

The Boulevard Beat

A Monthly Newsletter from SBS - September 2016
Edition

**Don't forget to vote tomorrow for the
SDOC Referendum!**

The Principal's Place

Dear SBS Community,

Believe it or not, our first month of school will come to a close later this week. Thank you so much for all of your hard work in making the transition into this year a special one. I can certainly empathize with how difficult it is to adjust your family's schedules, realign routines, and ensure that your children are prepared for school each and every day. Our success as a school community begins and ends with your diligent efforts at home, and we're grateful to have the best partners in education out there!

Likened to the adjustments that you have made at home this month, we've been busy tightening our routines and preparing for some fantastic upcoming events. I'd like to encourage everyone to take a few moments to review the [2016-17 Parent Handbook](#). This is a comprehensive resource that brings continuity to the operation of our school, and helps to answer many questions that typically surface early in the year.

In particular, please review the [pick up and drop off map](#) to ensure safe and timely arrivals and departures for our students. The text included in the map is specifically designed to get everyone on the same page, and our children's safety at these busy times is dependent upon our common understandings of the procedures. Just a reminder, parents are encouraged to remain in their vehicles. If you need to get out for any reason, please see one of the staff members outside to let them know, and they will direct you on where you can temporarily park. When we all work together, we can accomplish anything!

There are two more important procedural reminders that I would like to emphasize, both of which are essential to the safety of our students. First, please review your contact information in the parent portal for accuracy, and provide accurate emergency contact information. Secondly, if your child's dismissal will be different from your designated plan on any given day, please report this change to the main office before noon. This will ensure enough time for us to get the messages to the necessary personnel, and avoid confusion and unnecessary alarm at the end of the school day.

Our talented staff members are very excited for our upcoming Back to School Night. Details were emailed home from Mrs. Kepler on 9/16/16, and will continue to be attached to the weekly FYI as we lead up to this special event. Please review the procedures prior to the evening to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable experience.

Lastly, I encourage you to stay in touch with our weekly FYI messages and our school calendar. There are several events and opportunities on the horizon, and I'm looking forward to another amazing year of partnering with you to provide meaningful learning and lasting memories for our students.

Respectfully yours,

Robert Gardella

Line-Ups on the First Day of School



The Nurse's Nook

Hi, Parents,

It is great to have the school year back in swing! I'm so happy to be reunited with returning students and I love meeting our new children and their families as September brings us all together.

Some questions have been raised recently about administration of medication in school. So I thought I would address this subject in today's Boulevard Beat.

While most medications (such as antibiotics, seasonal allergy medications, long-acting ADHD medications) are given by parents at home, occasionally, students will require the administration of medication during school hours. In these cases, there are regulations that govern how this can be done.

First, in order for me to administer any medication in school (prescription or over-the-counter), I must receive both a signed legal doctor's order and a parent signature. Our [District Medication Authorization Form](#) is designed to provide both.



Second, all medication must be supplied in the original, labeled container.

Third, for the safety of your child and all others, medication must be delivered to the nurse by an adult. Medication should never be sent to school in a child's backpack.

As the year progresses, if you find that changes in your child's health may warrant the administration of medication during school, please contact me so we can work together to plan for your child's care. If you would like more information on medications at school, please refer to the information on my [webpage](#).

~Karen Leister, RN

Library Lowdown

Welcome Back! We hope you had a great summer!

Last year from September 2015 to June 2016 the library circulated 55,083 books and materials! That's fantastic!

We are excited to start a new school year. All classes have visited the library. Library books are due back each week on your child's scheduled library day.



We are very proud of the SBS students who read for the **Library of the Chathams summer reading program**. Ms. Fish from the Library of the Chathams reported that **110 students** participated from Southern Boulevard School. Together they read a total of **2,600 books!**

Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered to assist in the library this year! We are grateful for your assistance! Thank you to Mrs. Sasaki, our P.T.O. Library Chairperson for organizing the schedule. If you have any questions or concerns about our library program, please feel free to contact us in the SBS Library Media Center.

Birthday Books

Donated by Jack Davenport:

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Hi Fly Guy

Super Fly Guy

Hooray for Fly Guy

Charlie Cook's Favorite Book

Tawny Scrawny Lion

Baby Animals

The Color Kittens

Dinosaur Atlas

Donated by Sam Kelliher:

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Donated by Jack Vogt:

If you Give a Mouse a Cookie

The Design Den

Welcome Families, to the Design Den!

Design and Technology is an exciting class where students



Design and Technology is an exciting class where students create innovative solutions to hands-on design challenges throughout the year. In class, we have been learning about the engineering design process. The engineering design process consists of five steps: Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create and Improve. Students use the design process to help them solve a problem or overcome a challenge they are presented with in class. Here's what we have been doing in class these past few weeks:



Kindergarten students have been learning that engineers are problem solvers. We recently solved a problem in our first ever engineering design challenge.

Ask your child to describe our pet turtle, Peekaboo's problem and what he needed an engineer to do for him.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade students are exploring ways to create strong structures using "not very strong" materials. Each grade is exploring the strength of different materials.

Ask your child about the design they are creating.

Have an Outstanding October!

Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)

PTO Posts

Welcome to our SBS Families!

I hope everyone's school year is off to a wonderful start. The SBS PTO Executive Board, our crew of [phenomenal committee chairs](#) and I are all ready for a fun and eventful year!

Summer was busy welcoming many new families to Southern Boulevard and I thank our New Family Welcome Committee for putting out such a warm welcome. Our After School Enrichment Team put together a phenomenal Fall ASE program. Registration has ended but we look forward to classes starting on October 5th. Any day now, the shade canopy that was purchased by last year's PTO will be installed on the playground. The date of our annual spring fundraiser, Tee Off with SBS, has been set for May 1, 2017 at Fairmount Country Club. Please mark your calendars!

To stay up-to-date with what is going on around SBS, I highly recommend attending our [monthly PTO Meetings](#). They are typically held on the second Tuesday of every month at 9:15 am in the Library. Our first PTO Meeting was a success with Dr. Michael LaSusa visiting us to discuss the upcoming referendum. We hope to have many more guest speakers at future meetings.

Lastly, the PTO could not run any of our wonderful programs or events without the generosity of our community. Your contributions directly fund our activities and enable us to continue to provide valuable and useful gifts to the school each year. To that end, I ask you to consider making a donation of any size to our [Fund for SBS](#) to help us carry out our mission to support and enrich the SBS experience.

Thank you so much for your support of the PTO!

Jennifer Donoghue
SBS PTO President 2016-2017

Thanks to the generosity of our PTO,

we now have this great walking track
on the upper field. Check it out!



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