Invent the Summer:

INVENT THE SUMMER is a non-profit organization created by kids, for kids. We inspire creativity, resourcefulness, innovation, problem-solving, and leadership by engaging kids in design and engineering challenges throughout the summer. We aim to help kids discover how much fun engineering, inventing, and problem-solving can be. Our mission is to inspire the next generation of innovators, engineers, and entrepreneurs. Our programming supports this mission for kids from elementary school through high school.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL SUMMER READING FUND RAISER VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

- ▶ SSCPS and Storybook Cove are hosting an online Summer Reading Book Fair.
- ▶ SSCPS Families receive a 10% discount on books purchased, SSCPS receives 10% of each sale, and there will be NO sales tax.
- ▶ The online Fair will run from MAY 22 through JUNE 23, 2022.
- ▶ Use the below LINK to access the VIRTUAL BOOKFAIR:
<https://www.storybookcove.com/sscps-summer-reading-2023>

or click on this logo  on the home page of www.storybookcove.com

- ▶ **ALL PURCHASES ARE TO BE MADE THROUGH www.storybookcove.com.**
- ▶ **When you purchase books from these book fair lists prior to June 8th, the books will be delivered to SSCPS. Kindergarten students must place orders by May 30th in order to have books dropped off at the school by June 7th. All other students must place orders by June 8th in order to have books dropped off at school by June 14th. Any orders after June 8th through June 23, you will be able to choose "In Store Pick-Up Hanover MA" OR "USPS Media Rate".**

If you choose In-Store Pick-Up, you will be contacted when your order is ready for pick-up at Storybook Cove, 775 Washington Street, Suite 2, Hanover, MA (Route 53) across from Brothers Grill. Enter the car lot of Dave Delaney's Columbia Motors through the white rail fence. Green building is at the end of lot.)

- ▶ **CHECK-OUT TIPS—PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS.**
You need to complete **ONLY** the following sections:
 - ENTER CUSTOMER INFORMATION/EMAIL
 - COUPON DISCOUNT (ENTER THIS CODE: SSCPS)
 - TAX-EXEMPT INFORMATION [click check box and then type SSCPS for entity name and Book Fair for tax exempt number. Do not fill in rest of section.]
 - DELIVERY INFORMATION (NEEDED EVEN IF PICKING UP at SCHOOL)
 - CLICK ON CALCULATE SHIPPING COSTS AND THEN CHOOSE BEFORE JUNE 9TH: SSCPS BOOK FAIR. AFTER JUNE 9TH, CHOOSE EITHER: USPS Media Rate (2 to 10 days; no insurance) or In Store Pick-Up Hanover MA. We'll contact you when order is ready.
 - CHOOSE PAYMENT METHOD
 - CONTACT/BILLING INFORMATION
 - REVIEW; and
 - SUBMIT.

We are excited to team up with Storybook Cove for another virtual summer reading book fair! Families will get 10% off their purchases, and Storybook Cove will donate 10% of the sales to SSCPS. **The book fair will run from May 22nd - June 23rd.**

If Kindergarten students order by May 30th they will have the option to have them delivered to SSCPS. If 1st - 8th grade students order their books by June 8th they will have the option to have them delivered to SSCPS. All orders can also be picked up at Storybook Cove or families can pay for shipping.



During the remainder of the school year, we will be raising funds to help invest in Outdoor Education at SSCPS. Outdoor learning spaces have been an instrumental part of our school's educational framework for many years, and they have given our students a new environment to learn and grow within. We pride ourselves on our experiential learning processes at SSCPS, and our various outdoor learning spaces are a positive reminder of how students can flourish through hands-on learning. Now, it's time to invest in and expand on those outdoor spaces to give our students even more opportunities to learn and thrive!

MAKE A DONATION!

**FROM THE
PARENTS
ASSOCIATION**



Parent Association Meeting on Wednesday Canceled - Postponement of Elections

The Parent Association meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, June 15, has been canceled.

After careful consideration, we have made the decision to postpone the elections for the parent association until the fall. Our primary reason for this postponement is to provide an opportunity for new families who will be joining our school community to participate and contribute their valuable insights and perspectives. We believe that their involvement will enrich our parent association and benefit everyone involved.

Please mark your calendars and keep an eye out for the new date of the parent association elections, which will be announced in the coming months. We highly encourage all interested parents to consider running for a position or taking part in the election process to help shape the future of our school community.

Lastly, as the school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a fantastic summer vacation. May it be filled with joy, relaxation, and memorable moments with your loved ones. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support and dedication to our school, and we look forward to reconnecting with you in the fall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any other member of the parent association board. Your input and involvement are always valued.

Thank you, and have a wonderful summer!

Warm regards,

Cindy Lyons
PA Chair

COMMUNITY INTEREST



YMCA TRAINING, INC. IS NOW ENROLLING FOR:

MEDICAL ADMIN CREDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

TRAINING INCLUDES:

- Online Sessions
- Microsoft Office 365 & Zoom
- Resume Writing, Interview Practice, Job Search & Mentoring
- Internships at Greater Boston hospitals
- Exam for Medical Administrative Assistant Certification

WHAT WE COVER:

- Medical Office Administrative Duties
- Health Insurance
- Billing and Claims
- Introduction to Medical Coding
- Medical Terminology

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- High School Diploma or HiSET (GED)
- Schedule Commitment (Monday-Friday, 9am-1:30pm)
- Seeking Full-Time Employment
- Work Authorization
- Must be up to date with immunizations/vaccinations

DID YOU KNOW?

- Laptops and internet access is available
- You'll receive a one year YMCA of Greater Boston family membership upon enrollment

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MASSHEALTH REDETERMINATIONS

Attention MassHealth Members

You need to renew your coverage this year.



Act now. Stay covered.

Take three steps to renew coverage this year:

1. Update your info
2. Check your mail
3. Respond to MassHealth

1. Update your personal information: Inform MassHealth of any changes to your information (address, phone number, email and income).

2. Check your mail from MassHealth: If you get a blue envelope in the mail, you will need to take action to stay covered.

3. Respond to MassHealth: Respond promptly with any requested information from MassHealth. All MassHealth renewals and requests for information will have a due date.

Submit your renewal form before the deadline, even if your personal information has not changed.

Need Help?

Online:
www.masshealthrenew.org

By phone:
 Call MassHealth Customer Service at 800-841-2900 or (TTY: 711) Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 * Learn what documents MassHealth needs from you and your renewal's due date.

In person:
 Scan this code or go to www.masshealthrenew.org to make an appointment with a MassHealth representative or get help near you.



Update your contact information (address, phone number, email) so MassHealth can contact you when it is time for your renewal. If MassHealth cannot reach you, you could lose your health coverage.

If you think you may no longer be eligible for MassHealth, other health coverage options are available, such as an affordable plan through the MA Health Connector.

Members can visit www.masshealthrenew.org or call customer service at 1-877-MA ENROLL (1-877-623-7773) to learn more or enroll in a plan.

Starting April 1, 2023, MassHealth will begin the eligibility redetermination process, renewing all 2.3M members over the following 12 months. This will generally be the

first-time members are at risk of losing their coverage since February 2020. In preparation for this effort, MassHealth has increased staffing significantly to handle a greater volume of calls and applications, improved our systems to automatically renew as many members' coverage as possible, and is working in close collaboration with health plans, providers, and other stakeholders. Even with this preparation, we understand that this may be difficult for members.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With spring upon us the health office wanted to send out some reminders.

- Caffeinated beverages are not allowed in the K through 8 building. This includes coffee, energy drinks and soda.
- Please make sure to check your students for ticks daily, although students are not allowed in the woods, ticks can travel.
- Sunscreen and bug spray can not be applied at school. Please apply bug spray or sunscreen before sending your student to school in the morning.
- Please send your students to school daily with a reusable water bottle.
- Level I students should have a complete change of clothes in their backpacks.

Please keep your students home if they have any off the following symptoms/illness

- Fever greater than 100.0
- Vomiting/diarrhea in last 24 hours
- Not able to manage cough/nasal congestion
- Test positive for COVID

When can my student return to school

- Fever free for 24 hours without medication (if you give Tylenol or Motrin in the morning, please keep student home from school)
- No vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours
- Well enough to stay at school for the day

You can now access the 2023-2024 school calendar [here](#) and down below under School Documents.

THIS WEEK | UP AND COMING

Wednesday	06/14	Postponed – Parents Association Meeting	
Thursday	06/15	High School Final Exams	
Thursday	06/15	Level I Field Day	
Thursday	06/15	Level IV Move Up Ceremony at the PE Space	9:30-11:30am
Thursday	06/15	Last Day of School – Early Dismissal	12:00pm

IMPORTANT LINKS

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

- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Food Services](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- [Community Service](#)
- **Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)**

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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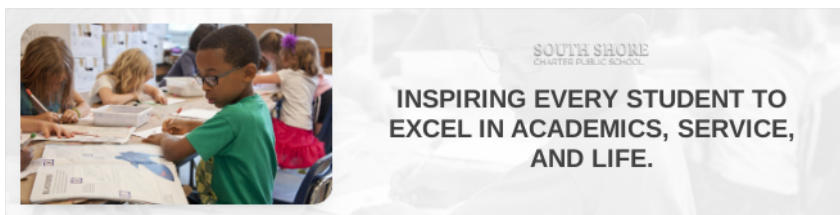
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