



## Weekly Update | April 24, 2024

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### A Message from Sheina



## MULTICULTURAL FOOD NIGHT 2024

*“A Senegalese poet said ‘In the end we will conserve only what we love. We love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught.’ We must learn about other cultures in order to understand, in order to love, and in order to preserve our common world heritage.”*

–Yo Yo Ma

Here at South Shore Charter, our school community goes beyond just acknowledging our differences; we are about valuing, respecting, and learning from them. Events in April have engaged us in conversations that elevate our understanding, empathy, and appreciation for the diverse world we live in.

As we stepped into Diversity Month, it was a time to embrace and learn from the myriad of cultures, backgrounds, and experiences that each of us bring to our school community. Diversity remains the heartbeat of our school, providing us with unique perspectives and enriching our learning environment. No where was this more evident than at Multicultural Food Night.









On Multicultural Food Night students, families, and staff were invited to share stories, traditions, and food from their cultures. Together we highlighted and honored our collective diversity as we celebrated the rich tapestry that strengthens our school. Students in the Student Council and the Multicultural Workshop played an integral role in making Multicultural Food Night truly exceptional.







Of course, the night could not have happened without weeks of extensive planning and hard work. Special thanks to Natacha Julien, Committee Chair and Trustee, Nadeen Sullivan, Faculty Leader of the Multicultural Workshop, and the Multicultural Food Night Planning Committee, *Tiffany Brown Grier, Darline Cadet, Sheba Charles, Teagan*



*Drawbridge-Quealy, Amanda Jolene, David Luu, Louise Perryman, and Veronique Webber.* Through their hard work and enthusiasm, they demonstrated remarkable dedication. Their tireless efforts were evident in every aspect of the evening.

We extend our gratitude to our dedicated faculty, family members, students, staff volunteers, and SSCPS Board Chair Jimmy Juste for their invaluable assistance in serving, cleaning up, and to Lily Naggie for her poetry reading. We offer special appreciation to the Quincy Credit Union and our esteemed event sponsor, Lesley University, for their generous support.







Thank you to all who joined us at our 2024 Multicultural Food Night. Your attendance and active engagement not only lent an aura of warmth but also transformed the event into a night of unforgettable moments, enriching the spirits of all who participated. Your contributions, whether through culinary delights or cultural anecdotes, wove together an evening of joy and camaraderie. We are deeply grateful for your part in making this occasion an unforgettable celebration of diversity and cultural exchange.





We are excited to begin planning for next year. Your feedback will help us to plan for future community events. If you attended Multicultural Food Night and have not done so already, please fill out the Multicultural Food Night Survey.

### Multicultural Food Night Survey





There's more to celebrate. We encourage you to attend one of the upcoming community events here on campus. On Saturday we invite you to attend the Kohl's Community Service Cleanup and the SSCPS Spring Fair. Please sign up below.

### SSCPS Spring Fair

### Kohl's Community Service Cleanup

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community.

**Sheina Prince-Eugene**

Reading Teacher & Civil Rights Coordinator

## Important Save the Date! High School Commencement and Elementary/Middle School Awards Ceremonies

Event	Date	Location
Class of 2024 Graduation	Friday, June 7th	UMass Boston Campus Center Ballroom
Level IV (8th grade) Awards Ceremony	Monday, June 17th	PE Space
Level II (4th grade) Awards Ceremony	Thursday, June 13th	PE Space



The countdown to graduation, the most important event of the school year, is on. We look forward to celebrating student learning and growth not just at graduation but throughout the building and for all of our students. SSCPS has traditional special events that mark significant student transition points with ceremonies and we encourage families to attend these events to celebrate with us. Please mark your calendars with the dates for the following school celebrations of student achievement. Further details about these events will be forthcoming.

## On the Levels

### High School Sophomore Newport Mansion Trip











# Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

## Athletics Boys Varsity Volleyball



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Our Varsity Boys Volleyball team moves to a 3-1 record on the season after a gritty win over Foxboro. The boys travel to Boston Prep on Thursday at 4:30 for a divisional match up.

### First Ever SSCPS Signing Day!!





Congratulations to JJ Facey (Varsity Soccer) for signing to Framingham State and to Grace Leighton for (Varsity Soccer) signing to Dean College!! We look forward to watching these two on the field in the fall! Congratulations to all.

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## Afterschool Enrichment Program

Available for students in Level II, III, IV





# SSCPS AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

**SESSION 3**  
**APRIL 1 - MAY 17, 2024**

**GRADES 3 - 8**  
**MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY**  
**TIME: 3:15 - 4: 15 PM**

## MONDAY

- SPORTS AND PLAYTIME CLUB
- STEAM EXPLORERS
- SCRAPBOOKING
- THEATRE CLUB
- SPORTS FUSION SQUAD
- CHEMICAL CREATIONS CLUB

## WEDNESDAY

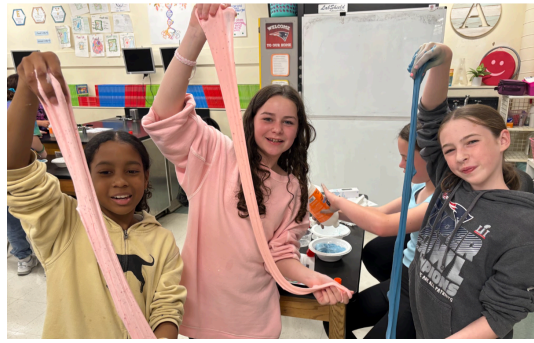
- THEATRE CLUB
- ZUMBA KIDS CLUB
- STEAM EXPLORERS
- NATURAL ARTISTS
- WEB WARRIORS: CODING AND LOGIC GAMES CLUB
- SPORTS AND PLAYTIME CLUB
- PAINTING PIONEERS CLUB
- CHEMICAL CREATIONS CLUB



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## **STEM Explorers Club**











### Scrapbooking Club





## What's New in Projects and Workshops

### High School: School Store Workshop

Check out the School Apparel website, created by the High School School Store Workshop!

SSCPS SCHOOL APPAREL

## Community Service



## Kohl's School Cleaning

On Saturday, April 27th, volunteers from Kohls will be coming to the school to do a spring clean up and would love to have families from the school join them. The event is scheduled to be from 9-12 but last year it went very quickly and hopefully that means everyone will get out of here by 11. This is NOT a drop off event. Parents should plan on staying with their children.

Student will receive the full 3 hours of service even if we power through and finish early.

Families should bring gloves and rakes. If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Melissa Freitas** at [mfreitas@sscps.org](mailto:mfreitas@sscps.org).



# SPRING CLEAN-UP

## AT 100

**Looking for community service hours?**

**Join us and volunteers from Kohl's Dept Store  
on Saturday, April 27th, to participate in the spring clean-up.  
Please plan on staying with your children, as this is NOT a drop off event  
Bring your own rakes and gloves!**

**Your participation makes a difference. hope to see you there !**

**APRIL 27. 2024**

**9AM - 12PM**

**100 Longwater Drive,  
Norwell, Mass**



**REGISTER HERE**

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### **Attention Students and Families**

Got some community service hours done?

Use the links below to submit your community service hours!

[LEVEL I COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

[LEVEL II COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

[LEVEL III COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

[LEVEL IV COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

[HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

## From the Foundation

**Make a general donation here and look out for next month's campaign:  
Teacher and Staff Appreciation!**

**DONATE HERE**

**Parents Association, SEPAC, and ELPAC**

**ELPAC**



SOUTH SHORE  
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# ELPAC MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 | 06:00 PM VIA ZOOM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 874 8193 7020 PASSCODE: 983709

**TOPICS :**  
**BUILDING A STRONGER ELPAC**

JOIN US FOR AN ENGAGING DISCUSSION AT THE ENGLISH LEARNER PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ELPAC) MEETING. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS CRUCIAL IN SUPPORTING OUR ENGLISH LEARNERS' SUCCESS. WE WILL DISCUSS UPCOMING EVENTS SHARE VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR OUR MULTILINGUAL FAMILIES, AND PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR YOUR INPUT.

Contact: [Sprince@sscps.org](mailto:Sprince@sscps.org) or [Mtondorf@sscps.org](mailto:Mtondorf@sscps.org)

**SEPAC**

SSCPS SEPAC PRESENTS

# New IEP Info Session



IEP

Individualized Education Plan



Presented by Director of Learning Services  
Matt Tondorf

 **May 29, 2024**  **6:30pm**

Please join us to discuss the new IEP form. Let's learn how we can better understand and navigate the changes to this important document.

**In Person @ 100 or zoom**  
**Register [SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG](mailto:SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG)**

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Hello Parents/Guardians,

I hope you had a wonderful April break, I have so many important things to share with you!

1. Stephanie Innis is coordinating a Teacher Appreciation Week April 29-May 2<sup>nd</sup>. She has planned a full week of activities that are 100% funded and made possible by parent contributions so she needs your help.
  - Please visit Sign-up genius where you can sign up and donate: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA9AB23A2FF2-49225514-teachers>
  - Please visit Amazon to make direct purchases: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1J697CJBFKZYV?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1J697CJBFKZYV?ref=wl_share)
2. If you haven't already, please complete the PA Improvement Survey <https://forms.gle/wPWgh7PaG4EQN7G59>
3. Please review the proposed revised PA Bylaws which we will vote on during the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Pg1OzmIDRp7Q-pjY9FwMmLsql5yLM71/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Pg1OzmIDRp7Q-pjY9FwMmLsql5yLM71/view?usp=drive_link)
4. Please consider running for a PA elected position for the next school year. As soon as the revised bylaws are approved at the May meeting, we will earnestly start the election cycle. There are 5 elected positions being proposed which include Co-Chair Level I&II, Co-Chair Level III & IV, Co-Chair Level V, Treasurer, and Secretary. Position descriptions are included in the revised bylaws #3 above.

Thanks everyone,

**Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst**

**Interim PA Chair**

## Parents Association Proposed By-Laws

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### Lost & Found

Last year we donated over 15 industrial sized trash bags full of Lost & Found items. We know that both students and parents alike spent far too many hours searching for those items before accepting they were gone for good.

We are going to try something slightly different this year. As in past years Lost & Found items will be folded, displayed in hallways at 100 Longwater, and photos will be posted in two parent-run Facebook groups including the **SSCPS Parent/Guardian Information** site.



The major change this year is we will follow a schedule for display/donations:

### **May/June**

Week of 5/28 - Fold/pic (if needed)

6/4 - Donate

Help your students (and your wallets!)

## **LOST & FOUND**

**LABEL** everything that comes to school. We check all clothing for names before donating and 95% of the time there is no name.

**OFFER** encouragement to your children to keep track of their items.

**SAVE** your sanity.

**TEACH** your child/ren that while it is great to donate their used coats, they may want to hold onto it for at least one season.

**FOLLOW** the FB sites to see pics of lost items.

**UNDERSTAND** the program is run by volunteers and dates are subject to change.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **SSCPS SPRING FAIR 2024**

The SSCPS Fair is a brand new K–12 event hosted for and by the SSCPS community. Many student volunteers who care about this school and its community will come together on Saturday, April 27 to host over twenty activities for all those who'd like to come. On top of that, there will be food trucks and an ice cream truck to satisfy anyone's hunger or sweet tooth. The Fair will take place right in the High School's parking lot, with plenty of space for the bouncy house, inflatable games, and challenges—both physical and mental.

**PURCHASE TICKETS**

**VOLUNTEER FOR THE FAIR**

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a fair scene. The background is a gradient of purple and blue. In the center, a large yellow and blue striped tent is the focal point. To the left, a food truck with a blue awning and a large ice cream cone sign is visible. To the right, another food truck with a blue awning and a sign for 'BOTTLED WATER' is shown. In the foreground, a man in a light blue shirt and blue pants walks towards the left, and a woman in a green shirt and green pants walks towards the right. The text 'SSCPS SPRING FAIR' is written in large, bold, white letters at the top, with '27 April 2024' below it. At the bottom, the address '100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA, 02061' is displayed. A white banner at the very bottom contains the text 'Games & Competition. Music. Food Trucks. Prizes.'

**100 Longwater Circle**

Norwell, MA, 02061

**Games & Competition. Music. Food Trucks. Prizes.**

The Fair is open to all SSCPS families and anyone in our community who would like to come together and experience the supportive environment we work to build daily. We encourage entire families to come and enjoy a day here. For those families with older children, the Fair serves as a great community service opportunity and a medium for parents to meet and exchange ideas over cotton candy or a delicious meal from one of our food vendors. For this reason, the Fair is not a drop-off event. Instead, it will be a huge event for our diverse community to fill up our parking lot and remind themselves why they come to SSCPS.

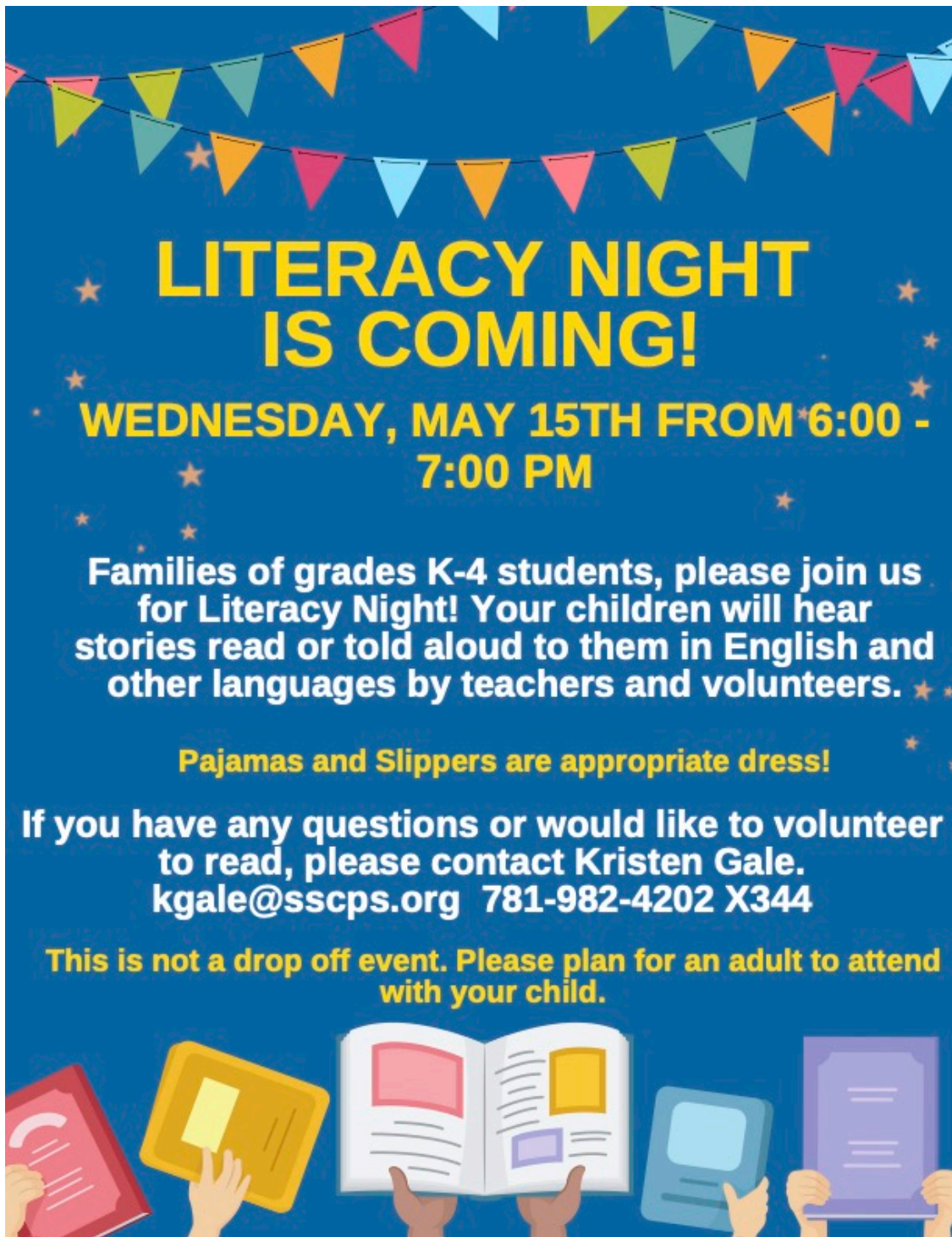
In terms of what to expect, families will be able to park on one side of the parking lot at 700 Longwater or 100 Longwater. We encourage everyone to purchase their tickets online ahead of time so that they can quickly join the fair. Tickets are only \$15 per person, but there is also a 20% discount for those who buy a 4-ticket bundle. Even more reason to bring the whole family! These tickets provide free access to any of our activity booths which offer games like cornhole and Spikeball as well as general arts & crafts and t-shirt tie-dye stations. On top of that, you receive one free voucher for our cotton candy booth. Speaking of food, throughout the entire event, there will always be at least one food truck stationed in the parking lot ready to serve any family. We are lucky enough to be able to host the Melt food truck, as well as The Sausage Guy and the #1 Ice Cream Truck. This food is not covered by a ticket, but we assure you that all of the food options are tasty for a great price.

We would love to see everyone and their families at the SSCPS Fair, so see below for the link to the SSCPS Fair Ticket Registration and purchase your tickets today.

## **PURCHASE TICKETS**

## **VOLUNTEER FOR THE FAIR**

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From the Health Office

## COVID-19 Guidelines for Massachusetts

MA DPH Health Guidelines - Updated

## Special School Announcements

### School Picture Orders

Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures

**ENJOY 10% OFF**  
**your order!**

**CODE: F202310OFF**

EXPIRES: May 1, 2024

[Redeem Now](#)

To order, log in to your account on [mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com) or create an account using your student's school ID number. Don't forget to order your FREE Digital SmileSafe card!

More about the Smilesafe program [here](#).

## Weekly Calendar

### Important School Calendar Update

The SSCPS Board of Trustees has voted to amend the school calendar to include an inclement weather makeup day on Monday, June 17, 2024.

Monday, June 17 will be a half day for all students.

Families observing Eid al-Adha may request an excused absence for religious observance in advance at [attendance@sscps.org](mailto:attendance@sscps.org).

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/24</b>	<b>MCAS ELA Level III</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/24</b>	<b>School Council Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a></b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/25</b>	<b>New High School Shadow Day</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/25</b>	<b>SSCPS ELPAC Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a></b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>04/26</b>	<b>Level IV Spring Dance at the PE Space</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04/27</b>	<b>Spring Campus Clean Up</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04/27</b>	<b>SSCPS Fair at 100 Longwater Circle</b>	<b>12-6pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/01</b>	<b>SSCPS Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting/ Conference Call</b>	<b>9:00am</b>

School Council [Meeting Zoom](#)

SSCPS ELPAC [Meeting Zoom](#)

## Community Events

**Check the links below for updates on community events!**

- [PYD Inclusive Music Program](#)
- [Holly Hill Farm - Spring Programs](#)
- [Girls Who Code Summer Program](#)
- [gbSTEM - Free STEM Courses](#)

## Important Links

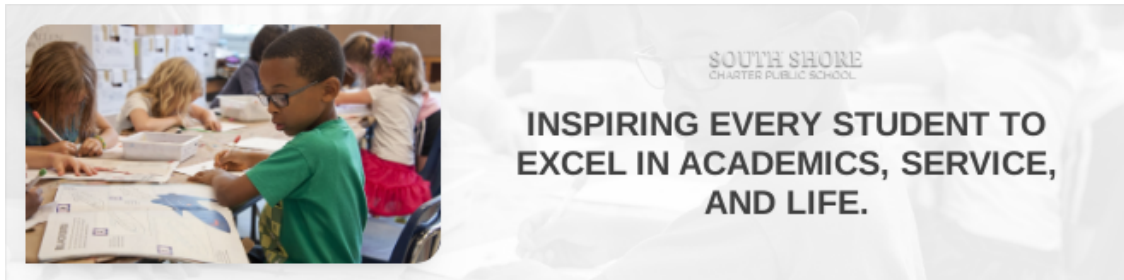
**Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org) every Wednesday.**

- [Afterschool Enrichment Program](#)
- DESE Student Attendance Letter Translated: [Arabic](#), [Cape Verdean Creole](#), [Chinese](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#)
- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Food Services](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- [Community Service](#)
- Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)

**School Documents:**

- 2023-2024 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](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.**



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