

# The Boulevard Beat

*A Monthly Newsletter from SBS - November 2019 Edition*

## The Principal's Place

I am so grateful to have the opportunity to serve as the principal of SBS. Thank you for sending your children each day. They enrich my life with their curiosity and enthusiasm for everything they do. I wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the time with your families!

Warm regards,

Kathleen O'Connor  
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 unpleasanties (i.e. “the stomach bug”).



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 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)

You will note that this document does not address exclusion times for vomiting. 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, we ask that you adhere to these parameters before you send your child back to SBS:

- 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!)

The health of our community depends on us all! Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and your kindness!

## Counseling Connection

Hello Families,

In an effort to capture the true meaning and importance of the holidays, many 3rd graders gave up their recess on Friday to make 250 brown bag lunches for Bridges Outreach. Bridges is a Summit based homeless advocacy group that delivers food, clothing and other services directly to our friends on the street. The meals made by SBS 3rd graders were delivered to homeless friends in Newark on Saturday morning.

The 3rd grade parents donated lunch meat, bread, cheese sticks, granola bars, fruit and water to make sure these meals were complete. The students, along with five brave parents and a few paraprofessionals, orchestrated the meal making during the 3rd graders recess. The enthusiasm was infectious and pride evident. The students worked very hard and collaboratively to get it done!

Ms. O'Connor, the 3rd grade teachers and myself are extremely proud of this accomplishment. I hope in some small way that the students understand that they made a difference.

I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Kind regards,  
Kelly Medvin



## Library Lowdown

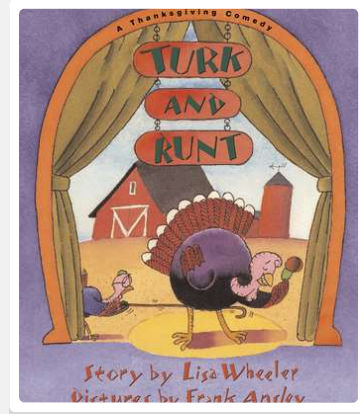
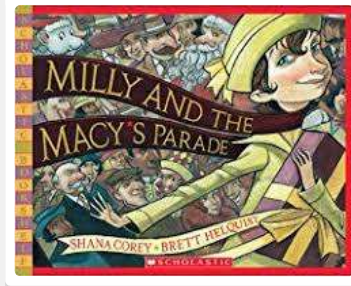
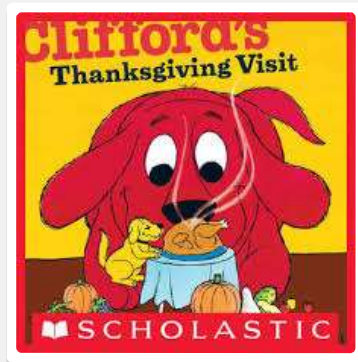
We are thankful for the amazing parent volunteers who come to the SBS Library to lend a helping hand. We truly appreciate it and could not do it without you! The students are fortunate to have such a

dedicated parent community that values our library and reading! A special thank you to Mrs. Vecchiarelli, P.T.O. Library Chair for organizing the volunteers and the schedule.



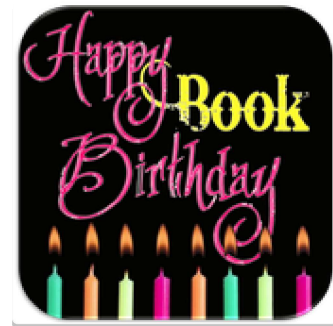
Wishing all our SBS families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. D'Aloia  
Library Media Specialist



## 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.](#)

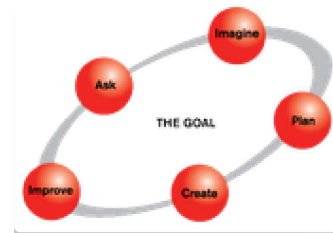


## The Design Den

Welcome Families, to the Design Den!!

**Kindergarten** - We are starting our first design challenge.

*Ask your child to share the most important question and engineer asks (What's the problem?)!*



**1st Grade** - Groups are collaborating to create a PLAN for their structure.

*Ask your child to share what happens in the PLAN step of the engineering design process (We smooch our ideas together, to help them grow!)!*

**2nd Grade** - We are creating and testing our solutions!

*Ask your child to share their PLAN with you!*



**3rd Grade** - We are improving our designs!  
**Ask your child to share their observations with you!**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)

## MUSIC NOTES

We hope to see you at one or more of our upcoming Holiday Concerts!

Grade 1 - Tuesday, December 17th at 9:30 am

Grade 2 - Wednesday, December 18th at 9:30 am

Grade 3 - Thursday, December 19th at 9:30 am

**(the third grade concert includes all of grade 3, chorus, and chimes)**



Upcoming Events: The third grade chorus is invited to perform 2 selections at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting which takes place at the Reasoner Park gazebo on Saturday, December 7th at 5:15 pm.

Thank you for your support of the music program!

Ms. Roskam

## PTO Posts

Dear SBS Families,

As November comes to a close, SBS wrapped up another incredible HOPE Week. I want to thank the many parents who volunteered their time, Ms. O'Connor, our teachers and staff, and of course our HOPE Week Committee: Ashley Dunn, Cristina Antenen, Jean O'Dowd and Megan Van Orden. It was an inspiring week filled with a great message of giving back for our students. Each grade worked hard on a variety of projects including: wellness kits for the homeless, busy bags for Goryeb's Children's Hospital, crafting and writing letters of thanks to our veterans and making ornaments and holiday cards for Chatham Hills Nursing Home residents. A special thanks to Mrs. Medvin and our third grade volunteers who gave up their recess on November 22nd to make 250 lunches for Bridges Outreach, a NJ based homeless outreach organization. Thank you also to all the families who so generously donated food for the lunches and to our Care Corners. We look forward to sharing the HOPE Week video with the entire SBS Community soon!

The holiday season is right around the corner and December promises to be another busy month! The following are key dates/events to remember.

**\*12/2 - Holiday Assembly: "Christmahanukwanzamadan"** with David Jack.

<https://www.mobileedproductions.com/christmahanukwanzamadan-holiday-school-assembly>

**\*12/3-12/5 - Holiday Boutique:** While you have your parent-teacher conference, drop your child off at our pop-up shop featuring new merchandise! Children can purchase inexpensive gifts for their whole family. Babysitting provided if your shopper finishes early.

**\*12/6 – STEM Talks:** Parents from our own SBS community who work in the STEM field have volunteered to share their exciting careers with our children.

**\*12/9 & 12/10 - FREE Hour of Code Event:** The SBS PTO will sponsor a FREE Hour of Code (HOC) event on Monday, 12/9 and Tuesday, 12/10. The HOC is an international initiative to expose children to coding in celebration of Computer Science Education Week.

**\*12/17-12/19 - Holiday Concerts**

Please note that our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

Susan Ross

SBS PTO President 2019-2020

## Mrs. Conti's Kindergartners Counting Coins for HOPE Week...





Mrs. Ciccone's Class Counting More Coins....







Mrs. Ciccone's Bag of Coins

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Mrs. Noonan's Class Making Ornaments for the Chatham Hills Nursing Home Residents...

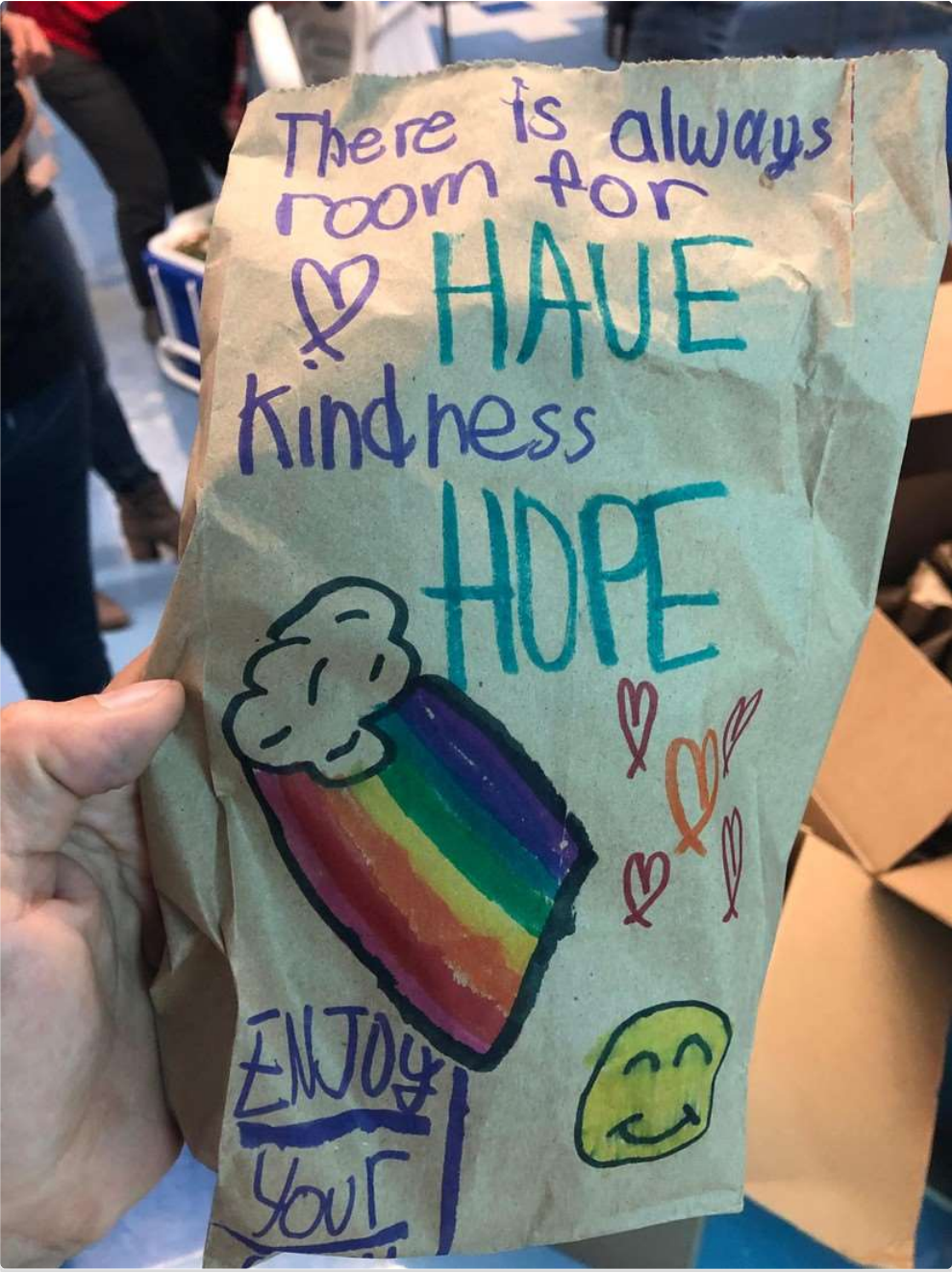




## SBS Third Graders Spread Hope

Our 3rd graders preparing lunches for the Bridges Program...











"i am corey" Character Education Assembly





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