

# The Boulevard Beat

A Monthly Newsletter from SBS - September 2017  
Edition

## The Principal's Place

Dear SBS Community,

Thank you so much for making this a September to remember! It's been wonderful to reconnect with our returning SBS families, and to welcome new families into our school community. While we all feel a bit uncertain when we first re-establish our September routines, I have to compliment our parent community on being very astute to this task! Your children have been ready to go from day one, and we've really hit the ground running. As you continue to get comfortable and refine your routines, know that SBS is doing the same. Please take a moment to review the [Parent Handbook](#) and [New Procedures Letter](#) so that we can operate as effectively and efficiently as possible. For complete procedures, including the pick up and drop off maps, you can visit these links to our [New School Year Documents](#), [Parent Resources](#), and [Policies & Procedures](#).

October is going to be a busy month at SBS, and I'm sure that time will fly! We'll begin the month by reinforcing anti-bullying messages with our annual Week of Respect. We'll engage in character education assemblies and activities, and then carry our focus on the importance of being upstanders throughout the school year. Back to School Night is quickly approaching, so please be sure to refer to the schedule that Mrs. Kepler sent on 9/20 in the weekly FYI. October will also include After School Enrichment, Walk to School Day, Picture Day, Harvest Night, Meet the Masters Art, and Halloween. Please be sure to stay in touch with our PTO communications and our weekly FYI email blasts for details and opportunities to stay involved!

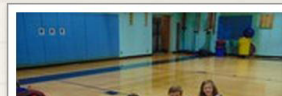
Speaking of Halloween, the results from our Halloween theme contest for this year are in. This year's theme was provided by Reese Nelson from Mrs. Izza's third grade class. The theme for SBS Halloween 2017 is, "Under the Sea". Congratulations, Reese!

Thank you again for your ongoing partnership and support. I'm energized by the opportunities that are in front of us, and looking forward to engaging in meaningful learning with our children.

Respectfully yours,

Robert Gardella

## Indoor Line-up on Opening Day





## A Big Thank You for Our Fall Clean-Up

Last Thursday, while nobody else was in school for the holiday, Brownie Troop 96281 along with their parents and siblings, spent the day in the SBS courtyard doing a fall clean-up. Their hard work paid off...it looks great!!! A big thank you goes out to all of them for a job well done!!!

Troop leaders are Nicole Jenkins and Amy Ewing.

Girls Scouts who participated: Charlie Askins, Chloe Jordan, Charlotte Giordano, Ava Ewing, Molly Pelosi, Lily Fitzgerald, Katherine Jenkins and Lindsey Jenkins.

Siblings: Abigail Fitzgerald, Charlotte Ewing, Dylan Jenkins, Andrew Askins and Joseph Giordano.

Parents: Bridget Pelosi, Victoria Jordan, Kari Askins, Laura Fitzgerald and Julia Giordano.

\*We would also like to thank Sarah Haengel, who is not a Brownie parent for all of her time spent working on our courtyard.





## 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 look forward to meeting our new children and their families. I love how September brings us all together.

Will your child require medication at school? If so, please note the following requirements:

1. All medications (both prescription and over-the-counter medications) require the submission of a legal order (from a physician or advance practice nurse) and written permission, signed by a parent. **(Our district form, "[Authorization for Medication Administration](#)" is designed to provide both.)**
2. All medication must be supplied in the original, labeled container.
3. 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.

~Karen Leister, RN

## Counseling Connection

Hello Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as SBS's new School Counselor and Anti-Bullying Specialist. I come to you from Washington Avenue School where I was the counselor for the past four years. I have visited most of the classrooms and am quickly getting to know the students and staff. Please feel free to reach out to me at anytime to talk about your child's social and emotional well-being. I can be reached by email at [kmedvin@chatham-nj.org](mailto:kmedvin@chatham-nj.org) or by phone 973-457-2509 x 6018.

During the first week of October, Southern Boulevard School students will observe and celebrate the Week of Respect. The Week of Respect is a statewide initiative put in place to recognize the importance of character education in schools. School districts are required to observe the week by providing age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. SBS's theme will be "*Be an Upstander and Stand Up for Kindness*". The school will be reading the *Weird Series*, by Erin Frankel. *Weird, Dare* and *Tough* are the three books in the *Weird Series*. These books are stories of bullying from all perspectives; the target, the bystander and the person doing the bullying. These books do a wonderful job of building young children's social skills to help them prevent bullying.

During the week the students are also shown a PowerPoint presentation that defines bullying. Bullying is a term that can often be confused with a code of conduct breach. The

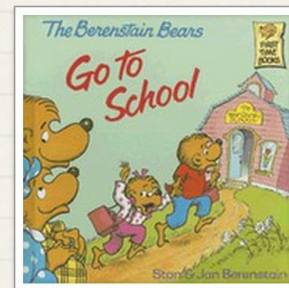
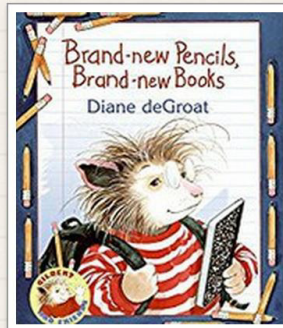
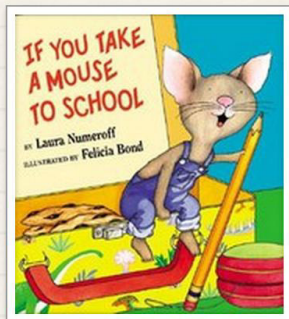
definition of bullying and the district policy can be found on the District Overview under the heading "[Prevention of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying](#)". If you ever have questions regarding bullying, please reach out to me.

Kelly Medvin

## Library Lowdown

Welcome Back! We hope you had a relaxing summer! Students are excited to be back in the library. Students have reviewed all our library circulation procedures and rules, are checking out books, and reading up a storm! This year we will incorporate digital citizenship lessons in the library curriculum. We are gearing up for another great year in the library! Stay tuned!

- Mr. D'Aloia, Library Media Specialist

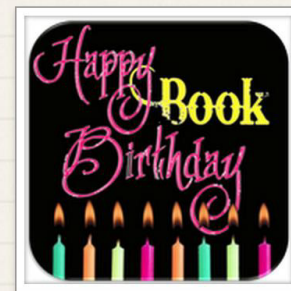


## Birthday Books

Ben Hodges: *We are in a Book!* by M. Willems

Ben Hodges: *Happy Birthday, Molly!* by V. Tripp

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.](#)

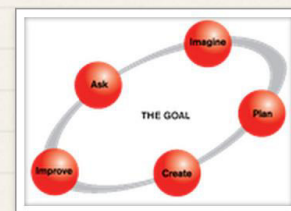


## The Design Den

Welcome Families, to the Design Den!!

Special Announcement:

D&T classes are in need of paper bags for project storage and paper towel rolls for project materials. 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 - We are learning about an engineer's job and how they impact a community. *Ask your child what an engineer is.*

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2nd Grade students have started their first design challenge! *Ask your child what step of the engineering design process they are on!*

3rd Grade students have started their first design challenge and we are learning to organize our engineering notebooks! *Ask your child what step of the engineering design process they are on and what that looks like in their engineering notebooks.*

Have a Outstanding October!

Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)

## From the Art Room...

3rd graders explored the colors and shadows produced by the August 21st Solar Eclipse. Their interpretive art will be on display in the 1st floor corridors during the week of Back to School Night.

## Music Notes

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I am thrilled to have your children back in the music room singing, moving, and creating beautiful music!

Throughout September all students experienced call and response through echo singing, and building confidence in singing through repeated practice. Here are a few highlights per grade:

- **First grade** students use their imaginations to enhance a song story using various classroom instruments as sound effects.
- **Second grade** students name and experience AB form through movement and playing drums.
- **Third grade** students sing using the pentatonic scale and identify solfege syllables as they sing a hello song in various languages.

Upcoming Events: The **Third Grade Chorus** is invited to perform 2 selections at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting which takes place at the Chatham Library on Saturday, December 2nd, time TBD but will be toward the evening.

## PTO Posts

Welcome to our SBS Families!

I hope the school year is off to a wonderful start. The SBS PTO Executive Board, our many **talented and dedicated 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. The date of our annual Spring Fundraiser, Tee Off with SBS, has been set for April 30, 2018 at Fairmount Country Club. At Back to School Night on Thursday, Oct 5, please stop by the Golf Outing Committee's table for more information and be sure to also check out the new collection

of Spirit Wear that will be available for purchase!

We are excited to share with parents' information about our next school assembly teaching students the power of **positive self-talk** and **mindset skills** and how to be the boss of their thoughts. We have author Gretchen Burman of Character U sharing the character concepts from her book, *The Adventures of Ooga and Zeeta* - **empowering children with tools to improve behavior and manage emotions so they have the skills to successfully navigate life's ups and downs**. Children will have fun role-playing and practicing how to change from negative to positive through real-life scenarios. If possible, please have your child wear green on the day of the assembly - **Wednesday, October 4th**. Green represents Green Glory who is one of the characters from the book who symbolizes positive self-talk and mindset.

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 next PTO meeting on 10/10 will feature guest speaker Danielle Dagounis, the K-12 Supervisor of Design and Technology for the district.

Please visit the new PTO website <https://www.chathampto.com> or press the red button below for volunteer opportunities and links to other useful forms and information. Also, don't forget to stay connected on facebook ([facebook.com/sbspto](https://www.facebook.com/sbspto)) and Instagram ([Instagram.com/SBSPTO](https://www.instagram.com/SBSPTO)).

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 items 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!

Erin Creatore  
SBS PTO President 2017-2018

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