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**Weekly Update | March 22, 2023**

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**WOMEN'S  
HISTORY MONTH**  
MARCH 2023



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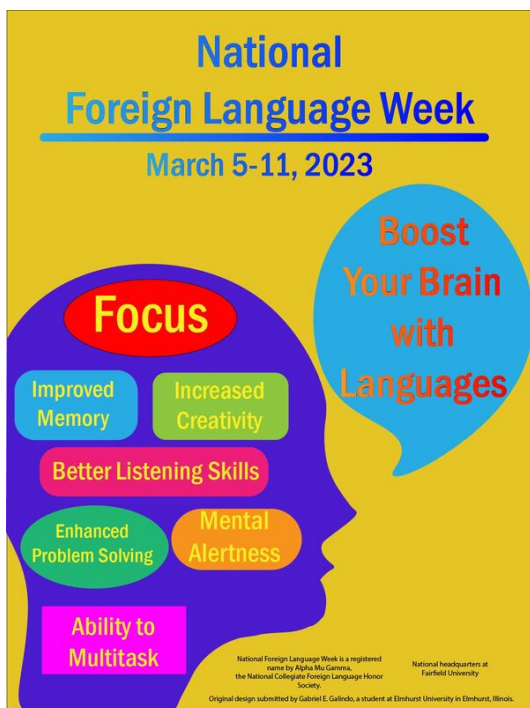
## **A Message from Haley**

At South Shore Charter, the month of March marks a busy time of year for our world language program. We recently celebrated National Foreign Language Week and the Seal

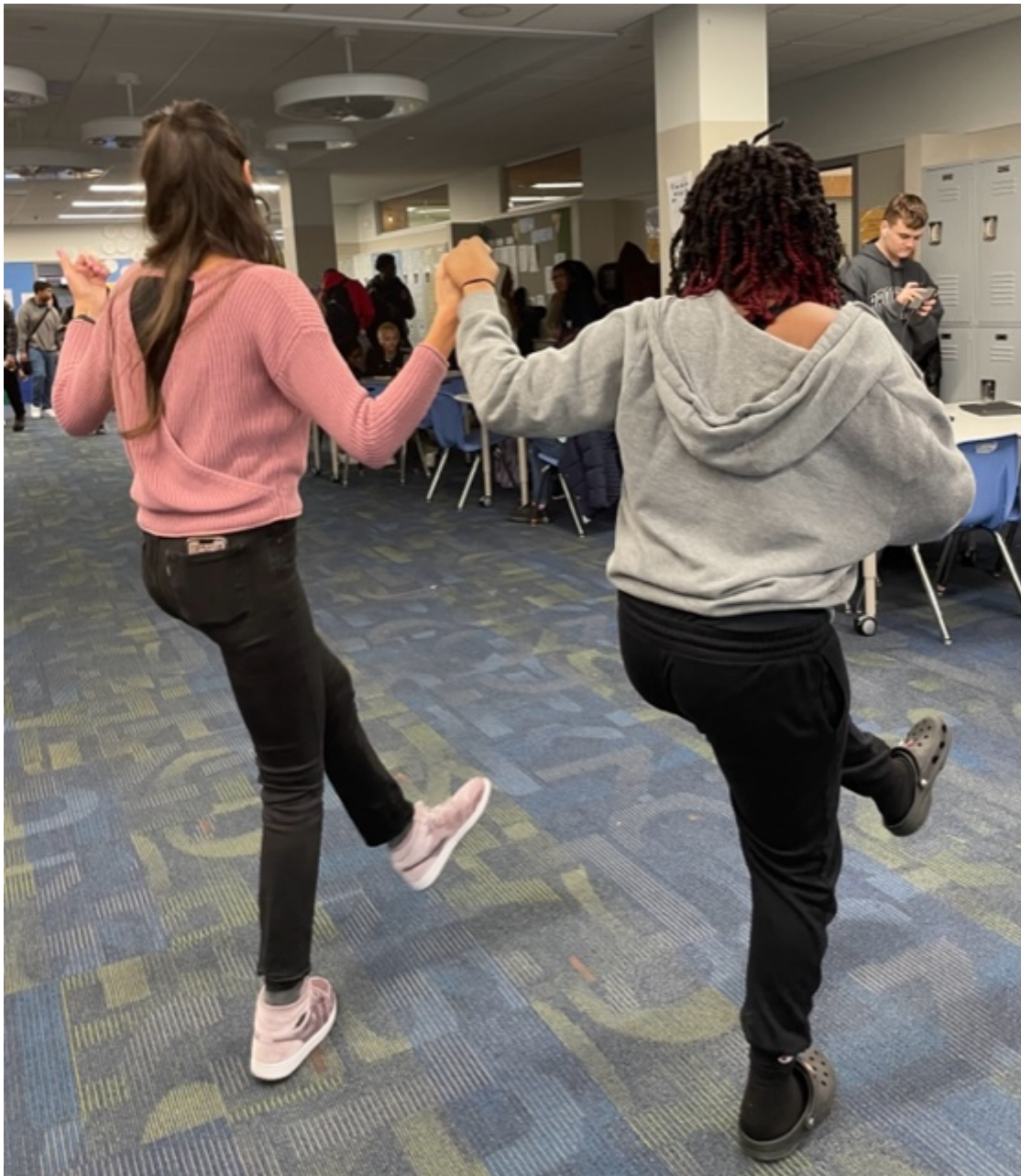
of Biliteracy testing is in full swing.



The Hello Wall displayed in the high school with over 20 different languages



We celebrated National Foreign Language week earlier this month from March 5th-11th. Promoting the value of language learning is increasingly crucial in our globalized and interconnected society. National Foreign Language Week serves to highlight and honor all languages. This year's poster showcases the cognitive benefits associated with learning languages. People who learn languages improve their memory, as well as their ability to focus, multitask, and resolve problems.



Student Kayla Louis and math curriculum coordinator Donika Darabus coordinate a traditional Albanian dance

At SSCPS, nearly half of our student population has a multilingual background. In fact, there are 39 different languages spoken among our students, in addition to English. Throughout National Foreign Language Week, students learned about the benefits of knowing multiple languages and participated in lessons that examined the similarities and differences between English and other languages. In the high school, students shared fun facts about languages over the PA system and students participated in daily trivia with a chance to win prizes. Music from various backgrounds filled the halls and students danced between classes. The students were enthusiastic about demonstrating their language skills and were eager to learn about languages they were not as familiar with. Observing the

students' interest and respect towards languages and cultures other than their own was truly heartwarming.

## Seal of Biliteracy



*"One language sets you in a corridor for life; two languages opens every door along the way"*

We are just wrapping up testing with our senior class, and I am excited for the opportunity to honor several of our students with the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy at graduation this June. These students have worked extremely hard, preparing for years, testing for days and ultimately demonstrating high level language skills in both English and a second language. In April, we will begin administering tests to our qualifying sophomore and juniors.

### **What is the State Seal of Biliteracy?**

The MA State Seal of Biliteracy is an award provided by our school in recognition of students who have attained proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in two or more languages by the time they reach high school graduation. The MA Seal of Biliteracy, adopted from the state, takes the form of a seal that appears on the transcript and diploma of the graduating senior. This recognition may be presented to colleges and future employers.

### **The Purpose of the State Seal**

The purpose of the MA State Seal is to:

- Encourage students to study and master languages
- Certify attainment of biliteracy skills

- Recognize the value of language diversity
- Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills
- Provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for the attainment of high-level skills in languages
- Prepare students with skills that will benefit them in the labor market and the global society
- Strengthen intergroup communication and honor the multiple cultures and languages in a community

### Criteria for Obtaining the State Seal

In order to earn the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy, students must:

1. Demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English by earning a score of 472 or higher on the Grade 10 ELA MCAS test.
2. Demonstrate a high level of proficiency in a world language by attaining a minimum score equivalent to Intermediate-High on a state-approved assessment
3. Satisfy all other graduation requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the Seal of Biliteracy, please contact [hedmondson@sscps.org](mailto:hedmondson@sscps.org). We will hold information sessions in the fall to discuss the application process, preparatory classes and testing dates.

We believe that all students are capable of learning a new language and are committed to expanding the SSCPS world language program to provide opportunities for students to develop both their language skills and cultural awareness.

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**Haley Edmondson**

Languages Curriculum Coordinator



## SSCPS "ROCKED THEIR SOCKS" FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY!



Students and Staff at our school came together to wear festive, mismatched socks in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day yesterday, March 21st! We appreciate our diversity and the unique individuals with a “bonus chromosome” who are part of our school community everyday.



**S S C P S**  
**Special Education Parent Advisory Council**

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Are you a Special Education parent or guardian?  
Join the SSCPS SEPAC

**Wednesday March 29th 7pm**  
Held in person at 100 Longwater Circle

We are a group of parents that meet regularly to share resources and support around Special Education. This is open to anyone with an interest in Special Education services at SSCPS.

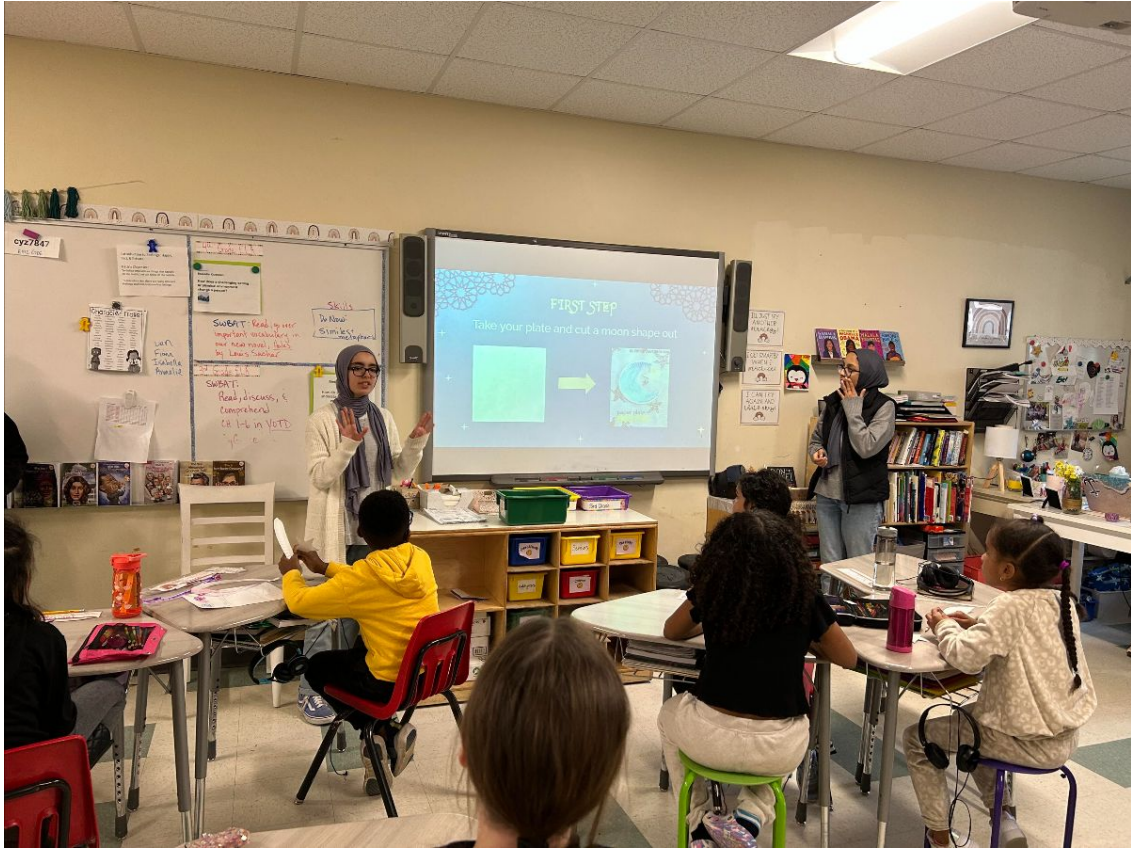
## LEARNING ABOUT RAMADAN



This week, students from the Muslim Student Association (MSA) went to Nicole's classroom for a presentation about Ramadan and a fun craft activity. The high school



students are excited to share their culture and have the opportunity to collaborate with their younger peers. Students will be visiting classes in Level I and II next week.





# THIS WEEK IN PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS

Level III Community Service Project



We would like to thank our school community for its generosity in contributing to our Kindness Bundles project! We were able to create many bundles to be distributed to the homeless in Boston. The students in charge of this project created a website to describe their efforts. You may view that [here](#).

Our next project will be to benefit Scituate Animal Shelter. We are so grateful for your generosity!

## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS**



**HIGH SCHOOL  
MUSIC WORKSHOP  
CONCERT**

**DONATIONS  
APPRECIATED!**

**DATE: MARCH 29TH, 2023  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: PE SPACE**



**NEW SSCPS/CFI  
ROWING PROGRAM!**

The South Shore Charter Public School is partnering with Cohasset Maritime Institute. We are working to be able to offer students in grades 7-9 a new after school rowing program.



The SSCPS/CMI rowing program will tentatively begin in spring 2023, 2 days a week, over a six week period. The pilot program should be approximately 10-15 students.

Students must be registered on Family ID in order to participate in any SSCPS athletic activities. All student participants must have had a physical within the last 13 months uploaded to Family ID or submitted to the Health Office.

We will only be able to offer this program if there is enough student and family interest. If your child is interested in participating, please indicate so by clicking below.

Thank you!

**Indicate Your Family's Interest Here**

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Spring is finally upon us at SSCPS. It's hard to believe that our school is now 28 years old. Where has the time gone? Those early days—the foundation of who we are today—are an important part of our story, and so are you! We are so proud that you have chosen to send your child to our school and have become part of the South Shore Charter Public School story. Together, our stories have shaped this wonderful community into what it is today.

SSCPS has much to offer this spring, and that's largely made possible by the generous donations from our community. Get a glimpse of upcoming special events and athletics that are right around the corner this season at SSCPS [here](#). The money raised toward our Annual Fund this month will be put to use toward the area of greatest need at the end of the school year. Help us reach our \$50k fundraising goal and support the future of SSCPS!

**MAKE A DONATION!**

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**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!**

Don't miss out!  
*¡No te lo pierdas!*



# Your school memories from cover to cover

*Tus recuerdos escolares de principio a fin.*

Visit [ybpay.com](http://ybpay.com) to order your yearbook today!

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To order your yearbook click the button below!

**Yearbook ID code:** 14917723

**Order deadline:** 04/28/2023

## Order Your Yearbook!

The Yearbook Design Team kindly requests any interested students to submit a design for the cover page of the yearbook. Students will have the opportunity to choose their first choice from a list. Interested parties of designer students will have until-mid February to submit their creations. The competition is open to the entire school and the theme should be anything SSCPS!

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

*Sponsored by Mayor Bob Hedlund & the Community Events Committee*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR...

*Weymouth's Community*  
**C**  **LEAN UP**  
**DAY!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2023**

**From 9:00am – Noon**

**RAIN or SHINE!**

All participants **MUST** register by calling the Mayor's Office at 781-682-3618 on or before April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Lunch provided for all Volunteers from Noon until 1:30 pm King Oak Hill Park

Gloves, trash and yard waste bags will be available for pick-up between 8:00-9:00 am on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at the Department of Public Works, 120 Winter Street, for all registered projects.

*Team up with friends and neighbors to work together in an effort to spruce up Weymouth and show your Community Pride!*

**Interfaith Social Services - Stop the Stigma 5K**





**5K SPONSORS:**



Each year, Interfaith Social Services organizes the Stop the Stigma 5K to support our loved ones, inspire acceptance, and challenge stigmas. On Saturday, April 29 at The Kennedy Center, there will be a race for this year's End the Stigma 5K.

Students who participate in the race will earn 6 community service hours. Register [here](#).

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**SOUTH SHORE YMCA**



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
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FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

## **SOUTH SHORE YMCA AFTERSCHOOL**

The South Shore YMCA offers a quality Afterschool Program that takes place in a safe, supportive environment that fosters the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth of each child. We strive to support the family unit and provide developmentally appropriate enrichment programs that encourage not just learning, but also the love of learning.

- **Monday through Friday from school dismissal until 6pm**
- **Afterschool options, 1-5 days per week**
- **Grades K-8**
- **Early Release programs from school dismissal until 6pm**
- **Homework assistance**
- **Freedom to explore materials, games, and equipment**
- **Engage in daily indoor/outdoor physical activities**
- **Enhance social skills through positive interactions with peers and YMCA staff**
- **USDA approved healthy daily snacks**

We believe in positive methods of child guidance/discipline. Our staff establishes age-appropriate, reasonable yet consistent limits to help children function in their world. We strive to strengthen each child's own cultural identity while reinforcing respect and celebrating differences through play and positive interactions.



Financial assistance is available thanks to the charitable donations made possible through the South Shore YMCA's Annual Campaign. Monies secured ensure that all are welcome to participate. Applications are available at the Emilson Branch and online at [ssymca.org](http://ssymca.org). Please consider donating your time, talent and treasure to this year's campaign!

To inquire about our Afterschool Program please contact:

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[scarrier@ssymca.org](mailto:scarrier@ssymca.org)  
Phone: 781-826-7900 x 5241

Liam McSweeney  
[lmcsweeney@ssymca.org](mailto:lmcsweeney@ssymca.org)  
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# FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION



SSCPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

# MOVIE DAY

JOIN US TO WATCH **MARIO BROS** AT THE  
CAMEO THEATER IN WEYMOUTH  
**FRIDAY 4/7/23**

**TICKETS: \$8 PER PERSON**  
STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN!  
**RSVP TODAY AT [WWW.SSCPS-PA.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS-PA.ORG)**

FRIDAY | CAMEO MOVIE THEATER  
APRIL 7, 2023 | 14 COLUMBIAN STREET  
10AM | SOUTH WEYMOUTH, MA 02190

Use the sign-up button to register!

[SIGN-UP HERE](#)

# COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY AT SSCPS!

**April 29, 2023 | 10:00am - 2:00pm**

Students can receive 4 hours towards their community service requirement (2 hours for working, and a generous 2 hours for travel time). Please bring a rake, gloves, boots, bug spray, and any other items you might need!

We also need a few parent volunteers (you must have your CORI and fingerprints on file with school). Please email [ebsweeney@hotmail.com](mailto:ebsweeney@hotmail.com) to sign up.



In 2022 the SSCPS Parents Association created a new chair, Diversity and Inclusion. The Parents Association is looking for a few parent volunteers to help design what we want this role to look like. If interested please attend this months PA meeting on 1/18/2023 at 6:30pm or email [cindylyons1337@gmail.com](mailto:cindylyons1337@gmail.com).

**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!**

**amazon**



**wishlist**

**help our teachers!**

**VIEW WISHLISTS**

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## **PA Meeting Schedule | 2022-2023 School Year**

Below you will find the meeting dates for the 2022-2023 school year:

- September 21, 2022
- October 19, 2022
- November 16, 2022
- December 21, 2022
- January 18, 2023
- February 15, 2023
- March 15, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- May 17, 2023
- June 14, 2023 (Transition Meeting)

Be on the lookout for upcoming volunteer opportunities. Information on the Back to School Picnic will be coming soon as well.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out. Our website can be found [here](#).

**Cindy Lyons**

Parent Council Chair

[Cindylyons1337@gmail.com](mailto:Cindylyons1337@gmail.com)

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## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With the winter season upon us we wanted to send out some reminders from the Health office. We are seeing an increase in viral illness in our school community and would like to remind everyone of the policy about staying home when ill.

Please keep students home from school for the following:

- 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

If your student becomes ill at school, please pick your student up within 45 minutes. If it is important to pick up your student

Home COVID tests were sent home with every student prior to Thanksgiving break. Please do an at home COVID test if your student has cold like symptoms (sore throat, headache, cough, runny nose, or fever)

The school does not provide masks. If you would like your student to wear a mask at school, please send them to school with one on and extras

Kids are going out in all weather, please make sure your student has appropriate winter clothing. It is also important to have a change of clothes at school for days they get wet or need to change clothes for other reasons.

All students should be bringing a water bottle to school every day and can refill at the water refill station.

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

## THIS WEEK | UP AND COMING

Thursday	03/23	School Council Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a>	4:30pm
Saturday	03/25	Open House for Newly Accepted Kindergarten Class	9-11am
Tues & Weds	03/28-03/29	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade MCAS ELA	
Wednesday	03/29	SEPAC Meeting at 100 Longwater Drive	7:00pm

## IMPORTANT LINKS

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

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

**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:**

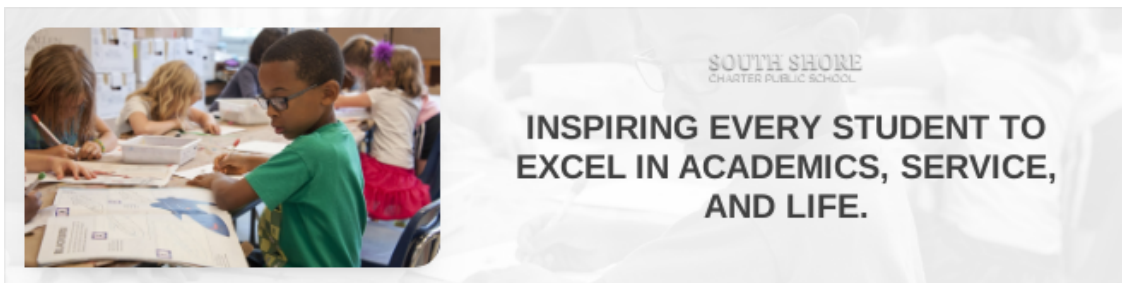
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