

The Boulevard Beat

A Monthly Newsletter from SBS - February 2020 Edition

The Principal's Place

Welcome to the February, 2020 edition of Boulevard Beat!

As our country becomes more diverse so too, has Southern Boulevard School. Recent demographics exemplify the different cultures attending SBS.

Caucasian - 78.5%

African American - 0.4%

Asian - 12%

Hispanic or Latino - 5.5%

Multiracial - 3.5%



Students today are growing up in a global community unlike anything we experienced. We live and work in a multicultural society, with all different kinds of people. Throughout the year, the SBS faculty instills lessons that promote our golden rule, "Treat others the way you want to be treated." While this sounds simple enough, our children sometimes forget that we are all different and children from different cultures may look different, celebrate different holidays and eat different kinds of foods. Our goal as a school community is to promote the idea that each person's uniqueness should be respected and valued. In sports, even though everyone plays a different position and has different strengths, the team works together to achieve the same goal. In the coming month, our school counselor, Mrs. Medvin will be visiting every classroom to reinforce how our differences should be respected and embraced. We would be most grateful if you could take the time at home to reinforce the tenet that diversity is a strength and our willingness to learn from others, will only make us stronger.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,
Kathleen O'Connor

Miss Militello's class presents Ms. O'Connor with a "Random Act of Kindness" voucher!



The Nurse's Nook

When enforced, in and out of school, these simple guidelines can go a long way to keeping our students healthy: *Good hand washing and avoidance of touching our eyes, nose, and mouth are proven time and time again to prevent the spread of illness.*

[What is the right way to wash your hands?](#)

- Wet your hands with clean, running water. It can be warm or cold. Apply soap, enough to lather. Washing your hands with soap and water is the best way to reduce germs on them.
- Rub your hands together to form a lather; scrub the backs of your hands, between your fingers, under your nails as well as the palms of your hands.
- Rub your hands for at least 20 seconds. If you don't have a timer, sing the "happy birthday to you" song twice from beginning to end.
- Rinse your hands well under running water.
- Dry your hands with a clean towel or air dry them.



Fight Germs. Wash Your Hands!

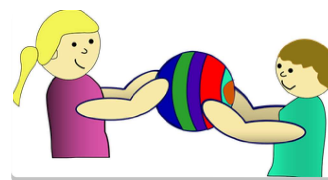


How Germs Spread | Explaining the Science for Kids



Dear Parents,

During February I have continued with my monthly classroom lessons. In first grade we have been focusing on fair ways to play. The objective of the lesson is to help students be able to define and differentiate between sharing, trading and taking turns. These are all solutions intended to promote the goals of fairness and mutual enjoyment so students are less likely to use aggressive solutions to conflict. Our students are already very good at these skills but a refresher is always helpful!



In second and third grade we have been discussing the importance of using positive self-talk. Self-talk is the mental dialogue that goes on in our heads throughout the day. Our self talk can be positive or negative depending on what we say to ourselves. If the voice is demeaning and discouraging, we are more likely to feel poorly about ourselves and might get less done. If the voice is positive and upbeat, we are more likely to feel encouraged and more able to accomplish a task. I think it is really important to teach students to pay attention to their internal dialogue because self talk can have a huge impact on self esteem, motivation and overall well being. It is extremely beneficial to our students and is a strategy that can be used anywhere and anytime regardless of the circumstance. I highly recommend helping your child change negative thoughts to positive.

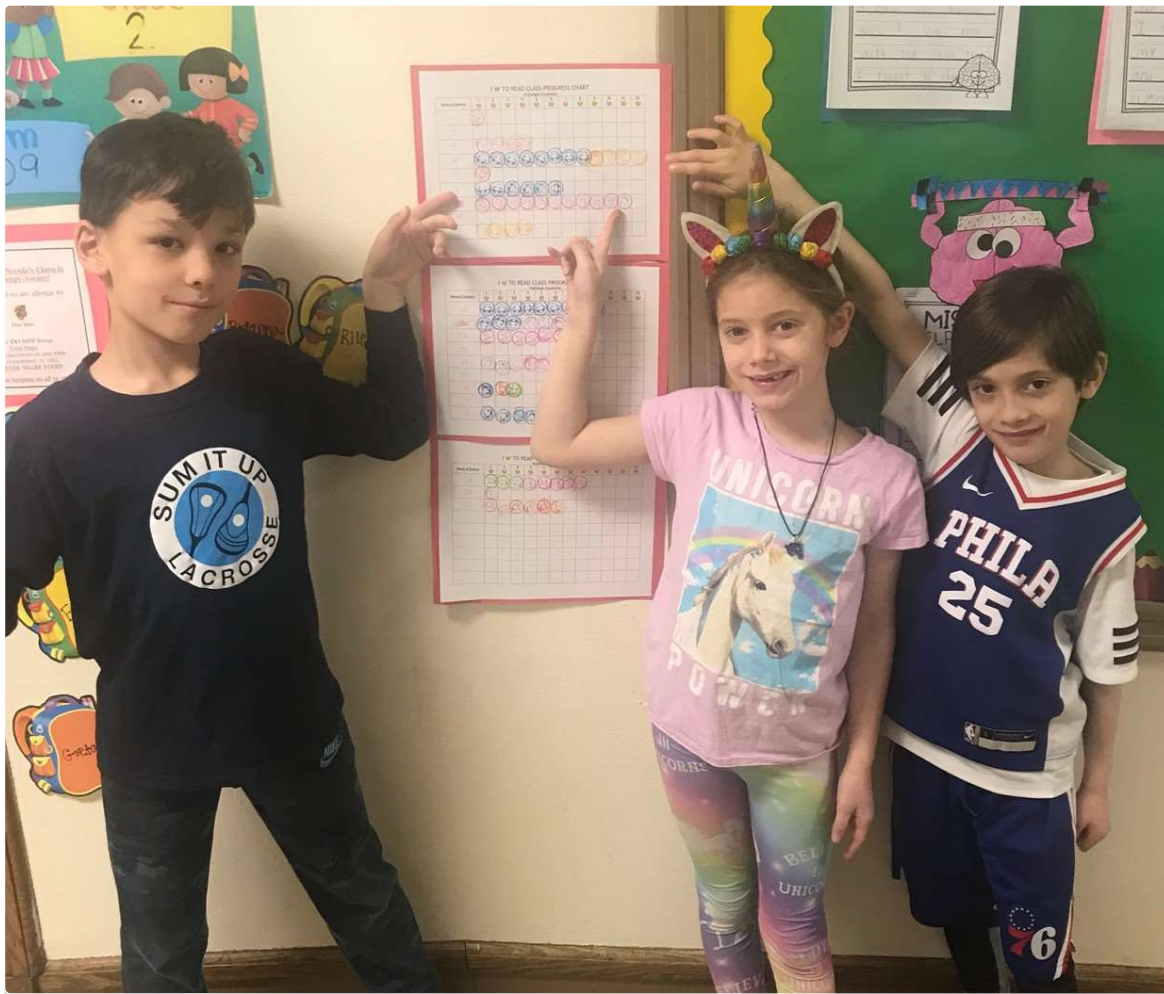
Kelly Medvin
School Counselor

Library Lowdown

This week our library has been rocking with the Scholastic Book Fair! Thank you to Mrs. Antenen, Mrs. Hadzima and Mrs. Ruddy for providing such a wonderful experience for the students. The students were so excited to visit the book fair this week.



The reading incentive program I LOVE TO READ has the students reading up a storm! They have been putting emoji stamps on the charts outside their classrooms for each activity completed to show their reading progress. Thank you to Mrs. Bock and Mrs. Capone for organizing this awesome program.



Monday, March 2nd is **Dr. Seuss' birthday**. Dr. Seuss, a.k.a. Theodore Geisel would have been 116 years old! SBS will celebrate Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' birthday on Monday. We are asking that students wear red, white, and black and a Cat in the Hat hat or any type of crazy hat to celebrate. We will have a fun-filled day to celebrate reading with an assembly in the gym. At the assembly students who completed their I LOVE TO READ grid will be recognized. In addition, students will be treated to a Dr. Seuss style reader's theater presented by the SBS staff. Mrs. Roskam, our music teacher will lead us in song to *Dr. Seuss We Love You* and *Happy Birthday*. The Cat in the Hat will be there to greet the students at drop-off and pick-off. Thank you to Mrs. Oliver for volunteering to be our Cat for the day.

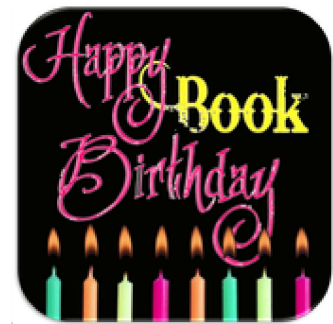
Mr. D'Aloia
Library Media Specialist

Congratulations to Finley Weaver on winning the raffle for the basket of books at the SBS Book Fair Family Night!



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 researching the needs of living things!
Ask your child to share what the 4 needs of living things are!

1st Grade - We are a new design challenge!
Ask your child to share what the problem is!

2nd Grade - We are setting up our engineering notebooks!
Ask your child to share strategies for effective note taking!

3rd Grade - We are creating presentations to share our learning with the SBS community!
Ask your child to share their presentations with you!

Have a Marvelous March!

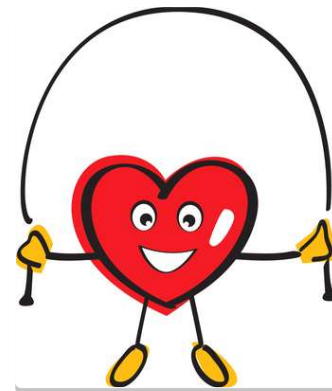
Ms. Stojanov (Ms. S)



From the Gym....

Hello Caregivers of SBS,

Kids Heart Challenge (formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart) is coming to SBS on March 10-13! Our 2nd and 3rd graders will be getting some heart healthy exercise in the gym with Mr. Stevens and Mr. Dalton while compiling donations for the great work of the American Heart Association. We hope we can count on your family to be a "heart hero" for this worthy cause. There are three ways to donate: envelope, online, or app. Please see your child's folder for this information. You can access online donating by going to www.heart.org/khc and looking up Southern Boulevard in the school search. Please feel free to contact Mr. Stevens, mark.stevens@chatham-nj.org should you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support!



Yours in fitness,
Mr. Stevens and Mr. Dalton

MUSIC NOTES

First Graders are learning to combine rhythm and melody using quarter notes and paired eighth note patterns. They are learning how to place these notes or icons on a partial music staff. This means they must listen and identify the high and low movement of the melody plus identify how many sounds they hear rhythmically per beat.



Second Graders are now able to read quarter notes, eighth notes, quarter rests, tied quarter notes and half notes! The children are able to identify how many beats there are when looking at a combination

Sound of Music. I've encouraged the children to schedule a movie night with their families or friends to watch it at home.

Third Graders are working on their spring concert music. In addition to learning the correct rhythm and melody, they are also memorizing all of the words! The Third Grade Concert is Tuesday, April 28th at 1:45 pm.

Thank you,
Ms. Roskam

PTO Posts

February at SBS has been all about READING! The Scholastic book fair got underway this week and the library was transformed into a bookstore with more books than ever for the children to choose from. The PTO would like to say thank you to Cristina Antenen, Sarah Hadzima, Lisa Ruddy and all the parent volunteers who set up and ran the sale.

SBS also kicked off I Love to Read Week during February 24-28th. Students were encouraged to complete 12 reading challenges. Progress was tracked in classrooms and the program will culminate on Monday, March 2nd, with a Dr. Seuss assembly where the class winners will be recognized. The winning class in each grade will win a pajama party and an extra recess. Students can wear silly hats and/or clothes to celebrate. Thank you to Yalda Bock, Erin Capone and Mr. D'Aloia for their hard work to get kids excited to read.

The countdown is on! Get tickets for our annual ***SBS Spring Fling*** to be held at Fairmount Country Club on Friday, March 20, 2020. Come meet friends and mingle at our annual fundraiser. Join us for a fun evening including dinner, open bar (beer and wine), music, live and silent auction. 100% of the event proceeds will fund the renovation of SBS' library. You can purchase tickets here: <https://sbs-pto.square.site/>

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

***3/6 Pizza Parlor Day**

***3/10 SBS PTO Meeting**

***3/18 Author's Day**

***3/20 Spring Fling**

Special thanks to....

-Meg Zimak, Annie Genkinger and their entire committee for planning such an exciting Family Feud night for our 2nd and 3rd graders! We couldn't make the evening happen without the help of our MC, Mr. D'Aloia, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Oliver, Ms. Vaughn, Mrs. DePascale, Ms. Seiferas, Mrs. Piccola, Ms. Brief, Mrs. Keating, Mrs. Rosenstein, Mrs. Izsa and Mrs. Noonan. Thank you!

Susan Ross
SBS PTO President 2019-2020

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