

The Boulevard Beat

A Monthly Newsletter from SBS - November 2017 Edition

The Principal's Place

Dear SBS Community,

November always encourages us to express gratitude for all that we have, and to give what we can to others in need. At SBS, we celebrated our fourth annual HOPE Week, in which our students engaged in amazing experiences that helped others near and far. In partnership with the PTO, we surrounded the students with the valuable messages associated with philanthropy, and each of us created a personal gift with the purpose of *Helping Others Persevere and Excel*. We are very proud to have come together to help thousands of people over the last four years. Many thanks 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!

As November comes to a close and 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 of kindness and compassion amidst the business 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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz2sZ2oSnE&feature=youtu.be>



The Nurse's Nook

Our electronic student information system, Genesis, is meant to communicate important information—everything from emergency



contacts to medical issues to grades.



This year for the first time, we are utilizing Genesis to gather student attendance information. Thanks to everyone who has used our Genesis Parent Portal to report student absences. Our parent community has been quite adept at picking up new Genesis skills and we appreciate that! When you report your child's absence or late arrival on the Portal, you are not only confirming your child's absence (and their safety), but you are communicating the reason and the duration of the absence to their classroom teacher. (They can read the notes you leave!) Please remember to report all absences well before 9:00 am for AMK and Grades 1, 2 and 3 (before 12:30 pm for PMK).

While we are on the subject of Genesis, would you please review your contact information to make sure all email addresses and phone numbers are up to date? In addition, please enter the names and contact information for emergency contacts.
Thanks for keeping us informed through Genesis!

Library Lowdown

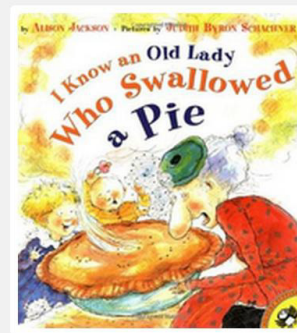
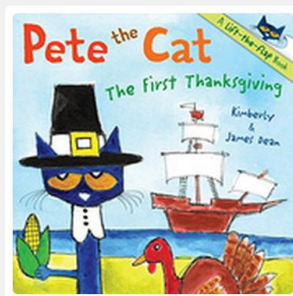
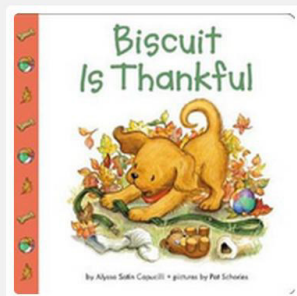
We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Our annual Halloween puppet show held on October 31st was a huge success. Thank you to all of the SBS staff who performed and/or contributed to making the show a success. The students and staff had a great time seeing Witchie, Grieselda, Lady Zsa Zsa, and all the other SBS puppets in action!

During HOPE Week, Mr. D'Aloia shared the book, *Kindness Counts: A Story for Teaching Random Acts of Kindness*, by Brian Smith with all classes. Mr. D'Aloia selected this title at the request of the HOPE Week committee to coincide with HOPE Week. Second and third graders brainstormed and wrote/illustrated numerous random acts of kindness on cards. **Thank you to the P.T.O. for donating 7 copies of the book to the library. The students and staff will enjoy these books for many years!**

We have continued working on our digital citizenship lessons in Grades K-3. Each grade level has a series of lessons tied into the library digital citizenship curriculum. The students have done a great job learning about staying safe online, cyber bullying, safety online, etc. In addition we shared some Thanksgiving stories which tie into our library curriculum.

In December, students will participate in the Hour of Code which is "a global movement introducing tens of millions of students worldwide to computer science and inspiring them to learn more." [Click here](#) for more information.

Author [Dan Gutman](#) will be visiting SBS on Friday, January 5, 2018 for our annual Author's Day celebration. Each year we have a button contest for Author's Day. Below are the student winners from each class that will meet for a Q & A session with Dan Gutman on Author's Day and watch him autograph the *Author's Chair*. Congratulations to the overall winner, third grader Alicia Liu whose design will be made into buttons for each student to wear on Author's Day.



KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Piazza AM - Sophia Renna
Mrs. Piazza PM - Emilia Loy
Mrs. Conti AM - Ella Bottoni
Mrs. Conti PM - Kyla Rafeh
Kindergarten Winner - Emilia Loy

GRADE 1

Mrs. Ciccone - Maddie Barnes
Miss Spinner - Abby Wilson
Miss Killea - Ellie Garceau
Miss Militello - Anoushka Sen
Miss McCutcheon - Morgan Leung
Mrs. Piccola - Nevi Zimak
1st Grade Winner - Nevi Zimak

GRADE 2

Mrs. DePascale - Nathan Lin
Miss Brief - Kelly Nie
Mrs. Byrne - Kristina Fisher
Mrs. Keating - Ayah Bedri
Miss Seiferas - Kara Bella Jaro
Mr. Vogel - Jack Davenport
2nd Grade Winner - Nathan Lin

GRADE 3

Mrs. Scrittorale - Lindsey Jenkins
Mrs. Derych - Sarada Matia
Mrs. Isza - Olivia Rein
Miss Jackameit - Alicia Liu
Mrs. Noonan - Jacqueline Horan
Mrs. Rosenstein - Dylan Larson
Mrs. Tromonda - Layne Resnick
3rd Grade Winner - Alicia Liu

SBS Overall Winner - Alicia Liu

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

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 learning how to log in to the computer, use a keyboard and a trackpad.

Ask your child how they sign on to the computer. What are the keys they use to sign on?

1st Grade - We are creating a PLAN, following the PLAN, and then making improvements on our solutions. **Ask your child how they used the PLAN, CREATE and IMPROVE step of the design process in their design.**

2nd Grade - We started EduTyping practice and learned about the HOME ROW and proper finger placement. **Feel free to continue practicing EduTyping at home! Follow [these directions](#) to access EduTyping from home.**

3rd Grade - We finished our design challenges and set goals for our next design challenge. **Ask your child what their goal for the next design challenge is.**

Have a Delightful December!
Ms. Stojanov (Ms. 5)

Music Notes

Our holiday concerts are fast approaching! Students in grades 1, 2 & 3 will each have a separate concert. *The grade 3 concert will include chorus and chimes.*



Grade One Concert: Tuesday, December 19th at 9:30 am

Grade Two Concert: Wednesday, December 20th at 9:30 am

Grade Three Concert: Thursday, December 21st 9:30 am

While there is no specific dress code for these events, we ask that the children wear an outfit that reflects this special occasion – the more festive the better! The gym can get hot, even at this time of year, so students should dress accordingly. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Roskam at troskam@chatham-nj.org. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the concerts!

In addition, we will see some of you on Saturday, December 2nd for our Annual Tree Lighting Concert which will be at Reasoner Park, in front of the gazebo located next to the Chatham Boro firehouse at 6:00 pm. The Washington Avenue, Southern Boulevard, and Milton Avenue School choruses will come together to sing.

Your child(ren) may be interested in signing up for a free account on the Quavermusic.com website. Children will need parental assistance signing up, as a free account does require a parent email address and an access code from their music teacher. From Quaver Street, students can explore several activities (games, songs, videos, music genres, etc.) within each area: the Quaver Music Shop (including the Studio and the Music Lab), the Music Room, and the Metro. [Click here](#) for directions on how to sign up.

Email Ms. Roskam at troskam@chatham-nj.org to receive a class QuaverCode or with any questions.

Thank you!
Ms. Roskam

PTO Posts

Dear SBS Families,

I hope you had a relaxing and wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. It's hard to believe how quickly this year is flying by!

We just finished another amazing HOPE Week and I thank our many parents who volunteered their time. Mr. Gardella, our teachers and staff, and of course our HOPF Week Committee: Ashlev

men, Amy, Ann, Barbara, our teachers and staff, and of course our PTO! The week committee, Nancy, Dunn, Cristina Antenen, Jean O'Dowd and Megan Van Orden. It was a very special week filled with a great message for our students. Grade level service projects included assembling school supply kits for schools in need, making warm scarves for a local shelter, decorating potted plants for a local nursing home and creating patriotic ornaments to send to our troops overseas. Thank you also to all the families who so generously donated to our Care Corners. All of the Halloween candy, mittens, crayons, toiletries, canned dog/cat food and coins collected are being sent to Operation Gratitude, Hats for the Homeless, National Crayon Recycle Program, NY City Relief, St. Hubert's Animal Center Hurricane Relief and Kind Coins for Hurricane Relief!

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

***11/30 - Picture Retake Day**

***12/1 - Pizza Parlor 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. Babysitting provided if your shopper finishes early!

***12/8 - Computer Science Education Week Assembly:** Parents from our own SBS Community who work in the STEM field have volunteered to share their exciting careers with our children.

***12/14 & 12/15 - FREE Hour of Code Event:** To celebrate Computer Science Education Week, the SBS PTO will sponsor a FREE Hour of Code event on Thursday, 12/14 and Friday, 12/15. 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.

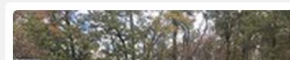
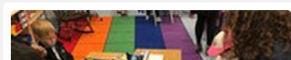
***12/19-12/21 - Holiday Concerts/Math Games**

*Also please note that our **December 12th PTO Meeting has been cancelled.** We will see you again on January 9, 2018, with guest speaker, Dr. Michael LaSusa, Superintendent.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Erin Creatore

2017/2018 PTO President





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