

# The Boulevard Beat

*A Monthly Newsletter from SBS - November 2016 Edition*

## The Principal's Place

Dear SBS Community,

November always reminds us of the importance of giving thanks and sharing expressions of gratitude. At SBS, we exemplified the season by celebrating our third annual HOPE Week. Each of our students created a gift with the purpose of helping others persevere and excel. In partnership with the PTO, we surrounded the students with the valuable messages and intrinsic feelings associated with philanthropy. We are very proud to have come together to help thousands of people over the last few years, and to have developed a special place for helping others in each student's heart. Thank you to our PTO for organizing and leading this wonderful week of service. Please visit our website for more videos of SBS HOPE Week, past and present!

Back in September, I can recall several parents commenting to me that we'd be in December before we knew it. It turns out that they were correct! As we enter the vigorous pace of the holiday season, I'll ask you to join me in pledging to carry the feelings created by HOPE Week forward, and to show our children excellent examples amidst the busyness of this time of year. I hope that each of you will give yourselves the gift of time with your children, because before you know it, we'll be in April!

Please stay in touch with our school calendar, and feel free to stay in touch with me directly.

I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving!

Robert Gardella

## SBS HOPE Week 2016



## The Counselor's Corner

What an exciting month it has been for me here at SBS! Being new to the SBS community, I want

to take a quick moment to extend my deepest gratitude for the warm welcome and support that I have received from staff, students and parents. Since the beginning of my time here, I have been overwhelmed by the dedication and service of all the staff and parents to the social, emotional, and academic needs of our students. Your efforts provide such a powerful foundation for a school counselor to continue to build on.

HOPE week is a perfect example of SBS at it's core. The skills of empathy, compassion, and caring that are fostered during this massive service effort provide invaluable reinforcement for continued social and emotional learning and development. It's also a great springboard to continue the conversation throughout the holiday season and beyond!

During this time of Thanksgiving where we express our gratitude, I am truly grateful for the privilege of working with your children! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Lisa White

## The Nurse's Nook

Medication: The Rules of the Road.....

As we face the upcoming flu season, it is good to review state policies that govern the administration of medications in school.

In order to have any kind of medication administered by a nurse, a doctor's order is required. *This is the case with both prescription and over-the-counter medications.* In addition, the Department of Education requires written parent permission for the administration of medication in school.



If you anticipate that your child might need an inhaler treatment, allergy eye drops, antihistamines (oral or topical creams), cough medicine, pain relievers or any other medicine administered in school, you must submit the proper paperwork which includes written parent permission and a legal doctor's order. Our district medication authorization form for this purpose can be downloaded from our website. It is called "[Authorization for Medication Administration](#)". Additional copies are located inside the front doors of the school on the wall display near the main office.

For the safety of your child and others, children may not carry medications in their backpacks. Please, please, please do not send any kind of medication to school with your child. An adult should deliver it directly to me with the required paperwork.

If you have any questions about medication administration in school, please contact me at (973) 457-2509 x 3.

Karen Leister

## Library Lowdown

**AUTHOR'S DAY IS COMING!** Friday, January 21st! Our author this year is local New Jersey author, Beth Ferry. Visit her website at [bethferry.com](http://bethferry.com). In the library, we have started sharing Beth Ferry's books and preparing for Author's Day.

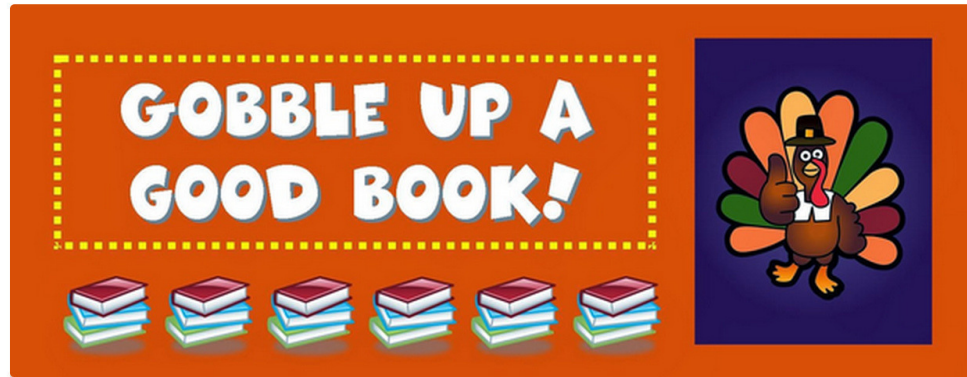
**LAST CALL FOR ORDERING AN AUTHOR'S DAY BOOK...** If you missed the deadline for ordering a Beth Ferry Author's Day book, please print out and submit the order form with payment. The deadline is Friday, December 2nd. [Click here for the form.](#)



**IN THE LIBRARY WE ARE THANKFUL!** We are so grateful to have so many wonderful parent library volunteers who help us daily. You are all truly a treasure and we really could not do it without all of you! A special thanks to Mrs. Sasaki, the P.T.O. library volunteer chair for organizing the schedule!

I hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Mike D'Aloia



## Birthday Books

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Charlie Askins: *Welcome to Shopville*, by Jenne Simon

Jeffrey Tavormina: *An Undone Fairy Tale*, by Ian Lendler; *Strega Nona*, by Tomie dePaola;

*What Do People Do All Day?* by Richard Scarry

Keela Wang: *Elmer and the Rainbow*, by David McKee



Commemorate your child's birthday or other special occasion with the donation of a book to the SBS Media Center in his/her honor. Donations will be acknowledged in the Boulevard Beat monthly. [Click here for the form.](#)

## The Design Den

Welcome Families, to the Design Den!

**Kindergarten Students** are learning about a human and animals' needs for life. *Ask your child to compare and contrast the needs of an animal and a human.*



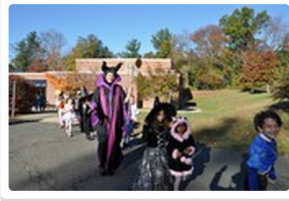
**1st Grade Students** are using the design process to help the 3 Billy Goats Gruff cross the bridge. *Ask your child to explain what the problem is and have them share any possible solutions with you.*

**2nd Grade Students** are using the design process to help the Fourth Little Piggy. *Ask your child to explain what the problem is and have them share any possible solutions with you.*

**3rd Grade Students** are investigating buoyancy and why objects float. This will help them in their next design project. *Ask your child to explain why some objects float and others sink.*

Happy December!

Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)



## PTO Posts

Dear SBS Families,

I hope all of our families here at SBS had a relaxing and wonderful Thanksgiving whether you traveled far or stayed local! It's hard to believe we are now in the full swing of the holiday season. Where does the year go?

We just finished another AMAZING HOPE Week here at SBS and I thank our many parents who volunteered their time, Mr. Gardella, our teachers, and last but not least, our HOPE Week Committee Ashley Dunn, Cristina Antenen, Sarah Hadzima, Katie Weisgerber and Gina Russo. It was a really great week filled with a great messages for our students. They created Care Kits for NYC Relief, busy bags for The Children's Hospital of Morristown, potted plants for a local nursing home and ornaments to send to our troops overseas.

December promises to be another busy month, following are key dates/events to remember:

**\*12/1 - Picture Retake Day**

**\*12/2 - Pizza Parlor Day / Walk to School Day**

**\*12/5-12/7 - Holiday Boutique:** While you have your parent-teacher conference, drop your child off at our pop-up shop where they can purchase inexpensive gifts for their whole family. Not a shopper? We will have a babysitter available in the gym.

**\*12/6 - Computer Science Education Week Assembly:** Two engaging parents from our own SBS Community who work in the STEM Field have volunteered to share their exciting careers with our children.

**\*12/15 & 12/16 - FREE Hour of Code Event:** To celebrate Computer Science Education Week, the SBS PTO will sponsor a FREE Hour of Code event on Thursday, 12/15 (grades K-3) and Friday, 12/16 (grades 1-3). The Hour of Code will run immediately after school from 3:10 pm - 4:30 pm on both days. Registration is limited to one day per student. The HOC is an international initiative to expose children to coding in celebration of Computer Science Education Week. To sign up, go to [Community Pass Log On](#) or type "community pass chatham" into your browser.

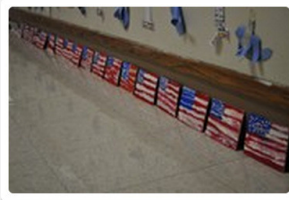
## \*12/19-12/21 - Holiday Concerts/Math Games

\*Also please note that our **12/13 PTO Meeting has been cancelled**. We will see you again on January 10, 2017.

December can be chaos...I hope you can all take time out to enjoy the holiday season, make memories with your children and remember what it is all really about. That is what they will remember and it is what they truly want.

Jennifer Donoghue  
SBS PTO President 2016-2017

## HOPE Week 2016



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