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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 2023



A Message from Angie

In March we enter a busy stretch of the school year as the second trimester draws to a close. This week teachers in grades 5-12 posted progress reports in [PlusPortals](#). For each

core academic subject families can expect to find a progress report that includes an updated course average. Directions explaining how to access Progress Reports through PlusPortals can be found [here](#). In grades K-4, second trimester report cards will go home with children by the close of the month. We will send an email out reminding families to check student backpacks when these important reports go home.



In March signs of the coming spring begin to appear across our campus. This week we have a steady stream of families in the building coming to watch our first grade students present their Exhibition of Mastery (EOM) projects. On Monday students on Level II began their third quarter Focused Instructional Time (FIT) classes with many parents volunteering their time to share their expertise with our third and fourth graders. Our athletic department in the middle and high school is holding organizational meetings with students to plan for the new season. High school seniors anxiously await the final round of college decision letters that come at the close of this month. Next week our trips to Holly Hill Farm resume as our first and second grade students begin the spring session of our farm partnership. The shift into the final phase of the school year is underway.

March is Women's History Month and it is also a month when we celebrate literacy. In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, March is designated as National Reading Month, a month to motivate Americans of all ages to read daily. Our teachers take this opportunity to emphasize reading for pleasure. A focus on the joy of reading is especially important during a month when MCAS looms on the horizon. Level II celebrated Read Across

America Day on March 2nd with a character day. Teachers and students alike enjoyed dressing up as characters from books and participating in literacy activities throughout the day.



While literacy may be in the spotlight in March, the teaching of literacy is central to the work of all teachers and students at SSCPS, K-12. This year the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education awarded our school a grant to participate in the [Lead for Literacy](#) initiative. Through the initiative a group of teachers is participating in year long professional development that supports the writing of a new literacy plan for grades K-5. Ultimately, the goal of the plan is to improve teacher implementation of evidence-based literacy practices rooted in the science of reading within an effective system of support for students. As they write the plan, the group is considering our core curriculum materials, the master schedule, structures for assessment, family outreach, professional development needs, and our systems for intervention. Our work with Lead for Literacy is helping lay the foundation for reading and writing instruction at SSCPS for the next three years. I'd like to thank Cassandra Sullivan, Jessica Everett, Danette Carter, and Kristen Gale for their dedication to this project. Their participation represents a serious commitment of time and effort. Their willingness to share their time and their expertise makes us better.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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Angie Pepin
Principal, K-12



Celebrating Character Day 2023



THIS WEEK IN PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS

Personal Fitness Workshop



Phase 1: Students did a puzzle push-up challenge and completed 16 moves to finish the puzzle in both directions.

Phase 2: More of a challenge. Students would next have to complete 3 push-ups with every move. That's 27 push-ups one way. Then on the way back in the reverse position they had to do one push-up at each position. With a grand total of **35 push ups** to finish phase 2's puzzle.

FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Dear Families,

Our Kids Heart Challenge is ending on soon! Thank you for supporting the American Heart Association! You are doing AWESOME! The funds you raise help the American Heart Association support people with special hearts. Did you know that every \$50 raised helps to certify someone in CPR and in turn save a life? I am so proud of you for making such a big difference! Thank You!

NOW UNTIL MARCH 10th!!! You will earn TWO BONUS MYSTERY GIFTS for every \$50 you raise to help others!

Register today at www.heart.org/khc or download the **Kids Hearts Challenge** app to complete **FINN'S MISSION**, and learn the steps to **Hands-Only CPR** as a family.

As a reminder, donations are due March 10th



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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!

SOUTH SHORE YMCA



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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. 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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FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION



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.

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!



help our teachers!

[VIEW WISHLISTS](#)

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

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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 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

Weds & Thurs	03/08 & 03/09	MCAS ELA Retest	
Thursday	03/09	Board of Trustees Meeting Personnel Committee Governance Committee Finance Committee Development Committee All meetings held at 700 Longwater Circle and via Zoom	7:30pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm

Monday	03/13	2 nd Trimester Ends for grades K-4	
Tues & Weds	03/14 & 03/15	MCAS Math Retest	
Tuesday	03/14	Junior Parent Night via Zoom	6:00pm`
Wednesday	03/15	Parents Association Meeting via Zoom	6:30pm
Thursday	03/16	School Council Meeting via Zoom	4:30pm
Friday	03/17	Professional Development Day – No School for Students	

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](#)
- **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.

School Documents:

[2022-23 School Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)



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