

The Boulevard Beat

A Monthly Newsletter from SBS - January 2017 Edition

The Principal's Place

Dear SBS Families,

I hope that your families are well, and that your new year is off to an excellent start. This month, we celebrated the arts with our Meet the Masters programs for both music and art. We enjoyed a visit from Beth Ferry, our featured author for this year's Author's Day, and we had our annual Family Fun Night for Grades 2-3. I'm looking forward to more K-1 fun on February 3rd! Many thanks to our generous PTO for making these experiences memorable and meaningful for the children!

I'd like to take a moment this month to share a few thoughts regarding a topic of discussion among our staff members. This year, we have been exploring the work of Carol Dweck, a Professor of Psychology at Stanford University, who has dedicated her work to investigating motivation and mindset. Her work is gaining momentum in education, and her concepts can be applied to many other walks of life. Dweck differentiates between growth and fixed mindsets, with the former being based on the notion that our abilities are not fixed traits, rather can develop as a result of effort, perseverance and focus on the learning process. The research is too vast to dig into in this forum, however our own self-awareness of the messages that we deliver to our children can be paramount to their growth and development. Our feedback, praise, approaches to challenges, and responses to failure are always well intended, however it may be worth considering whether they are well-targeted. A simple Growth Mindset search will uncover several resources and articles for those interested in delving further into the concept. I found this article to be a worthy read for teachers and parents alike. [The Atlantic, 12/16/16](#)

These next few months are some of my favorites for elementary school children. The growth that happens in our children from January to April is astounding, so be sure to enjoy the ride!

Respectfully,

Robert Gardella

The Nurse's Nook

Are you curious about how long to keep your child out of school after they have been sick? Check out the handy link to our document ["Required Exclusion Times for Contagious Illness"](#), also located on the SBS homepage. When making decisions about whether to send your child back to school after having been sick, we ask, on behalf of the health of us all, that you consider the health of the community and err on the side of caution.



What about vomiting? There is no "standard" response for excluding students after vomiting. Here's a suggestion, though: Please allow your child to rest at home for at least 24 hours without vomiting prior to coming back to school. And please do not allow them back until they are eating and eliminating normally. This is the safest approach for the health of the school and the best approach for your child's comfort, too.

Valentine's Day is around the corner. Please be reminded that for safety reasons we are not allowed to send food home with children. For that reason, we ask that you do not attach food to Valentine's Day cards. Cards with candy attached will not be distributed.

Thank you!

Karen Leister

Library Lowdown

We have been busy in the library! Friday, January 20th was **Author's Day with Beth Ferry** (bethferry.com). The students and staff had an amazing time! Beth Ferry spoke to all of the students about her writing, ideas, process, books, etc. The button winners met with Beth Ferry in the afternoon for a question and answer session, as well as to discuss their winning buttons. Beth Ferry autographed our author's chair, as well as a poster for Author's Alley in the hallway by the library. **A special thanks to our Author's Day committee: Mrs. DiMeo, Mrs. Foertsch, Mrs. Kleinbauer, Mrs. Stratemeier, and Mrs. Zukowsky for making this day a huge success!**



BUTTON CONTEST WINNERS

Kindergarten

Piazza AM - Anoushka Sen
Piazza PM - Julia Van Slyck
Conti AM - Johnny Peck
Conti PM - Elise Garceau

Overall Kindergarten Winner - Anoushka Sen

First Grade

Killea - Jack Davenport
Militello - George Smith
Piccola - Leyla Morelli
Ciccione - Nathan Lin
McCutcheon - Frankie Petrucci
Vogel - Alessandra Chiaravalloti

Overall 1st Grade Winner - Leyla Morelli

Second Grade

O'Connor - Olivia Rein
Brief - Ashley Nowicki
Derych - George Grant
Heath - Korryn Peterson
DePascale - Chloe De Vries
Keating - Lyla Moore

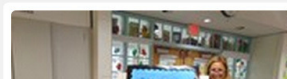
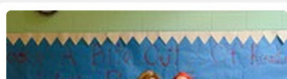
Overall 2nd Grade Winner - Lyla Moore

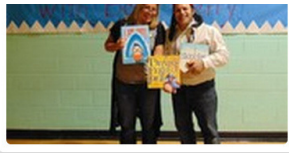
Third Grade

Izsa - Alexa Taccone
Tromonda - Jack Kulp
Rosenstein - Gloria Jeng
Scrittorale - Josh Hodges
Noonan - Caroline McKeon

Overall 3rd Grade Winner - Caroline McKeon

And the overall school winner whose design was printed on the button is... Gloria Jeng!





BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Third Grade students have started the Battle of the Books. We will begin our first practice Battle this week. Second graders will be introduced to Battle of the Books this week. Mr. D'Aloia implemented Battle of the Books at the second grade level about 4 years ago. Battle of the Books is a motivational reading program at Southern Boulevard School, as well as many other schools in New Jersey. It stimulates reading by getting good books into students' hands and encourages independent reading. It gives them a common literary experience, and encourages and recognizes students' enjoyment of reading. In addition, it provides them with a variety of authors whose other books they may enjoy reading. The titles chosen expose them to various types of literature (realistic fiction, fantasy, biography, historical fiction, etc.). These titles vary in reading level and may be read independently or at home with an adult. We look forward to another great year of Battles!

Birthday Books

Joshua Hodges - *The Day the Crayons Quit*, by Drew Daywalt
Tristan Cooper - *Dragons Love Tacos*, by Adam Rubin
Sammy Stratemeier - *Derek Jeter - Hit & Miss*, by Paul Mantell

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!!

Special Announcement:

D&T classes are in need of paper bags for project storage. If you have any extras, please send them in with your child on their Design and Technology day. Thank you for your continued support of the program here at SBS.



Kindergarten students learned about animal builders and how birds make their own nests! ***Ask your child about the bird nest they built in class.***

1st Grade students have begun to create their bridges! ***Ask your child to discuss the bridge they are creating with their engineering group.***

2nd Grade students have finished creating and have begun improving their house designs. ***Ask your child to discuss the improvements they made on their house and how their observations guided that improvement.***

3rd Grade students have begun creating floating structures to solve their current design challenge. ***Ask your child to discuss their engineering group's design and how it will solve the problem.***

Have a Fantastic February!

Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)

PTO Posts

Dear SBS Parents,

We were certainly not idle this first month of 2017! Our programs are once again underway as we move into the new year:

***Thank you** to Nancy Barnes for her work on Meet the Masters Art. Thanks also to our parent volunteers who worked alongside Mrs. Hauser to teach the students about various artists and complete their art projects.

***Thank you** to Missy Tripp for finding Vocal Trash and organizing this rockin' assembly and bringing them to our school all the way from Texas!

***Thank you** to our stellar Author's Day Committee and Mr. D'Aloia for hosting Beth Ferry for the day and making Author's Day happen for our students. The kids loved getting to know her and hearing her story. Thank you Christine Zukowsky, Deb Kleinbauer, Elissa DiMeo, Cheryl Foertsch, Nicole Stratemeier, Mr. D'Aloia and Mrs. Chin for this event!

***Thank you to** Terry Cooper and her Gr. 2/3 Family Fun Night Committee. It was another fun-filled Family Feud-style face-off that would never be possible without the dedication of this team of volunteers....thank you Scharmagne Volovich, Puja Swamy, Kim Tighe, Kate Ackermann and our MC for the night, Mr. Gardella.

***Last but NOT least a big thank you** to Alyssa Resnick for organizing Meet the Masters Music with Mrs. Roskam so our students can once again learn about important composers through time. Thank you to our parent volunteers for giving up their time to come in and help with this annual event.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for these upcoming, important events:

***2/3 Pizza Parlor Day and Gr. K/1 Family Fun Night**

***2/6-2/10 Love to Read Week**

***2/7-2/9 SBS Annual Book Fair with Scholastic:** SBS' very own pop-up book shop opens its doors once again in our Media Center. Students will visit the Book Fair with their classes during the school day to make and purchase age-appropriate selections. Stay tuned for more details including parent and family shopping hours!

***2/10 Last Call for Spring Box-Top Collection**

***2/13 Predators on the Internet Discussion:** Don't miss this very informative Internet Safety discussion at 7:30pm in the Chatham High School Auditorium presented by the SBS PTO and put on by John Robertson, an FBI Special Agent. This is open to parents of all Chatham Schools and is parents only, NO students.

***2/14 PTO Meeting:** Come join us in the Media Center as this month **Kristen Crawford, Chatham's Supervisor of Science, will join us to discuss the new science standards.**

***2/17 Early Dismissal**

***2/20-2/24 Enjoy your Winter Break!**

Early Bird Registration has begun for the SBS 6th Annual Golf & Tennis Outing to be held at the Fairmount Country Club on Monday, May 1st. The outing features an 18-hole "shot gun" Golf Scramble, Tennis Round Robin, Cocktail Reception & Dinner, Live and Silent Auction, plus a wine pull. Register at <https://squareup.com/market/sbs-ptol> Register before March 15th and receive an early bird discount. There are sponsorship, silent auction and live auction opportunities available if you would like to contribute in that way. Any questions please contact Sally Allen at sallymallen@yahoo.com.

Thank you again for your continued support of the PTO and our school.

Jennifer Donoghue
SBS PTO President 2016-2017



Meet the Masters



Family Feud 2017...



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