

The Boulevard Beat

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM SBS - OCTOBER 2016 EDITION

THE PRINCIPAL'S PLACE

Dear SBS Community,

I hope that this message finds you well. October was an excellent month here at SBS. With the support of the PTO, we celebrated a Week of Respect in which we were reminded of the importance of treating each other with compassion, acceptance and kindness. Our students focused on feeling confident and empowered to stand up if they notice a peer has been mistreated. We gathered together as a community for Back to School Night and Harvest Night, and we're preparing for a fantastic Halloween parade. Please see my letter from this week's FYI for specific details, including our new parade route.

November will be another exciting month at school, highlighted by HOPE Week 2016. If you are not familiar with HOPE Week, or simply would like to revisit our amazing HOPE Week history, I would encourage you to visit [our website](#) and click the "Media" tab in the center of the page. This time of year is filled with opportunities to attend events and/or volunteer, and I appreciate all of the time that this community gives to our school!

We have our first Coffee and Conversation coming up on 11/17. This is an evening event in which all parents are welcome to come to chat with me about anything that may be on your mind. Sharing ideas in this way will only benefit our school community as we continue to move forward. As always, feel free to contact me directly if you have any comments, concerns or ideas to share about all things SBS.

Sincerely,

Robert Gardella
Principal

CAMERON & MEGAN PRESENT MR. GARDELLA WITH A "RESPECT NATURE" CARD DURING WEEK OF RESPECT





THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Introducing Mrs. White!

I'm very pleased to introduce SBS' newest staff member, Mrs. Lisa White. Mrs. White is going to be working at SBS as an interim school counselor. She holds a Masters Degree in School Counseling, and formerly worked with families at the Arc of Somerset County where she developed a unique approach and skill set that translates very nicely. I'm very confident that you will find Mrs. White to be a resourceful, responsive and supportive member of our school community. Feel free to reach out to her directly with any questions or concerns. lgrylls-white@chatham-nj.org.

Welcome, Mrs. White!

THE NURSE'S NOOK

We're staring down the flu season; each year we truly dread it.

Our school is like a petri-dish—it's KIDS that really spread it.

Cough, sore throat and fever of 100.4 or more—

This is how we know the flu has just walked through the door.

While there's no escaping that, at times, we ALL get sick.

There ARE some things that we can do—We'll run down them real quick.

Drink lots of water, get plenty of rest.

Sneeze into your elbow, cough into your vest.

These simple routines will protect you each day

And they'll help you help others to keep germs away.

A squirt of Purell? You've got to be wiser

Cuz you won't stay healthy using hand sanitizer!

Want a better idea? Then here's what to do:

Use SOAP AND WATER—it's the best thing for you.

In the great thermometer, we are all believers.

When checking for a fever, the kiss is the "great deceiver".

Before you send the kids to school, it's only fair to all

To whip out the thermometer to make the perfect call.

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Let's rethink this message and let's do it in reverse—

Some extra time at home is a better way to play it.

For the sake of everyone at school, stay home!! (We had to say it.)

LIBRARY LOWDOWN

HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM THE SBS LIBRARY!

We have been sharing numerous Halloween stories in the library. Students have been learning about fiction and non-fiction. Kindergarten learned about non-fiction through the book *The Pumpkin Patch*, by Elizabeth King. They learned about the life cycle of these great gourds! In addition, they heard the classic fiction story *Old Witch Rescues Halloween*, by Harry and Wende Devlin along with other great Halloween stories. First graders have made numerous text-to-text connections to the original Frankenstein story by hearing such stories as *Porkenstein*, by Kathryn Lasky, *Maddie's Monster Dad*, by Scott Gibala-Broxholm, and *Frankie Stein*, by Lola M. Schaefer. Second and third graders have learned how to use the Follett Destiny system to locate library books and materials. They have done a stupendous job and are starting to become more independent in locating materials. In addition, second and third graders performed the Reader's Theater script *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*, by Linda Williams. Reader's Theater is a strategy that combines reading practice and performing. Its goal is to enhance students' reading skills and confidence by having them practice reading with a purpose. Reader's Theater gives students a real reason to read aloud.



Today we had our annual Halloween puppet show in the library. Witchie, Grieselda, Lady Zsa Zsa, the triplets and the SBS puppet ensemble dazzled the students with a story of Halloween fun! Ralphie, an SBS student is transported into Video Game Land through the magical wooden pumpkin on the SBS front lawn. Thanks to all the staff who assisted with our annual Halloween puppet show! Have a fun-filled Halloween!



BIRTHDAY BOOKS

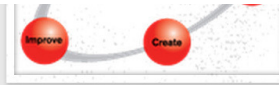
Laura Hodges: *Max Cleans Up*, by Rosemary Wells

THE DESIGN DEN

Welcome Families, to the Design Den!



Kindergarten students have been practicing their skills on the computer and have been learning about the “Power Keys” on a keyboard. **Ask your child to identify some “Power Keys” on a keyboard in your home. Some examples of power keys: ENTER, SPACE, BACKSPACE, SHIFT etc...**



1st Grade students have been using the steps of the design process to solve a problem. They are focusing on *IMPROVE* and using their observations to guide their improvements. **Ask your child how they plan to IMPROVE their design? What did they observe during testing that makes them want to do that?**

2nd Grade students have been using the steps of the design process to solve a problem. They are focusing on *IMPROVE* and using their observations as evidence to guide their improvements. **Ask your child to explain their improvements to their design. Ask them to cite their evidence for these changes.**

3rd Grade students are beginning to *CREATE* and *IMPROVE* their designs! **Ask your child to explain how their design solution will solve the problem. How will they know what needs to be improved in the design?**

Have an Fantastic November!

Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)

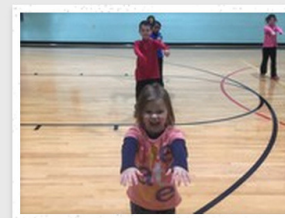
THE WELLNESS ZONE

Throughout the month of October, health classes have been busy with many topics. All grades learned about fire prevention during Fire Prevention Week which was the week of October 9th. The classes discussed and practiced their crawling low under smoke techniques and how to stop, drop, and roll. Be sure to have an escape plan and check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors!



Our second and third graders have been “digging deep” into the topic of bones and skeletons. How many bones are in the human body? What is a skeleton? And how and what do bones protect have been a few questions that our SBS paleontologists have been answering.

Check out these first graders getting their monster groove on during a line dance called the Monster Mash in Phys. Ed class!



Just a friendly reminder that as we approach the colder months, please remember to have your child either wear or bring sneakers on their PE days. We hope everyone has a safe, fun, and Happy Halloween!

Mr. Stevens and Mr. Dalton

OUR KINDERGARTNERS VISIT THE CHATHAM TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT



PTO POSTS

Happy Halloween to our Southern Boulevard families! We hope you all enjoyed Harvest Night, which is just one of the many family-friendly events we hold for the SBS community. We hope you will continue to join us for the many events we have planned as the year progresses! Our dedicated volunteers have been hard at work as the school year is well underway and we had another busy month. October started out strong with a successful Back to School Night. This year was a little different as we allowed outside community members to set up in the gym and I think we started a new tradition. The Sunshade is up on the playground and totally transforms the space. **Thank you to our generous parent community!**

Please mark your calendars for a few important upcoming dates:

***11/8 PTO Meeting** - Join us at 9:15 am in the Media Center.

***11/14-11/18 - HOPE Week:** Our SBS week of community service returns, be on the lookout for further information.

Computer Science Education Week December 12th - The SBS PTO STEM Committee is looking for parents to share their experiences in the technology field with SBS students. We are looking for parents to do a brief 10 -15 minute, age appropriate presentation. Once submissions are received, the STEM committee will reach out for further information. If you are interested, [click the link to view more details about the event.](#)

***5/1/17 - Tee Off with SBS:** The date has been set. Please mark your calendars now, it's never too early to start planning! Our committee has already been hard at work.

**MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PTO
VOLUNTEERS, WE HAVE HAD A VERY
BUSY OCTOBER!!!**





MAGIC JIM ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Cultural Arts Chair Missy Tripp for the Magic Jim assembly and his important message for Week of Respect.



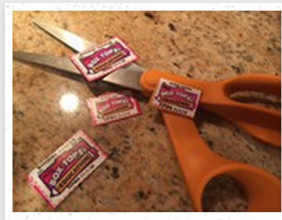
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Thank you to Jennifer Mathews for hosting our first Walk to School Day with members from the Chatham Township Police Department.



HARVEST NIGHT

Thank you to Beth Fitt for chairing our Harvest Night committee and hosting such a successful event.



PICTURE DAY & BOX TOPS

Thank you to Cristina Antenen for our Fall Picture Day and cutting an endless number of Box Tops!



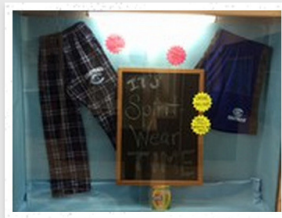
BAKE SALE

Thank you to Emily, Dylan, Layne and Layton from Ms. Heath's class for hosting a neighborhood bake sale and donating their proceeds to the PTO!



PIZZA PARLOR DAY

Thank you to Jennifer Duignan and crew for our first Pizza Parlor Day. The kids look forward to many, many more!



SPIRIT WEAR

Thank you Kate Ackerman and Andrea Caserta for running the fall Spirit Wear sale.



MONARCH BUTTERFLIES EXHIBIT

Thank you to Natalia Lacy for raising our Monarch butterflies again this fall in the library for the kids to visit.



SUNSHADE ARRIVES!

Thank you parents for making the Sunshade happen!

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THANK YOU

**TO OUR PARENT COMMUNITY WHO HAVE
BEEN SO GENEROUS IN THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND FOR SBS.
IF YOU HAVE NOT YET CONTRIBUTED, IT'S
NOT TOO LATE! VISIT OUR WEBSITE
BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS.**

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SBS CALENDAR



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