

# The Boulevard Beat

— A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM SBS - APRIL 2019 EDITION —

## THE PRINCIPAL'S PLACE

Dear SBS Community,

Spring is officially here and things sure are moving fast! It's hard to believe that we've already had our third grade spring concert, and looking at the May/June calendar, it's easy to see that the rest of this year will continue at this pace. The activity and energy in our school this time of year are unmatched, and it's important to enjoy every moment!

On May 16th, we will celebrate our students' accomplishments and our parent community by inviting families in to share the students' progress throughout this year. Parents will also be able to view our fantastic art show and get a glimpse of SBS' 90th birthday celebration that will take place on the following day. The Spring Showcase (formerly known as the Thank You Tea) has become an event that I look forward to every year. The children will be eager to show you how much they've grown, and the staff members always cherish opportunities to celebrate together. Please be sure to join us!

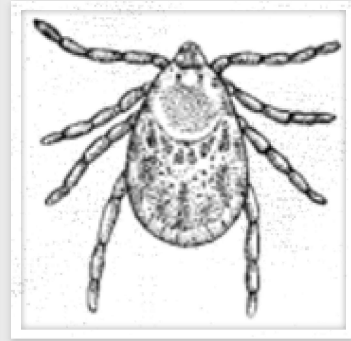
During the Spring Showcase, I fully expect that we'll be swept up in the children's enthusiasm, however it's important to highlight the spirit of the day. We truly do want to thank you, the parent community, for all that you do for your children and our school. Your children come to school every day from loving homes, prepared with everything that they need to flourish within our learning environment. Your consistent displays of volunteerism and generosity enhance our shared mission and visions in countless ways. Please know just how appreciative and grateful that we are to have this partnership with you, and that together we are giving our children an outstanding foundation for continued growth.

I wish you all a wonderful May, and hope to see you on Thursday night!

Sincerely,  
Robert Gardella

## THE NURSE'S NOOK

*Ticks and Sun Safety are both features of this time of year. As children are headed out for more outdoor play, please take some additional steps to insure their safety.*



Ticks are found in humid, wooded and grassy areas (i.e. Chatham, NJ). The CDC website offers a wealth of information about preventive practices.

[https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on\\_people.html](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_people.html)

Here are a few highlights:

- Use repellents. According to the CDC, products with at least 20% DEET are protective for several hours. ***Please apply these at home, before sending your child to school.*** Reapply before outdoor play and/or outdoor sports after school.
- Check for ticks at least once a day from head to toe.
- Encourage showering after playing outdoors.
- Remind your children to walk in the middle of sidewalks, paths or trails to avoid close exposure to grasses and bushes.

Here at SBS, we are taking additional precautions for your child's safety:

- Our playground and upper field have already been sprayed with a low-impact, non-toxic repellent, which will decrease the tick population in the area of the school. This application has been done in accordance with our Integrated Pest Management Plan and will not take place while school is in session.
- In addition, our Health Education teachers, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Dalton will be reviewing tick bite prevention strategies with your children during upcoming health classes.

Sun safety is an increasing concern as spring has arrived. Again, this topic is covered in our health curriculum by our awesome health teachers. You can help us to help your child by doing the following:

- Apply sunscreen every morning at home before sending your child to school.
- Send your child with a hat and sunglasses that they can wear while playing outside.



The Enright Foundation offers wonderful resources about sun safety:

<https://www.enrightmelanomafoundation.org/programs-and-services>

- On a related note: Don't forget a water bottle! As the sun shines and as temperatures rise, so does our need for more water. We have water bottle filling stations throughout the school where your child can replenish their supply.

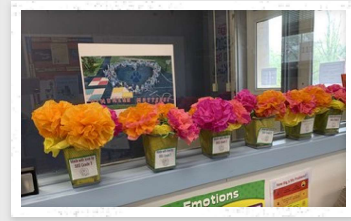
*Thanks for your partnership in keeping our students safe and healthy as we head outside to enjoy spring time at SBS!*

Karen Leister

## COUNSELING CONNECTION

Dear Families,

In January SBS started a Peer Leadership Program. This program allows our students, specifically third graders, to participate in leadership activities that provide enhancement in personal responsibility, respect, positive character, good decision making and leadership skills. Program activities include:



1. Buddy Class Peer Leaders: Each 3rd grade class has been assigned a 1st grade buddy class that they do activities with monthly.
2. Recess Character Leaders: 3rd grade students can volunteer to give up their recess approximately once a month to do projects that promote character education, community service and kindness.

During the month of April a group of the third grade character leaders completed a craft for Garden Terrace Nursing Home in Chatham. The students made centerpieces for Garden Terrace's dining tables and decorated tissue boxes for the residents. Management at Garden Terrace said that they use a lot of tissues and the residents love when children decorate the boxes with their beautiful artwork. The students had a lot of fun participating in this activity.

Happy May!

Kelly Medvin  
School Counselor

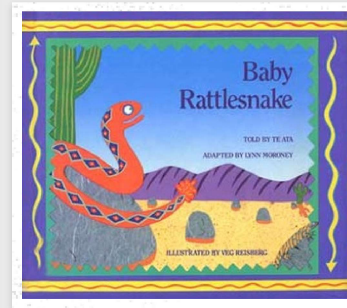
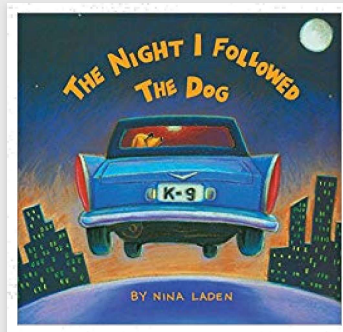
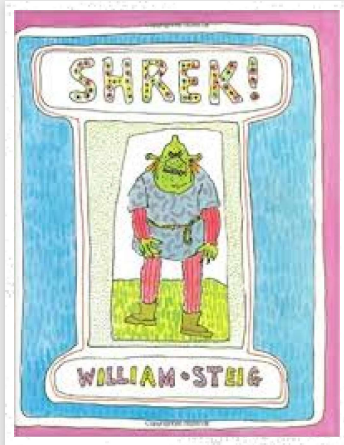
## LIBRARY LOWDOWN

WELCOME SPRING! - April is almost over!

We have been busy in the library! Kindergarten recently finished an author study of William Steig, the author of *Shrek* (This is the book the movie series is based upon), *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*, *The Amazing Bone* and more. Also, we are learning how to analyze the author's craft through the book *The Night I Followed the Dog* by Nina Laden.

First graders are learning about folktales. We learned that these "people stories" are found all over the world in various cultures like China, India, USA, etc. We shared a Native American folktale called *Baby Rattlesnake* told by Te Ata. We discussed how authors sometimes need to conduct research to write fiction stories. We read a non-fiction book about rattlesnakes and

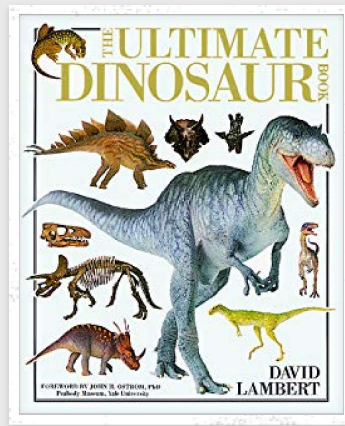
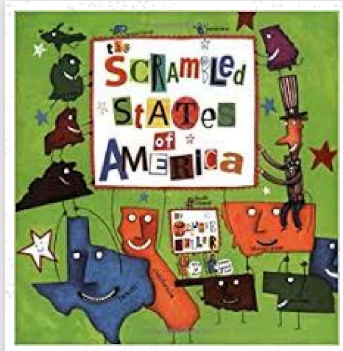
learned that the snake's rattle is very fragile. In the story *Baby Rattlesnake*, Baby Rattlesnake wants a rattle like his older siblings have. His crying keeps the rattlesnake elders up all night so his parents give him a new rattle. Sure enough, he misuses his new rattle. When he tries to scare the chief's daughter, she steps on his rattle and crushes it. Sad and defeated, he returns to his forgiving family who give him "big rattlesnake hugs". We discussed the lesson learned in this cautionary tale.



Second graders are working on their state research. Students chose a state that interested them. They learned to use [kiddle.co](http://kiddle.co) (Google search engine for kids) to locate information about their states. We are focused on the process of locating information independently. They are doing a tremendous job!

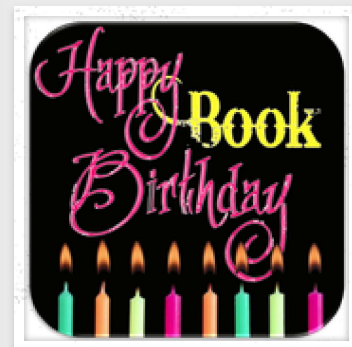
Third graders are working on their dinosaur research. They chose a dinosaur and have been using books, [kiddle.co](http://kiddle.co) and other websites to find information. They are progressing nicely. This research will culminate with a field trip to Field Station Dinosaur in May.

Have a great May!  
Mr. D'Aloia



## 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!!**

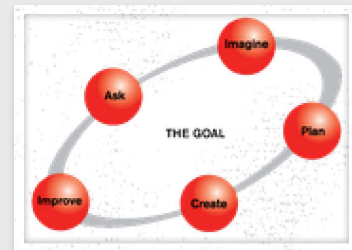
**Kindergarten** - We are learning about animal habitats!  
***Ask your child how they are going to help Benny the Polar Bear!***

**1st Grade** - Students are creating bridges!  
***Ask your child to share how they IMPROVED their bridges!***

**2nd Grade** - Students are investigating the best way to build a house for the 4th piggy. He will need one if he wants to stay safe from the Big Bad Wolf!  
***Ask your child to share how they IMPROVED their house!***

**3rd Grade** - Students are investigating safety equipment in contact sports, like football.  
***Ask your child about the problem they are trying to solve and what they are researching to become experts on sports safety.***

Have a Marvelous May!!



Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)

## MUSIC NOTES

I would like to congratulate the third graders for a wonderful spring concert performance! They worked hard and they should be proud of themselves!



For students who have signed up for a free Quaver Music account, there is a new Quaver code this spring! Enter *SaveThePlanet* in the QuaverCode box the next time you login for 100 free Quaver Notes! For more information about Quaver Music, please email me at [troskam@chatham-nj.org](mailto:troskam@chatham-nj.org).

Thank you!  
Ms. Roskam

## FROM THE ART ROOM...

Don't forget to check out our annual Student Art Exhibit at SBS. It will be on display through the end of May. Grade 3 students have their Van Gogh influenced Starry Night impasto paintings on display. Grade 2 has Andy Warhol, influenced Soup Cans on display, and grade 1 has Monet inspired water lily paintings and Michelangelo inspired frescoes on display.



## PTO POSTS

Dear SBS families,

Spring is finally here!! It is hard to believe that in less than 2 months summer vacation will begin! We have been busy at SBS and we have several more exciting events happening before we wrap up for the year!

Thank you to all who volunteered to be Committee Chairs for the 2019-20 school year. We are still in need of the following positions: Vice President (or co-VPs), Cafeteria Liaison, Green Team, Harvest Night, Hospitality Coordinator, Mileage Club, Reading Program Coordinator, and Spring Fling Coordinator. These special SBS traditions and events cannot happen without your support. Please email us at [sbsptopres@gmail.com](mailto:sbsptopres@gmail.com) if you have questions or you'd like to volunteer.

Would you like to be a class parent or help out on a committee? Our committee sign ups are now open <https://signup.com/go/rOZTRnU>

Please mark your calendars for these other upcoming events:

**\*5/2 Spring Fling.** Join us for a fun evening (7-10:30PM) at Fish and Game with live music, food, drink, and auction to benefit our courtyard renovation/outdoor classroom project. Ticket sales close tonight, April 29th at midnight!! <https://squareup.com/market/sbs-pto>

**\*5/6-5/10 Staff Appreciation Week.** We will be treating the SBS teachers and staff all week to say thank you for all they do to educate our children. Please help contribute <https://signup.com/go/nPHoNbx>

**\*5/14 PTO Meeting.** Meet us at 9:15 am in the Media Center. Heather Rocco, K-12 ELA Supervisor, will be our guest speaker.

**\*5/16 Spring Showcase.** A chance to spend time in your child's classroom to see what they have been doing!

**\*5/17 SBS 90th Birthday.** Children will participate in a day-long celebration. Please send them in 1920's dress or party attire!

The brick sale to help fund our courtyard renovation project will close on May 15th. Purchase a personalized, engraved brick to acknowledge your child/family, honor a beloved teacher, or to convey school spirit or a favorite quote. Bricks can be purchased here <http://www.brickmarkersusa.com/donors/sbs.html>

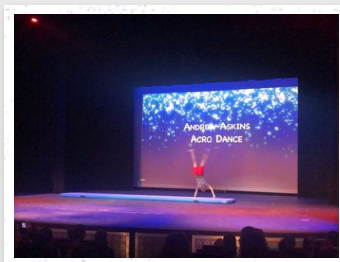
Finally, a huge thank you to Jen Mathews for organizing activities and walking trips to the Great Swamp to celebrate Earth Day. Thank you to the many parent volunteers as well as Chatham Police who chaperoned and helped out with these events. It's finally beginning to feel like Spring and these events were a great way to celebrate Earth Day! Mrs Piccola's Nature Detectives spotted 2 frogs, a salamander, birds, and a bat! Also a big thank you to Kari Askins, Melissa Arps, and their team of volunteers for putting together this year's 3rd Grade talent show. It was a memorable and fun night for all!

Amy Ewing  
2018-2019 PTO President

## GREAT SWAMP WALKING TRIP



## SBS TALENT SHOW







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