

# The Boulevard Beat

*A Monthly Newsletter from SBS - December 2019 Edition*

## The Principal's Place

As the new year comes to a close, I am reminded of the many blessings in my life. I consider myself lucky to be a part of the SBS community. I am grateful for the welcoming smiles your children share with me each day. They underscore the importance of my role as the leader of this school. Please know that we work together each day to provide a safe and welcoming environment for every student in our care. We appreciate your support! We could not do this without you. Enjoy the time with your children! They are so very precious.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Warm regards,  
Kathleen

**SBS Third Graders Spread Hope for Bridges**

## The Nurse's Nook

Dear SBS Community,

As you know, I am leaving the SBS Health Office to take on a new role on behalf of the students in the district: Supervisor of Student Health and Wellbeing. I'm not going far; my new office will be located within the Board Office.

I am so grateful for having served the students, families and staff at Southern Boulevard over the past 19 years. Thank you for all you have meant to me. You have shaped me as a nurse and as a person. I have learned much from you and I will forever treasure the memories of my days at SBS.

I leave you in the capable and caring hands of Mrs. Kim Auer, who will occupy this office as of January 2nd. I know she will greatly appreciate your kindness and your support. Thanks, in advance

for welcoming her. Mrs. Auer can now assume the title I have held for so long: "Luckiest School Nurse in the World"!

Enjoy these days off with the people you love. Here's to a happy and healthy 2020 for you and your families.

Karen Leister

## Counseling Connection

These past few weeks I have been working with representatives from SBS's PTO and Green Team to develop some incredible ideas for the Great Kindness Challenge. The Great Kindness Challenge (GKC) is a week dedicated to creating a culture of kindness on school campuses worldwide. It's the happiest week of the year :) This year, the GKC will be the week of 1/27-1/31/2020. For the third year in a row our school will proudly participate in this proactive, positive bullying prevention initiative. Our theme for the GKC will be "**Be Kind to Everything**". Below is a summary and schedule of events:



**GKC Spirit Days:** Info will be in the Boulevard Beat, and attached to the weekly FYI leading up to the week.

- Monday - Be Kind to the Community Spirit wear - Kindness T-shirts or SBS t-shirt
- Tuesday - Be Kind to Our Earth - Wear Green for Clean!
- Wednesday - Be Kind to Each Other - Show Peace, Love and Kindness - dress like a hippie
- Thursday - Be Kind to Animals - Dress like your favorite animal
- Friday - Dream of being Kind to Everyone and Everything - School-wide PJ Day

We have so many amazing events and activities planned for this week and I can't wait to share them with you as the week draws nearer.

I would like to wish all of the SBS families a warm and relaxing winter break.

Kelly Medvin  
School Counselor

## Library Lowdown

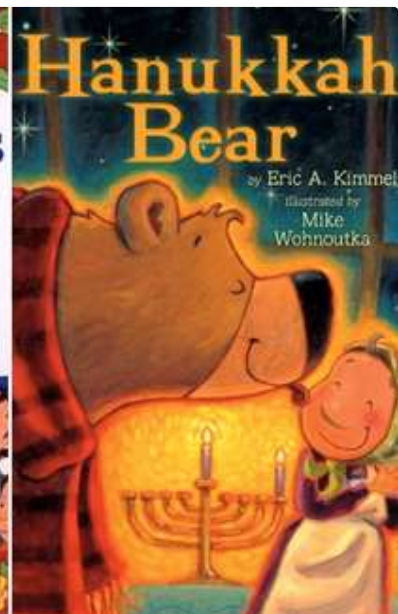
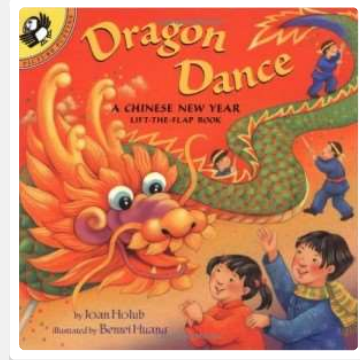
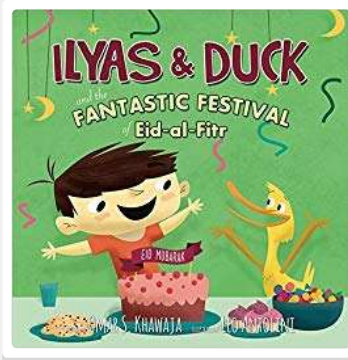
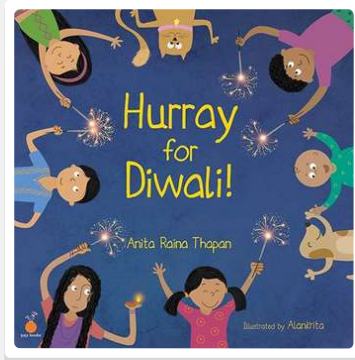
### Season's Readings from the SBS Library Media Center

On Monday we had our annual SBS Holiday Puppet Show Sing-Along authored by Mr. D'Aloia. This year Greiselda, the TV watching witch triplet trapped Zelda and Ralphie into her own *Hansel and Gretel* story.

Thanks to Boss Elf and Santa, the kids are rescued in time for the holidays. Along with our annual tradition of staff performing the puppet sing-along of the SBS 12 days of Christmas rendition and the staff Jib-Jabs, the students had a fun, educational, and entertaining experience. We are happy this library tradition continues at SBS! Thanks to all the SBS staff members

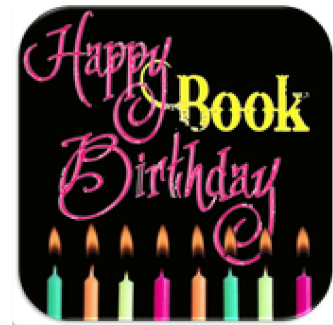


who helped make this possible. Thank you to all our library volunteers for helping us each month. Wishing all of our SBS families Happy Holidays! Have a safe and Happy New Year!



## 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 thinking of ideas to solve the problem.

***Ask your child to share Peekaboo the turtle's problem!***

**1st Grade** - Groups are creating and testing their solutions!

***Ask your child to describe what they made and share how they tested it!***

**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 New Year!

Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)

## MUSIC NOTES

Congratulations to all our students for preparing and performing in 3 terrific concerts! I am so proud of what a wonderful job they did and I thank them for all of their hard work and enthusiasm!



Third grade students that are not already signed up for chorus may sign up for the spring session. We rehearse on Wednesday mornings before school from 8:00-8:35am. Rehearsals start up again on Wednesday, January 15th at 8:00am in the music room. Any questions email Ms. Roskam [troskam@chatham-nj.org](mailto:troskam@chatham-nj.org)

## From the Art Room.....

January is time for grades 1-3 to begin artwork inspired by famous artists. Grade 3 students will be working on Impasto paintings of "their own" Starry Night inspired by Vincent Van Gogh. Grade 2 will create Soup Can prints inspired by Andy Warhol, and grade 1 will begin their water lily paintings inspired by the French Impressionist Claude Monet.



## PTO Posts

Dear SBS Families,

Happy Holidays! December has been a whirlwind of activity at SBS. The early start to winter put a kink in some of our plans, but we persevered. I would like to thank the PTO committees that worked through the rescheduling hurdles to make our December events happen. Your extra effort did not go unnoticed!

Thank you to Erin Burgo and Amy Ewing for putting together an amazing NEW Holiday Boutique, with items that everyone loved to purchase. I know my own children filled their buckets to the brim! To Christina Mott and the entire STEM committee who organized two Hour of Code sessions and STEM Talks during Computer Science week, we thank you. To the SBS parent volunteers who presented at our STEM Talks – your willingness to share your work experiences are immensely important to sparking the children's curiosity in this field.

For those of you working on your January calendars, here are some important dates to note:  
January 7th – First PTO Meeting of 2020; Math Supervisor, Stacy Winters is our guest speaker  
January 24th – Kindergarten & 1st Grade Movie/Family Fun night  
January 27- 31st – Great Kindness Challenge

This time of year is always hectic but I would like to take a moment to thank our wonderful community of teachers, support staff, and parents. You make SBS such a special place for our children to grow and learn.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year!  
Susan Ross  
SBS PTO President 2019-2020

## STEM Talks & Hour of Code





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