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A Message from Sheina

Dear SSCPS Community,

As we close out February and step into March, we embark on a journey to celebrate Women's History Month at South Shore Charter Public School. Throughout this month, we honor the incredible contributions, achievements, and resilience of women throughout history and in our present day.

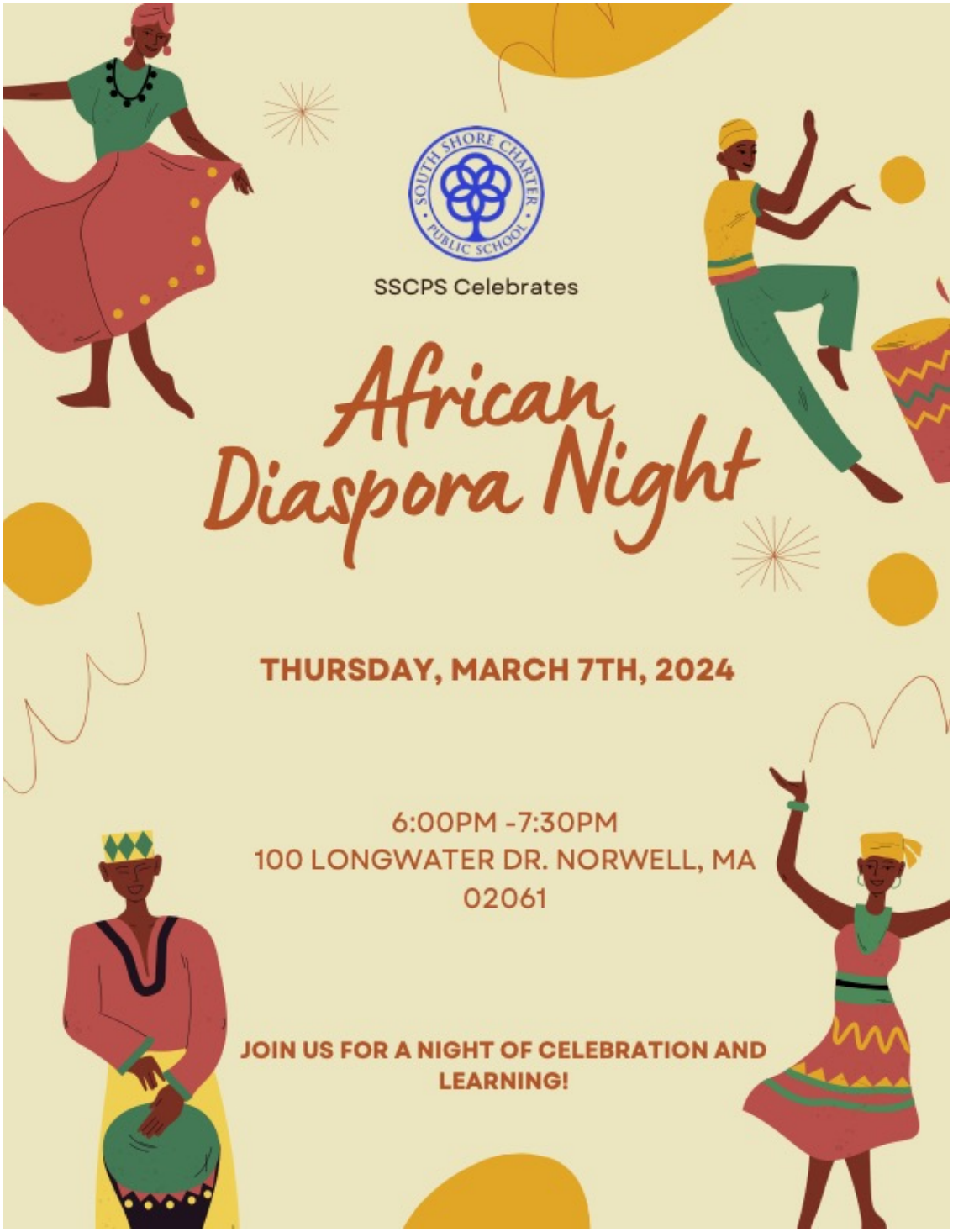
Join us in recognizing the trailblazers, visionaries, and everyday heroes who have shaped our world and continue to inspire us. During the month of March, through various activities, discussions, and events, we aim to highlight the diverse voices and experiences of women in our community and beyond.

Let's come together to uplift, empower, and amplify the voices of women, fostering an inclusive and equitable environment for all.

Stay tuned for updates on upcoming events and initiatives as we commemorate Women's History Month together.

Sincerely,
Sheina Prince-Eugene
Reading Teacher & Civil Rights Coordinator

Black History Month



To close out Black History Month, South Shore Charter Public School is proud to announce the return of our African Diaspora Night: Celebrating the Cultures of Africa and the African Diaspora. This enriching event is scheduled for March 7th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and is tailored for students and families.

African Diaspora Night is designed to mirror the interactive and educational framework of our Literacy Night. However, instead of journeying through a series of rooms to hear stories, attendees will embark on an exploration of diverse African cultures and the heroes who have emerged from these cultures as they have evolved across the diaspora. This

presents a unique opportunity for both children and adults to engage with and learn directly from individuals who have personal ties to these rich traditions.

We are thrilled about the prospect of delving into the vast array of traditions and cultures that span the globe, as shared by our students' families. To further enrich this cultural tapestry, we encourage children to attend dressed in their families' traditional attire, celebrating the diversity and vibrancy of our community.

We are delighted to have presenters representing Nigeria, Haiti, Jamaica, among others. If you hail from a country within the vast African Diaspora and wish to share your heritage with us, please do not hesitate to reach out. Sheina Prince-Eugene at **Sprince@sscps.org**.

Your participation and contributions are what will make this event a meaningful and unforgettable experience for our school community.

Sheina Prince-Eugene
Reading Teacher and Civil Rights Coordinator

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High School Students

Level IV and Healthy You Project

Faculty and Staff

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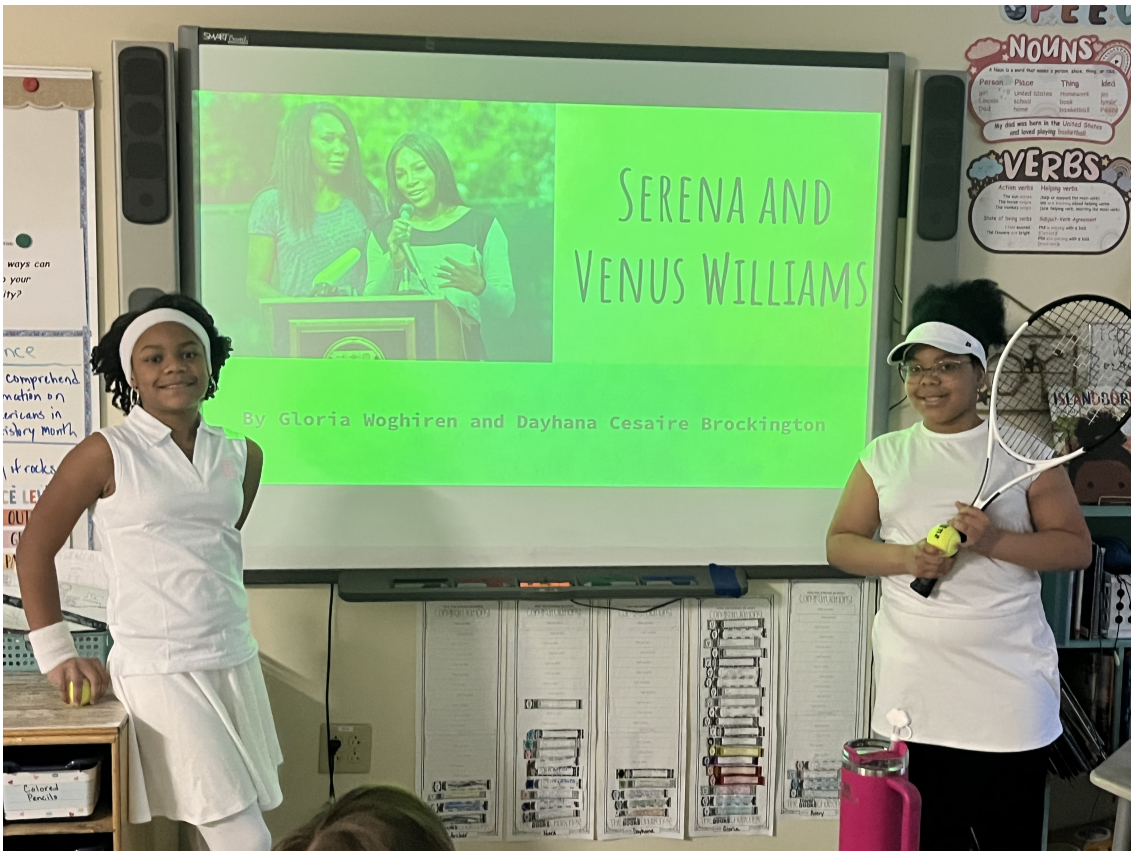
On the Levels

LEVEL II

Biography Reports in Nicole’s 4th Grade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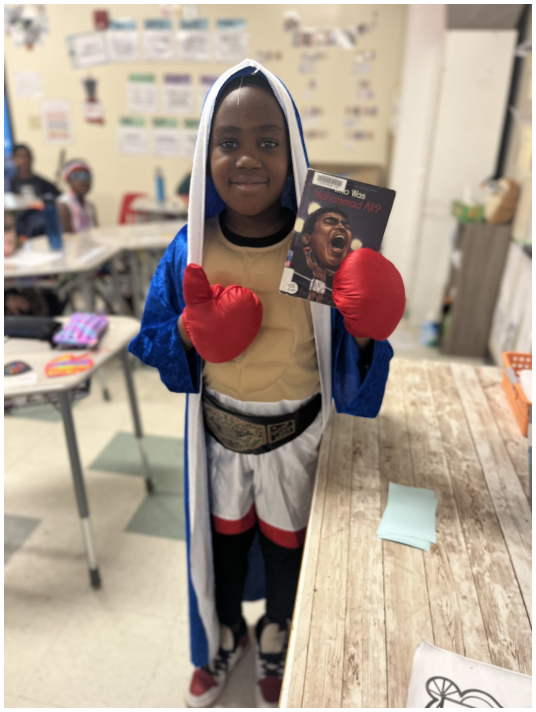

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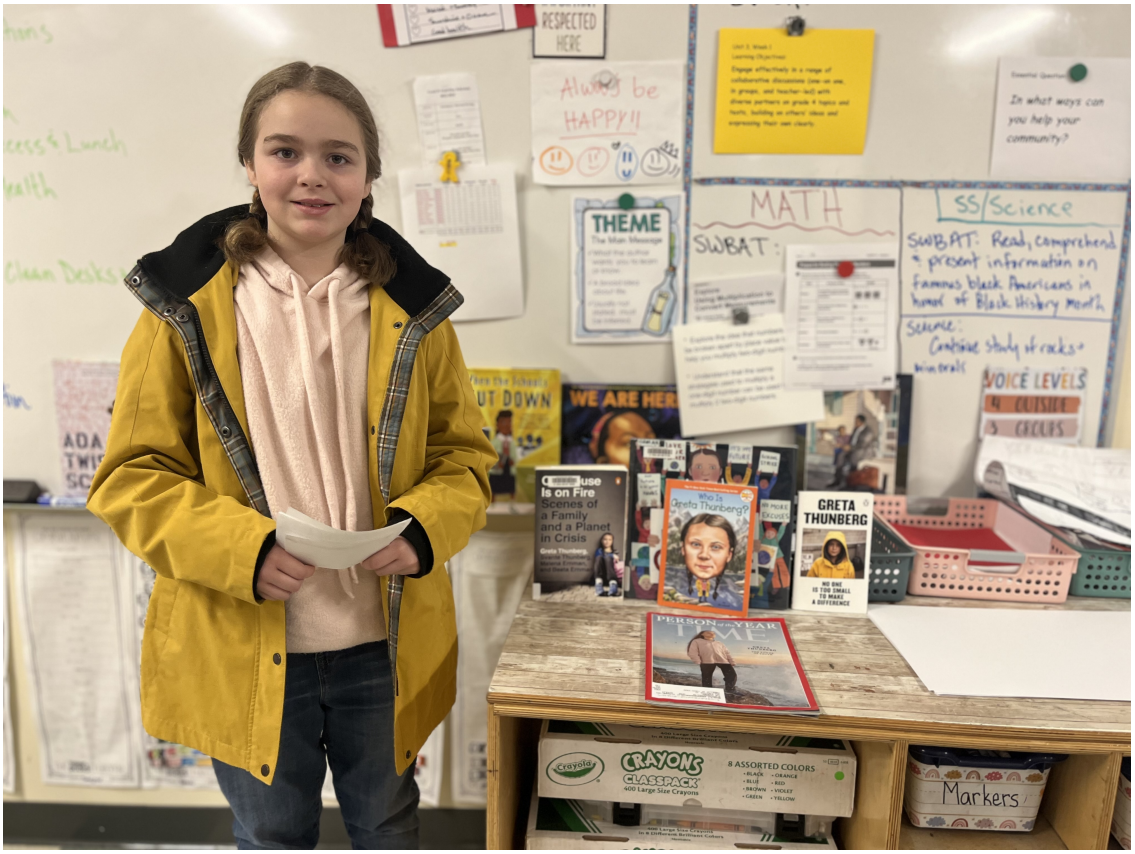
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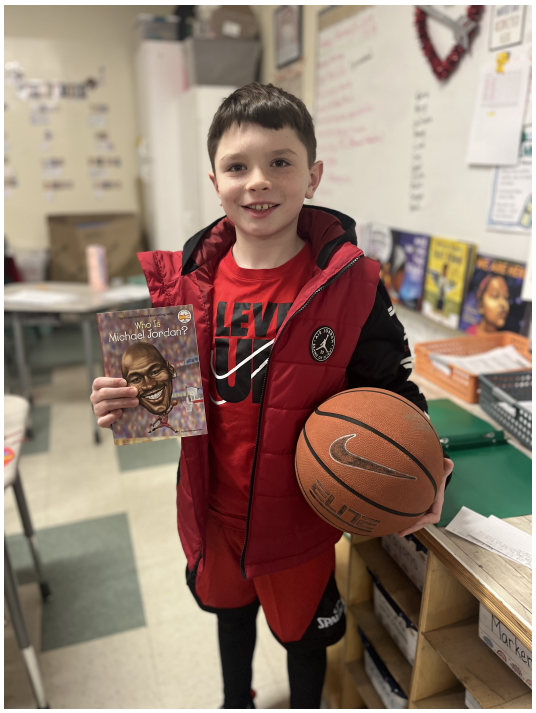
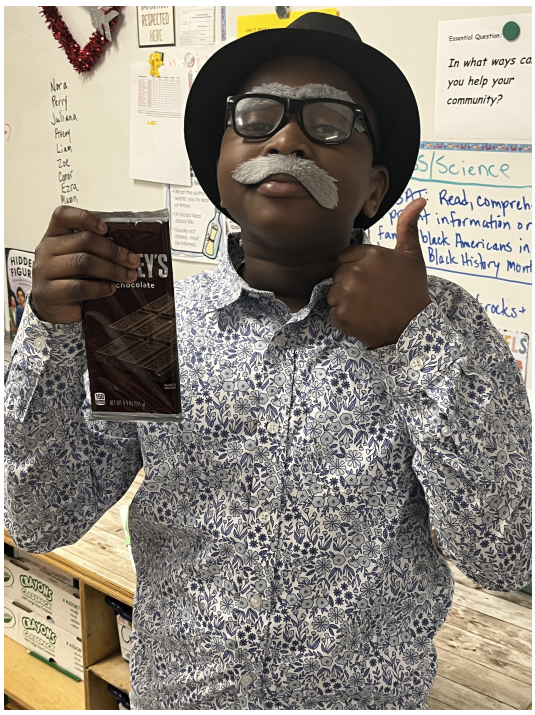


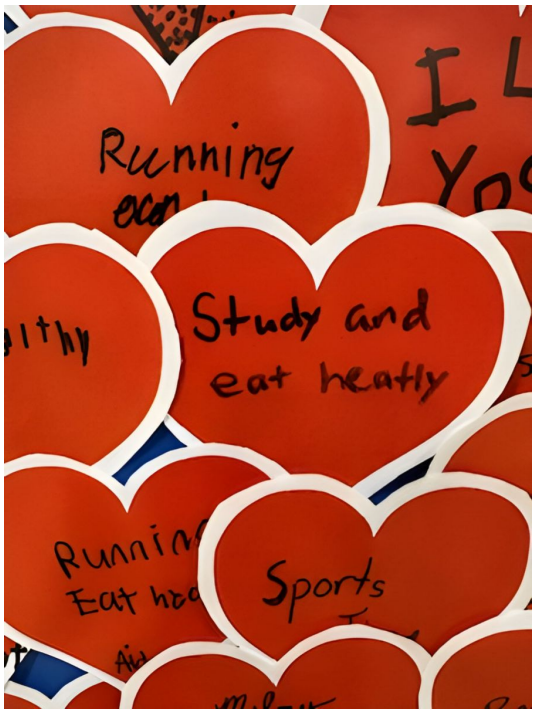


From the Physical Education Department

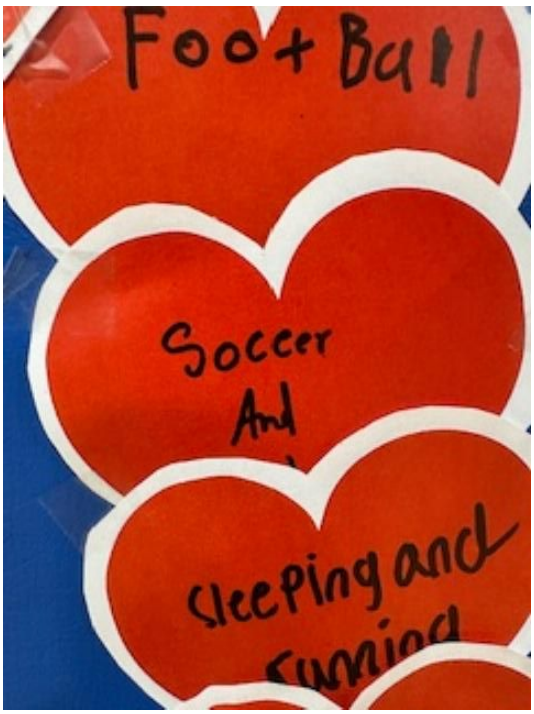
The Kids Heart Challenge has almost reached its goal!

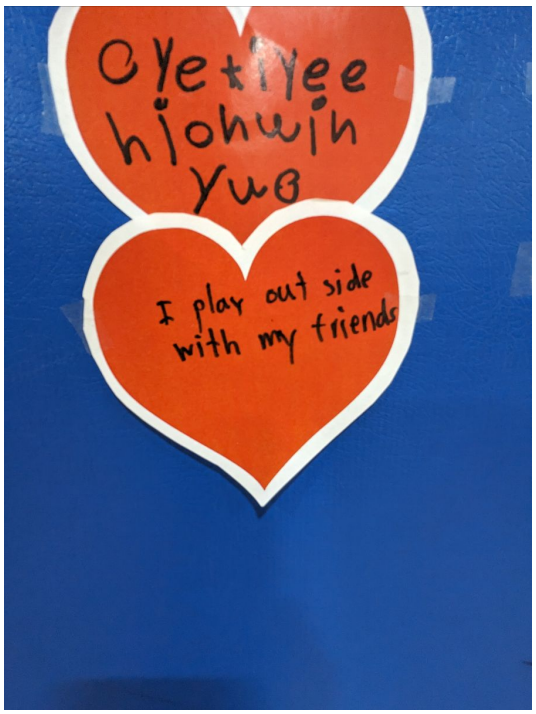
In the month of February, the Physical Education department has been partnering with the American Heart Association by hosting the Kids Heart Challenge in grades K-4.

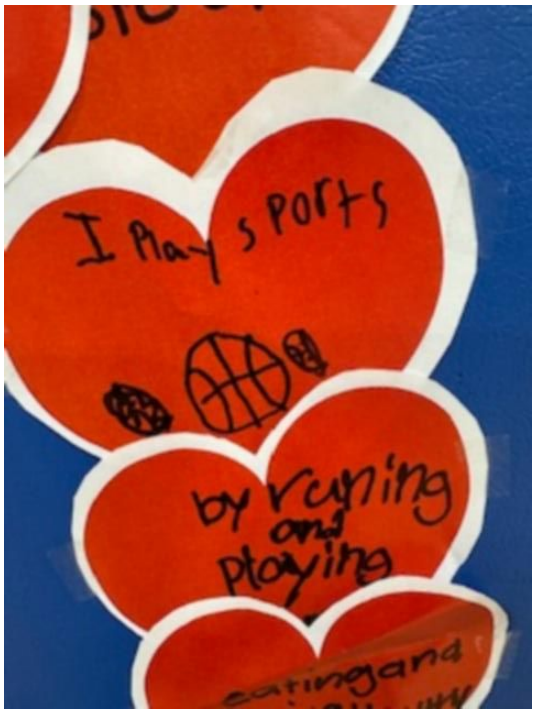
Throughout the month, we thoroughly enjoyed teaching lessons on the function of the heart, the importance of heart health and how a healthy lifestyle can positively impact us socially, emotionally, and physically.



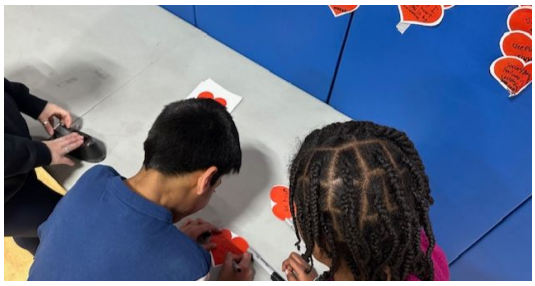
Students participated in fun heart healthy fitness activities in class and got a chance to reflect on their own health. Every student in K-4 wrote how they kept their hearts healthy. With their efforts, they displayed that SSCPS has heart.







We are almost at our goal of raising $5000, which goes to the American Heart Association and the PE Department. Thank you to all the families and friends of SSCPS that have donated and to the students that have raised money for this great cause. We are currently at 89% of our goal and need a few more donations to get there! It is not too late! Follow this **link** to learn more.

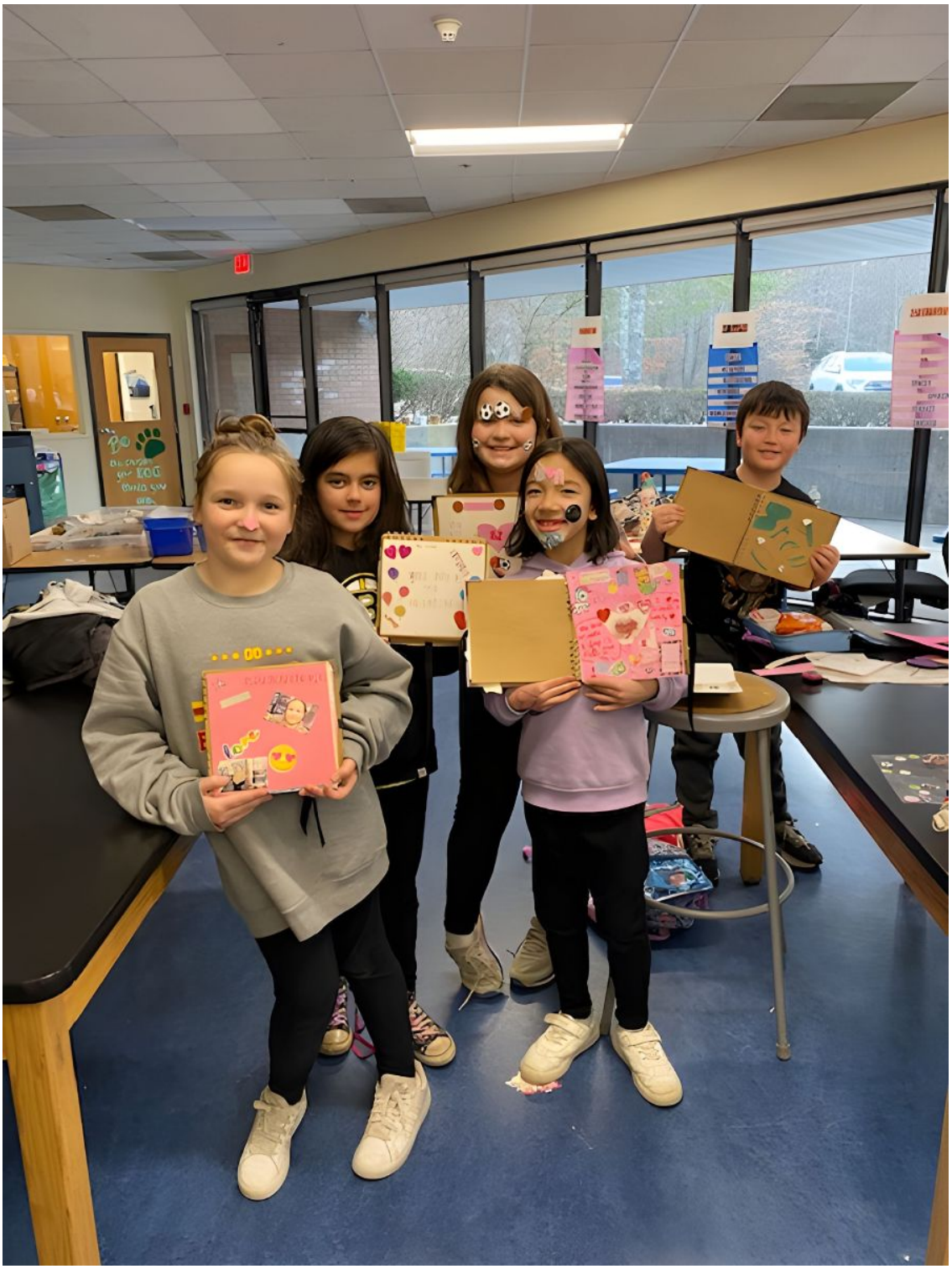


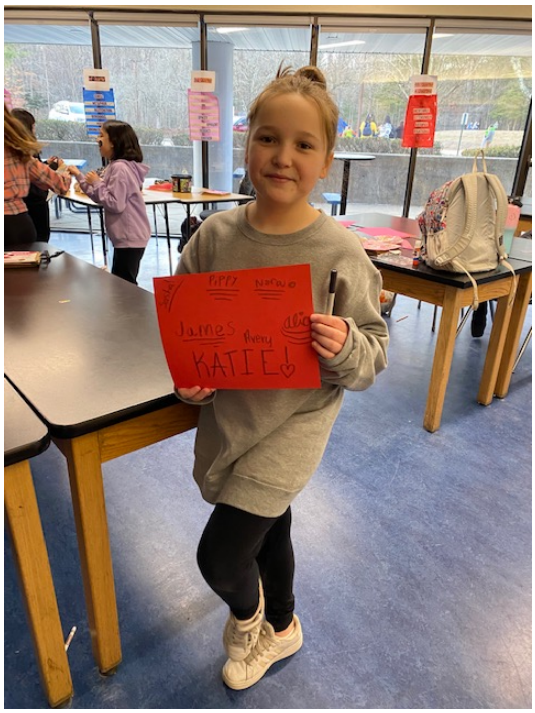
Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

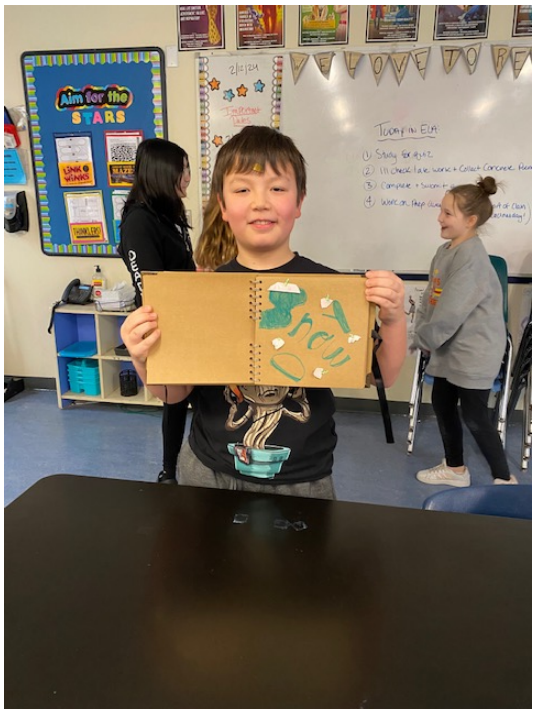
Afterschool Enrichment Program - Session II

Levels II and III

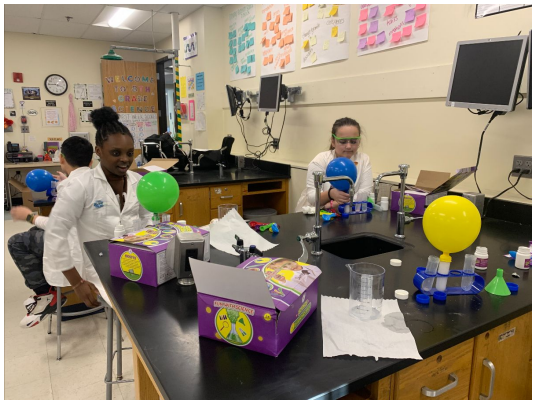
Scrapbooking Club





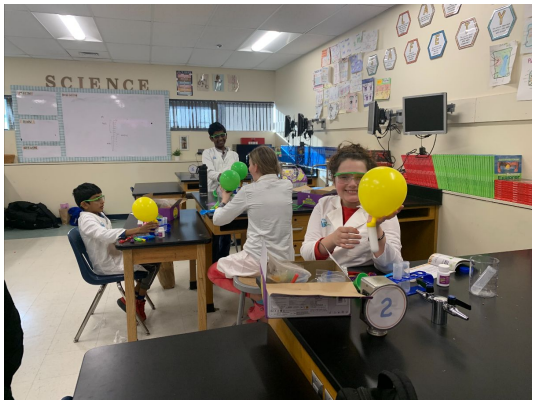


Chemical Creations - Week 4

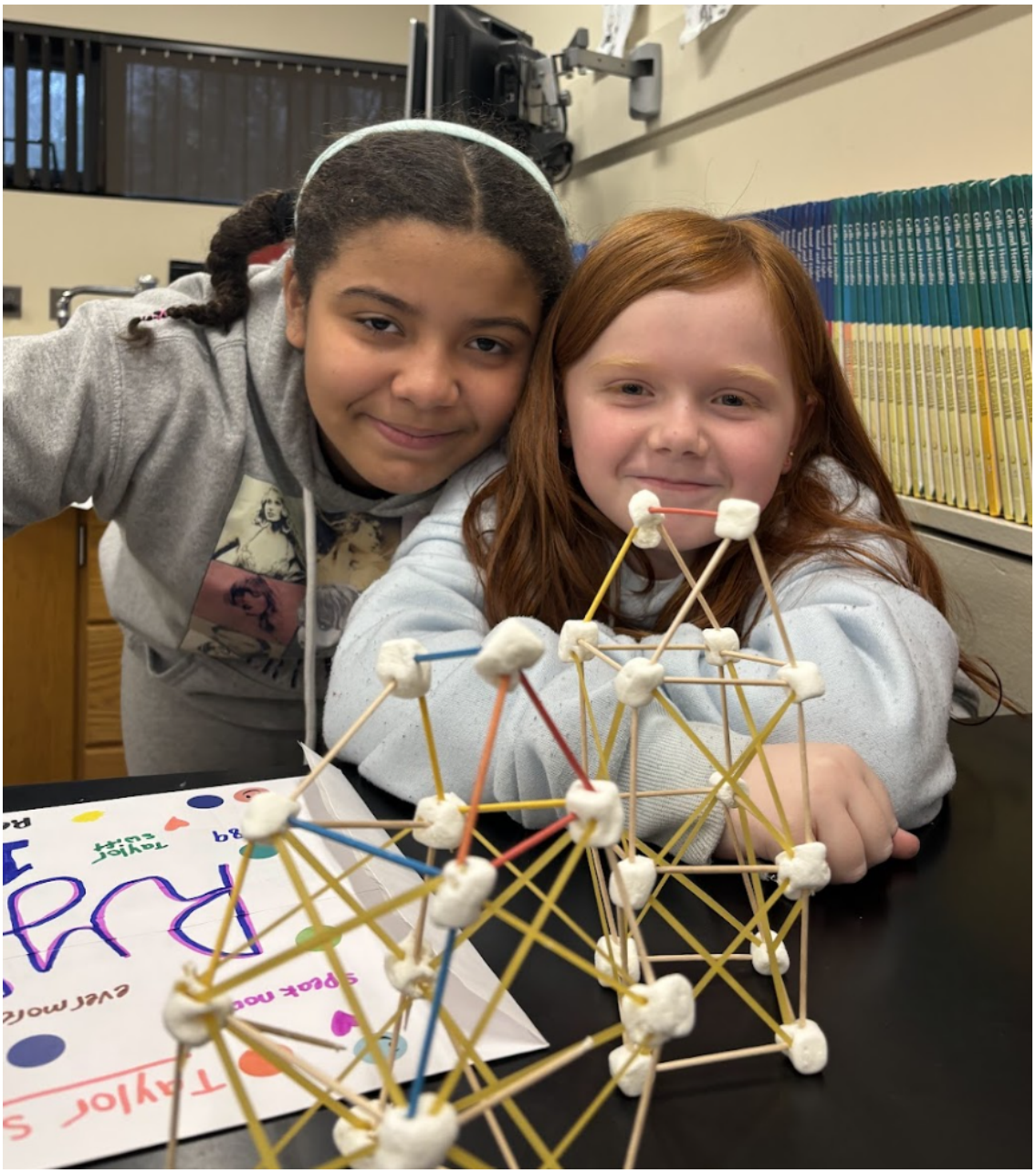


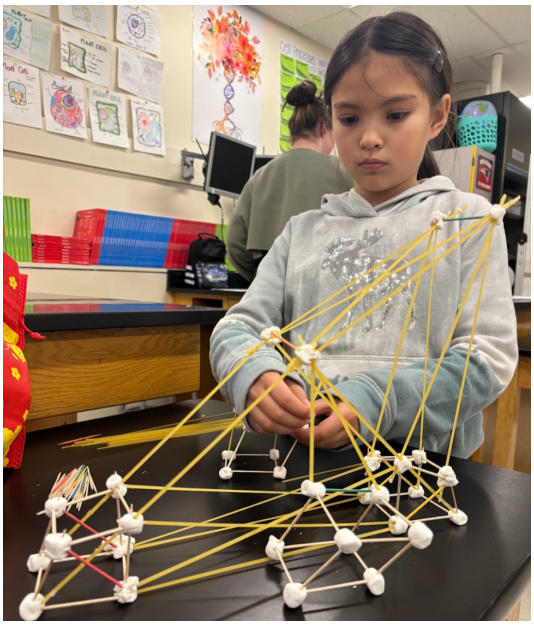
In week 4, we delved into acids and bases, which are everyday substances found all around us, each with its own distinctive taste. Acids are sour like lemon juice, while bases taste bitter like soap. They're like chemistry superheroes and villains, mixing things up and causing color changes. Using indicators like litmus paper or phenolphthalein helps us identify acids (which turn it colorless) and bases (which turn it purple).

Students mixed solutions of citric acid and baking soda (which is a base) in a test tube. The solutions react and create a gas called carbon dioxide. This gas fills up a balloon attached to the bottle, making it inflate like magic! It's all about the fizz and the fun happening right inside the test tube and kids love it!

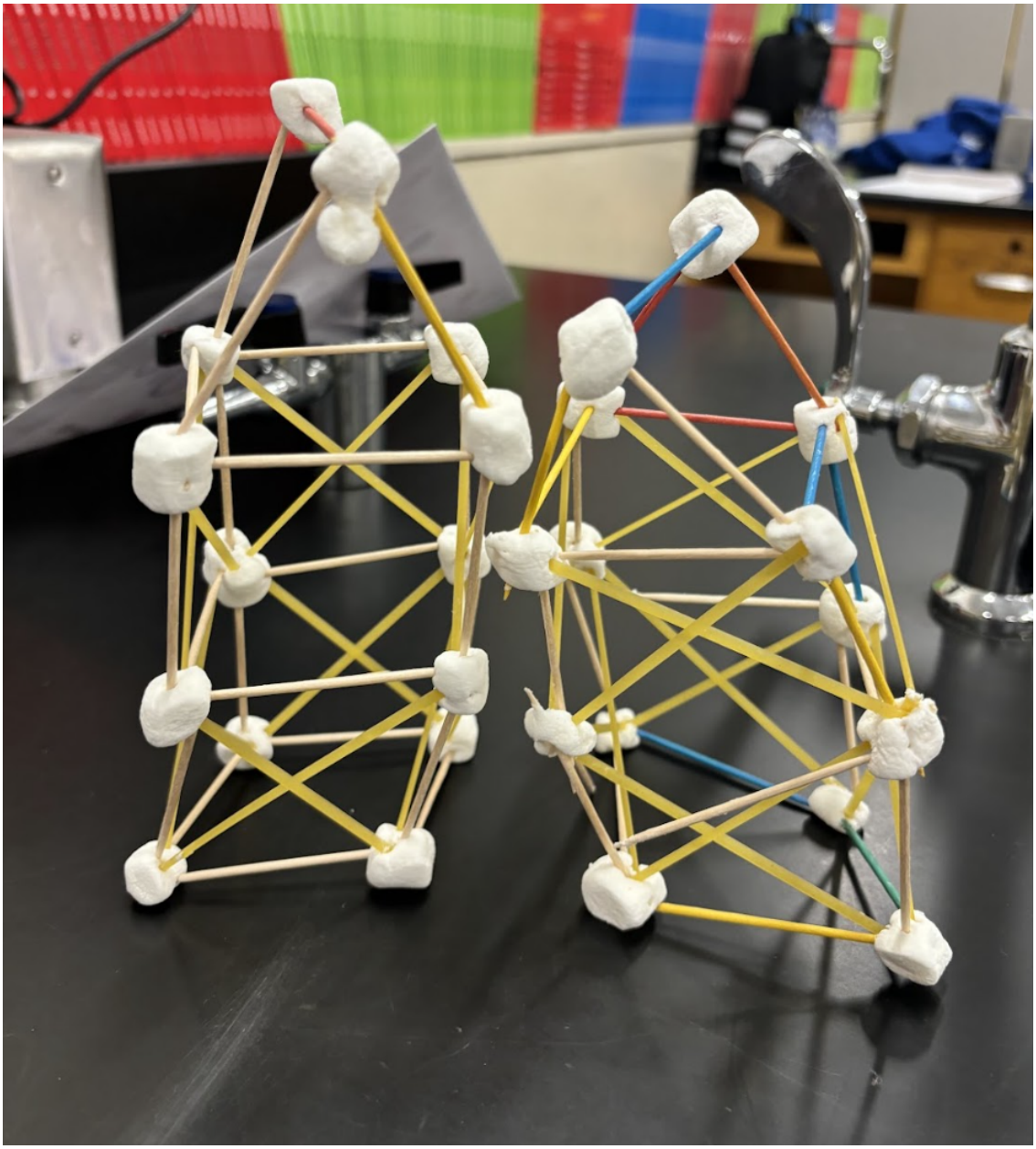


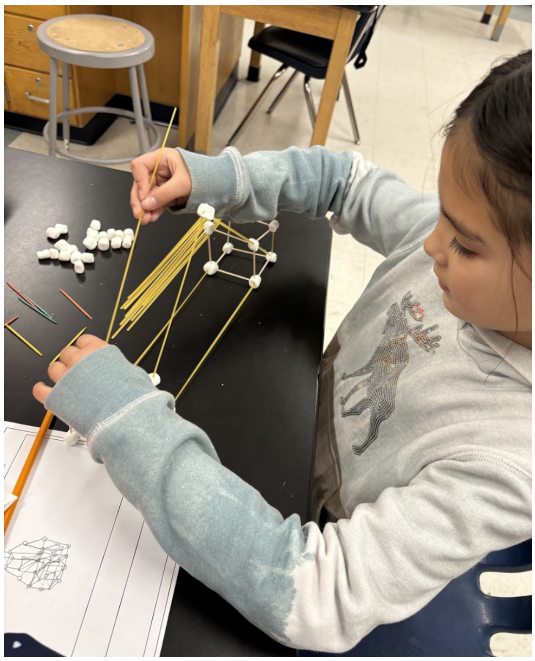
Crafty Chemists Club on Prototypes

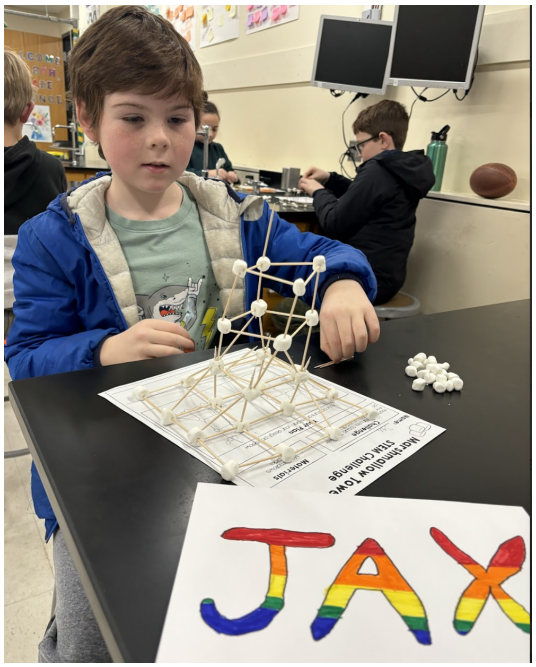




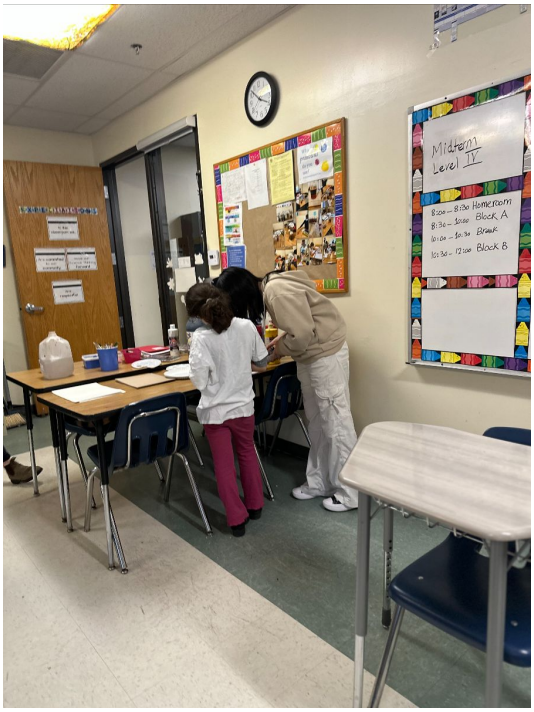
Students got to utilize their creativity and engineering skills in an effort to create the tallest tower out of mini marshmallows, spaghetti, and toothpicks. Thanks again for the toothpicks, Angie! Students learned the importance of sketching and planning out their ideas on paper to make the most of their limited supplies. After their sketch was approved, they got to build a prototype and compare the pros and cons of their designs with their classmates before finishing their build. Along with the help of our highschool volunteers, each group measured the height of their towers and a winning tower was chosen!







Painting Pioneers Club



Students in the Painting Pioneers enrichment class continue to develop their skills and practice techniques that allow them to explore a multitude of different subjects and styles

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

Cradles to Crayons is kicking off the 17th Annual Bruins PJ Drive, in partnership with the **Boston Bruins**, the **Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners**, and **Wonderfund**! Their goal is to collect 10,000 pairs of brand-new pajamas between now and March 15 to benefit children in need.

Register to host a PJ Drive using the button below. You can register as a group or as an individual, and we encourage you to engage friends, neighbors, classmates, colleagues, and others to help collect pajamas and increase your impact. If you would like to support

the Bruins PJ Drive by simply donating pajamas directly, you can do so through our **Amazon Wish List**.

HOST A PJ DRIVE **PJ DRIVE WISH LIST**

You can register to host a PJ Drive at any point until the program concludes on March 15, at which point prizes will be awarded to the three groups that have collected the most pairs of pajamas!

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

Parents Association, SEPAC, and ELPAC

SSCPS SEPAC
Family Movie Day
Kung Fu Panda 4 at The Cameo in South Weymouth
Sunday March 10th
Doors open at 10:30am, movie starts at 11am
Tickets are $9 each.
Venmo preferred: Rachel-Brodeur-5
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South Shore Charter Public School
ELPAC MEETING
ZOOM MEETING ID: 874 8193 7020
PASSCODE: 983709
WEDNESDAY
13
MARCH
6:PM
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.
Meet other parents
Learn about our mission
Discuss important information
For More Information
Contact: Sheina Prince-Eugene or Matt Tondorf

Save the Date!

Next PA meeting will be held on March 19, 2024 at 6:30pm.
Meeting Location: 700 Longwater Drive and Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link

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:
April
Week of 4/1 - Fold/pic
4/9 - Donate
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.

Strategic Planning | Family Focus Group Update

Registration for the Next Series of Family Focus Groups is Now Open!

South Shore Charter Public School Family Focus Groups

Focus Group	Location	Date
Focus Group 3	Tufts Library | Weymouth	Tuesday, February 27, 2024 6:00 pm
Focus Group 4	Main Library | Brockton Public Library	Monday, February 26, 2024 6:00 pm
Focus Group 5	Turner Free Library | Randolph	Wednesday, February 28, 2024 6:00 pm
Focus Group 6	Thomas Crane Public Library | Quincy	Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:00 pm
Focus Group 7/*Kreyòl Ayisyen*	Virtual via Zoom	Tuesday, March 12, 2024 6:00 pm
Focus Group 8	Virtual via Zoom	Friday, March 1, 2024 12:30 pm

Thank you all who participated in this week's Family Focus Group. It was wonderful to see so many of our families ready to help as we chart our course over the next five years.

You are invited to join us at any one of the next sessions. We welcome all who can attend. Although preregistration is not necessary, it will help our planning. Please find the upcoming schedule and registration for Family Focus Groups 5-8 below.

Register for Focus Group 5-8

Annual Family Survey

The SSCPS Annual Family Survey is a pivotal tool for strategic planning. Over the past four years we have experienced strong family participation in the survey, and we hope to achieve and surpass the high level of engagement this year. We are asking each SSCPS family to participate in the survey by reflecting on the first half of the academic year, as well

as your overall SSCPS experience, to give us more insight during the strategic planning process.

Your feedback is invaluable as we strive for continuous improvement and work to provide the best possible educational experience for our students. Your input contributes significantly to maintaining a positive school culture and enriching student life, which are top priorities for our school. In addition to the strategic plan, data collected will be reviewed by the SSCPS Board of Trustees during the July meeting. During this meeting, the Board will assess key measures defining student achievement, institutional strength, and areas of growth. It is in this way that survey data collected will not only inform day-to-day enhancements, but will also play a crucial role in institutional planning for the future.

To ensure we capture diverse perspectives, we request the participation of every SSCPS family by Friday, March 1, 2024. Below please find links to the SSCPS 2024 Annual Family Survey. The survey should take approximately 15 minutes. We greatly appreciate your participation and commitment to the South Shore Charter Public School.

SSCPS 2024 Annual Family Survey

Special School Announcements

School Picture Orders

To order, log in to your account on **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

Wednesday	**02/28**	**Strategic Planning Family Focus Group – Turner Free Library, Randolph**	**6:00pm**
Thursday	**02/29**	**Enrollment Application Deadline** **Intent to Return Forms Due**	
Thursday	**02/29**	**Strategic Planning Family Focus Group – Thomas Crane Library, Quincy**	**6:00pm**
Friday	**03/01**	**Strategic Planning Family Focus Group via Zoom**	**12:00pm**
Friday	**03/01**	**2nd Trimester ends for Grades K-4**	
Tuesday	**03/05**	**Strategic Planning Committee Meeting – 700 Longwater Drive**	**10:30am**
Wednesday	**03/06**	**Executive Committee Meeting – 100 Longwater Circle**	**9:00am**
Wednesday	**03/06**	**Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom**	**6:00pm**
Thursday	**03/07**	**African Diaspora Night at 100 Longwater Circle**	**6:00pm**

Community Events

Check the links below for updates on community events!

-PYD Inclusive Music Program
-Holly Hill Farm - Winter 2024 Educational Enrichment Sessions
-Black History Month - Community Events
-Girls Who Code Summer Program
-gbSTEM - Free STEM Courses

Important Links

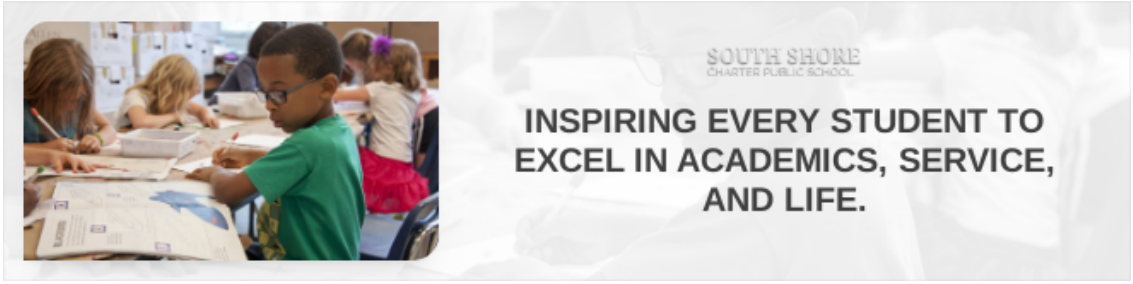
Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

- 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 to submit SSCPS items for publication.



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