

The Boulevard Beat

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM SBS - NOVEMBER 2018 EDITION

THE PRINCIPAL'S PLACE

Dear SBS Community,

It's hard to believe that November is already coming to an end! This month, we encouraged our students to express gratitude for all that we have and to focus on making life better for someone else. We celebrated our fifth annual HOPE Week, in which our students engaged in amazing experiences that gave relief and inspiration to others near and far. In partnership with the PTO, we captured the spirit of *Helping Others Persevere and Excel* by surrounding the students with the valuable messages associated with philanthropy. Many thanks to our PTO for organizing and leading this wonderful week of service, and for continuing to evolve this initiative with each new year. I'd also like to thank the CHS students who share their media talents with us every year! They cover our events and create memorable video compilations for us to enjoy. Please visit our website to view videos of SBS HOPE Week, past and present!

HOPE Week ends the day before Thanksgiving with a whole school assembly in which we celebrate the people that we've helped, view the video coverage from the week, and sing an inspiring song together. This year, adult tears filled the gym as the students sang [True Colors](#) (Cyndi Lauper - performed by MattyB and Olivia Kay). Not bad for our first whole school rap! In my closing comments for HOPE Week, I challenged the students to carry HOPE forward by continuing to look for opportunities to help others everyday. As we enter the heightened pace of the holiday season, I'll ask you to join me in pledging to do the same. We are their models, and it's important that we all show our children excellent examples of kindness and compassion throughout year.

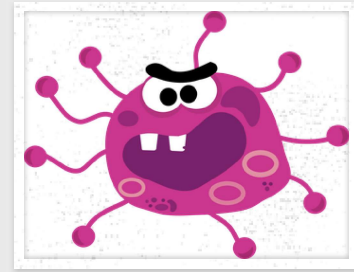
We're looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming parent-teacher conferences. Please stay in touch with our school calendar, and feel free to stay in touch with me directly.

I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving!

Robert Gardella
Principal

THE NURSE'S NOOK

The flu is coming! The flu is coming!



What an exciting time of the year—our students are already brimming with the excitement that accompanies the holiday season. Coincidentally, (and unfortunately), this is also the beginning of the season of colds, influenza and other unpleasantries (i.e. “the stomach bug”).

As you make decisions about whether your child is well enough to come to school please be aware that while *your child* may not be at risk for severe complications of common illnesses, there are many in our community who are—Every day, our students return home *to family members with chronic health issues; (including parents and siblings who are receiving chemotherapy treatments); to family members who are pregnant, and to others whose immune systems may be compromised for a variety of reasons.*

When making decisions regarding your student’s readiness for school following a period of illness, please, on behalf of the entire community, make an informed decision that thoughtfully considers the health of others first.

In the meantime, here (again) is a resource that you can consult to determine *minimum* exclusion times for certain contagious illnesses (you can always opt for more time at home): <https://www.chatham-nj.org/Page/16260>.

You will note that this document does not address exclusion times for vomiting or “the stomach bug”. This is because vomiting is a symptom that may occur for a variety of reasons -viral illness, food poisoning and food intolerance among them. In order to take the most conservative approach to the health of your child and of the community, follow these simple “return-to-school-after-vomiting rules”:

- Be sure your child has not vomited for at least 24 hours
- Be sure your child has tolerated a normal diet for 24 hours
- Be sure your child has been eliminating normally. (Nothing worse than diarrhea at school!)

Taking the most conservative approach will protect the health of the entire community as your child returns to school. The health of our community depends on us all! Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and your kindness!

Karen Leister
School Nurse

LIBRARY LOWDOWN

Wow! It's almost December! Where has the time gone?

Kindergarten will meet *Strega Nona* (Grandma Witch in Italian), by Tomie DePaola and her magic pasta pot this week. They will compare and contrast the experiences of the characters in the story through our author study of Tomie DePaola.

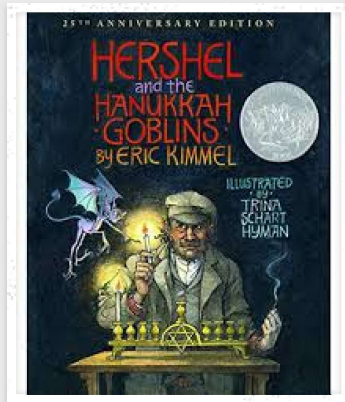
Grade 1 will participate in a digital citizenship lesson. They will understand the function of keywords and keyword searches, learn steps for suitable keyword searching, and apply chosen keywords to find information they are looking for on the internet.

Grade 2 will listen to the story of *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins* and be able to retell the story (beginning, middle, end) and understand how each part builds on earlier sections to add suspense to the story.

Grade 3 has been working on weather/climate research. Students have learned about keyword searching, using kiddle.co, etc. They are progressing nicely and learning the process is just as important as obtaining the information. Great job Grade 3!

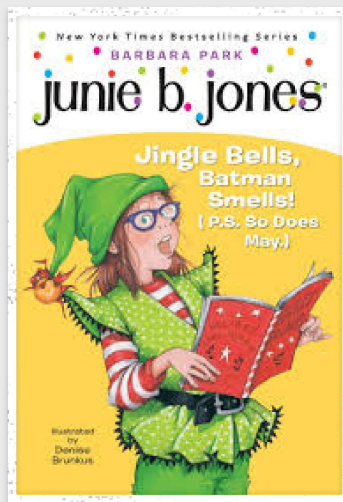
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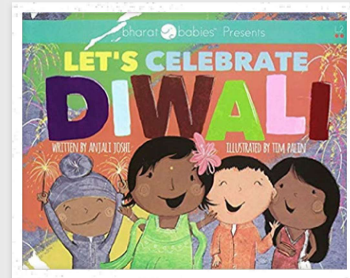
HERSHEL AND THE HANUKKAH GOBLINS

On the first night of Hanukkah, a weary traveler named Hershel of Ostropol eagerly approaches a village, where plenty of latkes and merriment should warm him. But when he arrives not a single candle is lit. A band of frightful goblins has taken over the synagogue, and the villagers cannot celebrate at all! Hershel vows to help them. But can one man alone stand up to the goblins, save Hanukkah, and live to tell the tale?



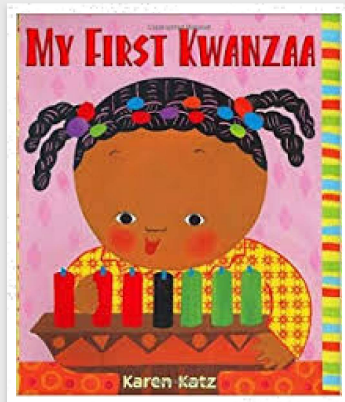
JINGLE BELLS, BATMAN SMELLS! (P.S. SO DOES MAY)

Meet the World's Funniest First Grader—Junie B. Jones! It's holiday time, and Room One is doing lots of fun things to celebrate. Like making elf costumes! And singing joyful songs! Only, how can Junie B. enjoy the festivities when Tattletale May keeps ruining her holiday glee?



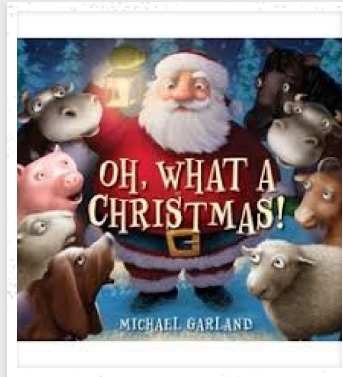
LET'S CELEBRATE DIWALI

When Harini tells her class about this Indian festival, she finds out other children celebrate it too—each with their own special traditions. Harini is excited to share her Diwali story, but she quickly learns that she's not the only one. In her classroom are children who are Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and Buddhist—and all have their own way of celebrating this special festival.



MY FIRST KWANZAA

"Hooray! Hooray! It's time to get ready for Kwanzaa." With Katz's signature illustrations of round-faced toddlers, *My First Kwanzaa* introduces little ones to the seven days of Kwanzaa and shows them how the importance of family, friends, and community is celebrated.



OH, WHAT A CHRISTMAS!

Ho, ho, oh no! It's Christmas Eve and Santa Claus is stranded! The reins of his sleigh have snapped in mid-flight, and his famous reindeer have flown off without him. Santa safely lands in a barn where a group of animals are peacefully sleeping. Santa needs to get back.

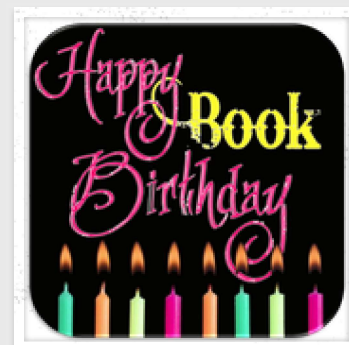


READY FREDDY, READY SET, SNOW!

Everybody knows shark expert Freddy Thresher is also a snowshoe whiz—or is he? When Mrs. Washy announces that the class will be competing in the mini-Winter Olympics, everyone is excited for the competition. But, after betting Max the bully that he will win the Snowshoe Race, Freddy heads straight for snowshoe boot camp, and fast! Will Freddy be able to win gold amid sled pulls and the infamous Snowball Toss?

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

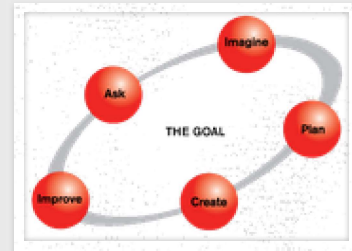
Commemorate your child's birthday or other special occasion with the donation of a book to the SBS Media Center in his/her honor. Donations will be acknowledged in the Boulevard Beat monthly. [Click here for the form.](#)



THE DESIGN DEN

Welcome Families, to the Design Den!!

Kindergarten - We are practicing our computer skills including mouse control, keyboarding and proper handling of the computers! *Ask your child how to turn on the school computer and how to log in! Be sure to ask them about the secret code they need to enter to get to the login screen.*



1st Grade - Students are PLANNING and CREATING their designs for Sniffer the Puppy King. *Ask your child to explain how they made a PLAN and how they check their specifications before they are ready to test their designs.*

2nd Grade - Students are working on Google Draw to create an image of their final, improved design. *Ask your child to show you their work. Go to their D&T Google Classroom and view their progress in the document "Final Design Sketch and Improvement Document"!*

3rd Grade - Students are finishing up their first design challenge. *Ask your child to show you their work. Go to their D&T Google Classroom and view their progress in the document "Final Design Sketch and Improvement Document"!*

Happy Holidays this December!

Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)

MUSIC NOTES

Our holiday concerts are fast approaching! Students in grades one, two and three will each have a separate concert. The grade 3 concert will include chorus and chimes.



Tuesday, December 18

Grade One Concert: 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 19

Grade Two Concert: 9:30 am

Thursday, December 20

Grade Three Concert: 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 1st for the Annual Tree Lighting which will be at the Reasoner Park gazebo located next to the firehouse. The Washington Avenue School, Southern Boulevard School and Milton Avenue School Choruses will come together to sing.

Thank you!
Ms. Roskam

PTO POSTS

Dear SBS Families,

I hope you had a relaxing and wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. It is the beginning of the busy holiday season with so many fun things to look forward to! We just finished another incredible HOPE Week and I thank our many parents who volunteered their time, Mr. Gardella, our teachers and staff, and of course our HOPE Week Committee: Ashley Dunn, Cristina Antenen, Jeanne O'Dowd and Megan Van Orden. It was a very special week filled with a great message for our students. The children were hard at work assembling 81 self-care kits for the homeless, making 119 superhero-themed goodie bags for Childrens' Hospital, crafting and writing 135 letters of thanks to our veterans, and painting 130 crafts for residents of a local nursing home! Thank you also to all the families who so generously donated to our Care Corners. All of the mittens, crayons, canned dog/cat food and coins collected are being sent to Jersey Battered Women's Services, National Crayon Recycle Program, St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, and Kind Coins for Hurricane Relief!

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

***11/29 - Picture Retake Day**

***12/4-12/6 - 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!

***12/10 & 12/11 - FREE Hour of Code Event:** To celebrate Computer Science Education Week, the SBS PTO will sponsor a FREE Hour of Code event on Monday, 12/10 and Tuesday, 12/11. 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.

***12/14 - 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.

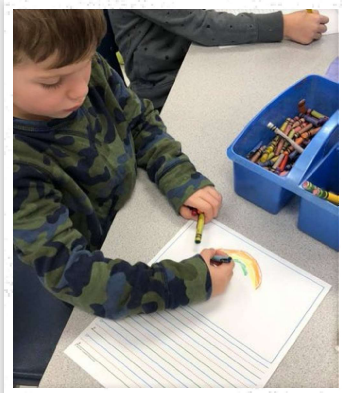
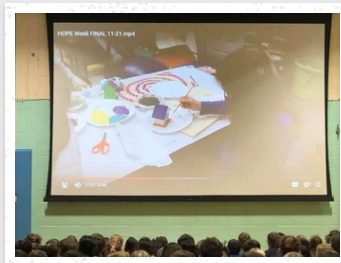
***12/18-12/20 - Holiday Concerts**

*Also please note that our December 11th PTO Meeting has been cancelled. We will see you again on January 8, 2019.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Amy Ewing
SBS PTO President 2018-2019

HOPE WEEK



[PTO WEBSITE](#)

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SBS CALENDAR



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