

THE BOULEVARD BEAT

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THE PRINCIPAL'S PLACE

Dear SBS Community,

In last month's Boulevard Beat, I commented on just how busy October would be. Needless to say, it didn't disappoint! Through planned events or unexpected surprises, the constant remains that this community's cohesive partnership in education is stronger than ever! Getting together for Harvest Night was a great example of our community's spirit, and I really enjoyed the excitement that Tuesday's Halloween parade brought for our students. Seeing them march together was definitely a treat!

I read an interesting article earlier this month entitled, [*You're all "math people," you just didn't know it.*](#) I found myself reflecting on it after a few conversations that I had with parents this month, therefore I thought that I would share it with the community. The author makes some excellent points about the importance of encouraging mathematical thought and problem solving, and she highlights the fact that authentic math surrounds us in our daily lives. Even though some may not consider themselves to be "math people," it's very important to empower our children with an awareness and enjoyment for mathematical thinking.

November always feels like one of our shorter months, with two breaks from school surrounding another Southern Boulevard favorite, HOPE Week! Please look for HOPE Week communications to learn how you can be a part of this special tradition. There is truly nothing better than children recognizing their gratitude and engaging in philanthropy.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Respectfully yours,

Robert Gardella

THE NURSE'S NOOK

Hi Parents!

Now that we are at the beginning of November, we know that cold and flu season is quickly approaching. There are some things we can do to minimize the spread of illness if we all work together. Remember that the health of the community depends on all of us. Here are a few suggestions:



- Remember that frequent hand washing with soap and water is one of the best ways to prevent illness. (Do not rely on antibacterial hand sanitizers.) Also, nutritious food and plenty of clean air help

and plenty of sleep are key:

- If you think your child is getting sick, please use a thermometer to check their temperature before sending them to school. If you think your child may be getting sick and your work situation permits, please allow them some extra time at home. It is better for the rest of us to keep them out of school while you evaluate them for illness.
- If your child is recovering from a fever, they must be fever free for 24 hours before they return. This rule is in place for the benefit of the rest of us. If they have not been fever free for 24 hours, they are likely to be contagious. *By the way, the only way to know if they have a fever is to use a thermometer.*
- If your child has vomited, please allow them to stay home until they have been eating and eliminating normally for a full 24 hours. This is for their comfort and for the health of the community as well.

For more information about exclusion times after contagious illness, please click [here](#).

Karen Leister

COUNSELING CONNECTION

Hello Parents,

I will be offering small group counseling this year. Small groups support and enhance the development of personal and social skills and promote educational success. Small groups provide additional social-emotional learning experiences and give the students a chance to belong, a chance to express themselves, and a chance to benefit from the support of group members.

The small groups that I am offering this year are as follows:

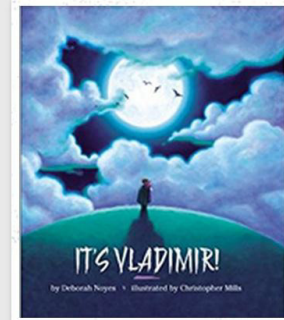
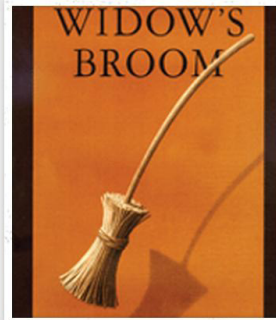
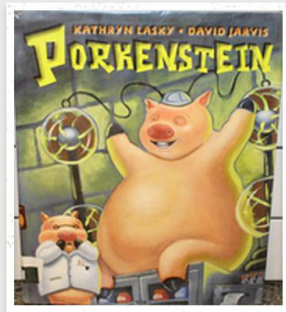
- **Buddy Group (social skills):** Friendship groups are intended for students who need or would like to work on strengthening their friendship skills. Groups will focus on acknowledging and strengthening our friendship qualities we have to offer others, how to connect and communicate with others, building friendly behaviors and dealing with friendship problems.
- **Butterflies (anxiety and stress):** This group is intended for students who need or would like to work on dealing with and managing anxiety. The group will explore the triggers of anxiety and build skills to handle that area more effectively.
- **Peacemakers (emotional regulation):** This group is intended for students who need or would like to work on dealing with learning how to regulate their emotions. During group we will explore emotional triggers, identify the emotional zone that we are in and build effective coping skills.

These groups will start in mid-November and will meet for 30 minutes per week for six weeks (with the potential to extend). Teachers can refer students who they feel will benefit from small group support and parents can refer as well. If you have a child that you feel would benefit from one of these groups please email me at kmedvin@chatham-nj.org or call me to discuss.

Thanks so much!

Kelly Medvin

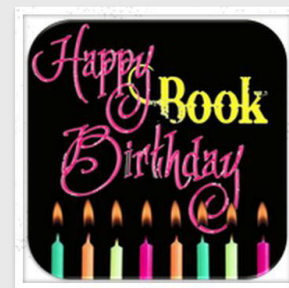
October was a busy month in the SBS Library. Students K-3 have been participating in digital citizenship lessons presented by Mr. D'Aloia. The digital citizenship lessons teach students about safety and responsibility such as going places safely on the internet, keeping information private, etc. when using technology. Also, 2nd and 3rd graders are learning how to use Follett Destiny, our online search catalog to find library books and materials. They are doing a fantastic job! We have shared numerous Halloween stories that tie into our library curriculum. Some of these stories are *Porkenstein*, by Kathryn Lasky, *The Widow's Broom*, by Chris Van Allsburg, *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*, by Linda Williams, *Littlebat's Halloween Story*, by Diane Mayr and *It's Vladimir!* by Deborah Noyes. The students had a great time at our annual Halloween puppet shows which took place on October 31st! Mr. D'Aloia presented the shows with the assistance of our puppet ensemble, Witchie P., Griesela, Lady Zsa Zsa, and numerous others. Hope you had a safe and Happy Halloween!



Scare Up
a Good Book!

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

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.](#)

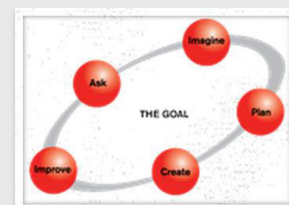


THE DESIGN DEN

Welcome Families, to the Design Den!!

Special Announcement:

Thank you so much for your help in collecting paper towel rolls! D&T classes are still 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 - We are using the steps of the Engineering Design Process to solve a problem for Peekaboo the Turtle.

Ask your child the steps of the Engineering Design Process.

1st Grade - We are using the first two steps of the design process to define a problem and imagine a solution.

Ask your child about Sniffer the Puppy King and why he needs an engineer's help.

2nd Grade - We used all the steps of the design process to solve a problem for Unique Buildings, Inc!

Ask your child about the design challenge for Unique Buildings, Inc. How did they learn from the mistakes they made during the CREATE step? How did this help them improve?

3rd Grade - We are creating engineering notebooks to document all of our engineering thinking. This is helping us as we work through our design challenge.

Ask your child to explain why their engineering notebook is so important to an engineer.

Have a Nifty November!

Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)

FROM THE ART ROOM...

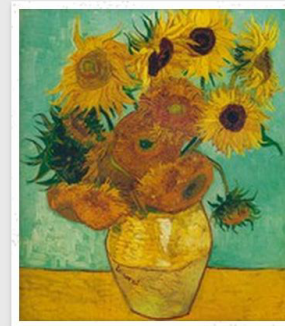
We had a successful week of Meet the Master's in art. Kindergarten students came up to the art room for the first time to learn about Henri Matisse and create their own Fish Bowl collage. First grade learned about Claude Monet. In a few weeks first grade students will create ceramic water lilies and a water lily painting. Second graders learned about Andy Warhol. The second grade project will be Soup Cans in duplicate. The third graders learned about Vincent Van Gogh, from which they will create their own Starry Night and their own Sun Flower paintings in the impasto technique.



HENRI MATISSE



ANDY WARHOL



VINCENT VAN GOGH

MUSIC NOTES

November will be a busy month as we prepare the children for the upcoming holiday concerts. During music class, we are focusing on self-expression and teamwork. It is wonderful to see the children get excited about this special event. See below for your child's holiday performance date and time.



Grade 1 - Tuesday, December 19th at 9:30 am

Grade 2 - Wednesday, December 20th at 9:30 am

Grade 3 - Thursday, December 21st at 9:30 am (the third grade concert includes all of grade 3, chorus, and chimes)

Please be sure to add these dates to your calendar. We look forward to seeing you!
Thank you for your support of the music program!

Ms. Roskam

PTO POSTS

It was great to see so many families at Harvest Night! We hope everyone enjoyed themselves as this is just the first of many family-friendly events held for the SBS community. Our many dedicated volunteers have been hard at work as the school year is well underway and we look forward to seeing you at events in the future! October started with Week of Respect and another successful Back to School Night. The Working Parent Breakfast had a great turnout and we also launched the fall Mileage Club and the first Walk to School and Pizza Parlor Day of the year! Our Fall ASE program is off to a great start with dozens of fantastic offerings to choose from. The Fall Box Tops collection concluded and Fall Picture Day ran very smoothly! This past week the students enjoyed exciting parent-led lessons for Meet the Masters Art. The Science Residency program with Dr. Meg Marerro also began this month. We are so grateful to our generous parent community!

Please mark your calendars for a few important upcoming dates:

***11/7 PTO Meeting:** Join us at 9:15 am in the Media Center.

***11/13 HOPE Week begins:** Our SBS week of community service returns, be on the lookout for further information.

***4/30/18 Tee Off with SBS:** Please mark your calendars! Our committee has already been hard at work.

Many thanks to the following PTO Volunteers as we had a very busy October!!!



WEEK OF RESPECT

Thank you to Cultural Arts chairs Missy Tripp and Sarah Kelliher for the Character U assembly and these important messages for Week of Respect.



SPIRIT WEAR

Thank you to Andrea Caserta, Erin Burgo and Megan Zimak for a great selection of Spirit Wear this fall!



HARVEST NIGHT

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



PIZZA PARLOR DAY

Thank you to chairs Emily Wurdemann and Heather Foran and all their volunteers for Pizza Parlor Day!



MILEAGE CLUB

Thank you to Nancy Sasaki and Margarita Dutton for 'running' the Mileage Club!



MEET THE MASTERS

Thank you to Ms. Hauser and to Nancy Barnes/Susan Ross for chairing MTM and to all the parent volunteers for teaching lessons!



WORKING PARENTS BREAKFAST

Thank you to Heather Foran and Xiaoling Wu for organizing such a great morning!



FALL CLEAN-UP

Thank you to Brownie Troop 96281 and to the many volunteers who have been planting and weeding at SBS this fall!!

**AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THANK YOU TO OUR
PARENT COMMUNITY WHO HAVE BEEN SO
GENEROUS IN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
FUND FOR SBS!**

Erin Creatoro
SBS PTO President 2017-2018

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