

The Boulevard Beat

A Monthly Newsletter from SBS - December 2016 Edition

The Principal's Place

Dear SBS Community,

I wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season! The SBS Holiday Boutique and holiday concerts combine to set the stage perfectly for the final weeks of 2016. I hope that you can make it this week to see and hear our students perform. During this holiday season, may the gifts of family and friends become treasured memories for you to enjoy for years to come. Thank you for sharing your time, energy, and most importantly your children, with SBS. I look forward to seeing each of you again in 2017!

Be well,

Robert Gardella

The Nurse's Nook

The Nurse's Christmas Card

(Author Unknown)

Listen dear teachers, and you shall hear
A verse from the nurse, now that holidays are near:

Belly aches, headaches, popped wires on braces,
Hangnails and chapped lips and pimples on faces,
Viruses causing GI distress,
"Please send me home cuz my hair is a mess."

Kids with green faces approaching the door,
Just over the threshold throw up on the floor.
Tonsils that kiss, their throats are so sore,
Glands big as grapes, strep throat for sure.

Ear aches and heart aches, jammed thumb or finger,
Wheezies and sneezies and coughs that just linger.
Allergic reactions, occasional lice,
Contusions and bruises from falls on the ice.

"My mom knows I'm sick. I've never felt worse.
She said go to school and go straight to the nurse.
I threw up on the bus. I felt like a jerk,
But you can't call my mom, cuz she's gotta work."

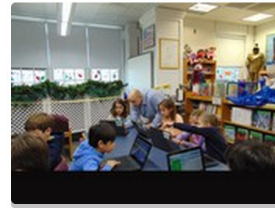
I love being your nurse, and I love all this stuff,
But by winter vacation, even I've had enough.
Enjoy this break, wipe your virus slate clear,
And we'll all start a new when we come back next year!



I hope that this poem doesn't make you feel worse
For it comes with my love,
Happy Holidays,
Your Nurse

Library Lowdown

SEASONS'S READINGS! Last week students participated in the HOUR OF CODE in the library. The students enjoyed this activity immensely! Each student received an Hour of Code bookmark created by Mr. D'Aloia which contained the link to the website. If you would like to have your children code at home, visit <https://code.org/learn>.



Friday was our annual holiday puppet show in the library. All classes had an opportunity to see Witchie, Grieselda, Lady Zsa Zsa, and many of the SBS puppets in action. Various SBS staff members assisted in one song segment of the show called the *12 Grades of Christmas* whereby they performed with puppets. Thanks to all the staff who participated. A special thanks to Mrs. Chin, Mrs. Zubko, and Mrs. Taylor for helping set up the decorations, scripts, etc. for the show. Thank you to Mr. Gardella for supporting our puppet shows!



Thank you to all of our library volunteers for their assistance throughout the year!
Happy Holidays to all of our SBS families! Have a healthy and Happy New Year!

Mrs. Rosenstein's class getting ready to read new "Just Right" books.



The Design Den

Welcome Families, to the Design Den!

Kindergarten students are comparing what various animals need to survive to what humans need to survive. *Ask your child to compare and contrast the needs of an animal and a human.*



1st Grade students have researched how forces affect different shapes so they can create the strongest bridge for the three billy goats gruff. *Ask your child to explain how they can strengthen an arch and a rectangle.*

2nd Grade students are collaborating with their engineering groups to create the solution that

best solves the problem they were presented with. **Ask your child to explain how they developed their design solution with their groups.**

3rd Grade students have researched density and displacement to further understand why things float. **Ask your child to explain how the density and displacement of an object affects its ability to float.**

Have a Wonderful New Year!

Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)

PTO Posts

In true form, December has been busier than ever and has absolutely flown by. In two weeks we will welcome in 2017. In the midst of all the busyness, I wanted to say a special thank you to our PTO volunteers for making events like this month's Holiday Boutique, the Computer Science Education Week Assembly and Hour of Code happen. We are so lucky to have so many dedicated parents who share their time and talents with our school. A special thank you goes out to Jeremy Lasky and Janine Wallace for sharing with our students their exciting and thrilling careers during Computer Science Education Week. I hope many of you will join us again in 2017 in one of the many volunteer opportunities that we have to offer.

Please mark your calendars for the following:

*1/6/17 - Pizza Parlor Day

*1/9/17 - Meet the Masters Art: Parents in the classroom help our children learn about the great artists of our time.

*1/10/17 - PTO Meeting: Please join us for our first meeting in 2017. Meet us at 9:15 am in the SBS Media Center.

*1/13/17 - Early Dismissal

*1/16/17 - No School

*1/20/17 - Family Fun Night for Grades 2&3: The question of the hour is who will win this Family Feud-style battle as the second and third grade students go head-to-head in an SBS tradition that cannot be missed! The battle begins at 6 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium.

*1/24/17 - Meet the Masters Music: Parents in the classroom help our children learn about the great musicians of our time.

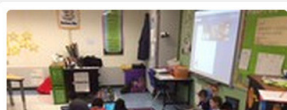
A special thank you to Carly Alvarez, Jodi Burns and their committee and parent volunteers for making the Holiday Boutique happen again and for organizing this annual event!

A very special thank you to Jinesha Siriwardana for making Computer Science Education Week and Hour of Code happen. This year we held two days of after school Hour of Code sessions! It's great to see this program grow after only our second year. Thank you to Scharmagne Volovich for our Trolls, "coding puts us in our happy place" and decorating our hallways!!!

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday break and a very Happy New Year!!! Looking forward to seeing everyone in January and here's to a successful 2017!

Jennifer Donoghue
SBS PTO President 2016-2017

Hour of Code





Holiday Boutique 2016



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