

# The Boulevard Beat

*A Monthly Newsletter from SBS-January/February 2021 Edition*

## **The Principal's Place**

Halfway There!

Congratulations to students, parents and teachers for making it to the halfway mark of the 2020-2021 school year. Who would have thought we'd get this far? I think it's time to stop, pat ourselves on the back and savor this moment. As one of the few districts that is teaching in-person five days a week, I am heartened by the progress our students have made thus far. While the year has not been without its challenges, we have persevered and should be commended. Although it's a cliché, it really does take a village. I am proud that the Southern Boulevard School community works together everyday to make SBS a school that students find welcoming, safe and inclusive. Thank you to our paraprofessionals, custodians, our guidance counselor, our nurse, our Child Study Team and the main office staff. Thank you to the SBS teachers who have solved how to deliver content to all students simply and efficiently, and whose commitment to continually refine instruction is admirable. Thank you to the students for all of the hard work they've demonstrated. Thank you to the SBS PTO who is always searching for ways to enhance our student's experiences and for delivering special treats and lunches to support our faculty. And finally, thank you to the parents for getting your children to school or to virtual learning punctually everyday. We couldn't do this without you! I am grateful to be part of this endeavor and I look forward to the future.

### Valentine's Day Celebrations

SBS will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, 2/12/21. Certainly Valentine's Day celebrations have changed in recent years but students will still participate in fun activities. Although there will not be paper valentines, students will still send kind messages to their classmates via Flipgrid. Additionally, students will make a craft supplied by class parents. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the planning of this special day.

### 2021-2022 Full Day Kindergarten

As we look toward the future, I wanted to inform parents that there will be a full day kindergarten program next year. As in the past, students will be chosen for the class through a lottery which will take place on 3/10/21. Information regarding this process is forthcoming.

### SBS Loves to Read!

During the months of February and March, SBS students will participate in several special events related to reading. Our PTO is again sponsoring the reading incentive program, I LOVE TO READ. The PTO will provide suggested reading activities and students will be rewarded for participating. Additionally, the online Scholastic Book Fair will take place from 2/22/21-3/9/21. Of course, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on 3/2/21 and we are looking forward to the author, [Jonathan Stutzman's](#) virtual visit on 3/11/21.

Spring, 2021

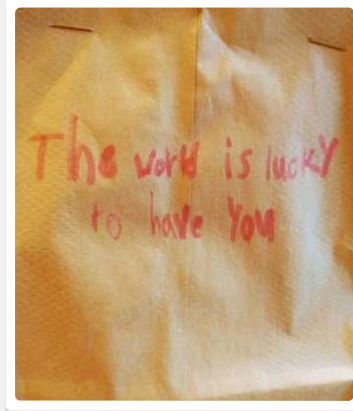
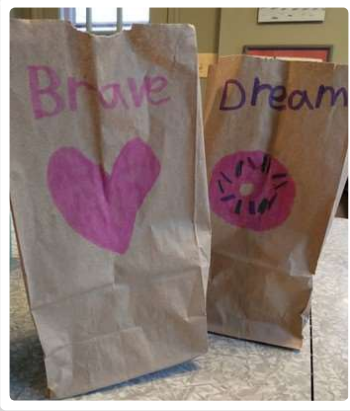
After this week's snow, I'm happy to say that spring gets closer everyday. I relish the longer days and look forward to the upcoming season. Let us continue to work together to provide an excellent learning experience for our children.

Warm regards,  
Kathleen O'Connor  
Principal of Southern Boulevard School

## Bridges Outreach

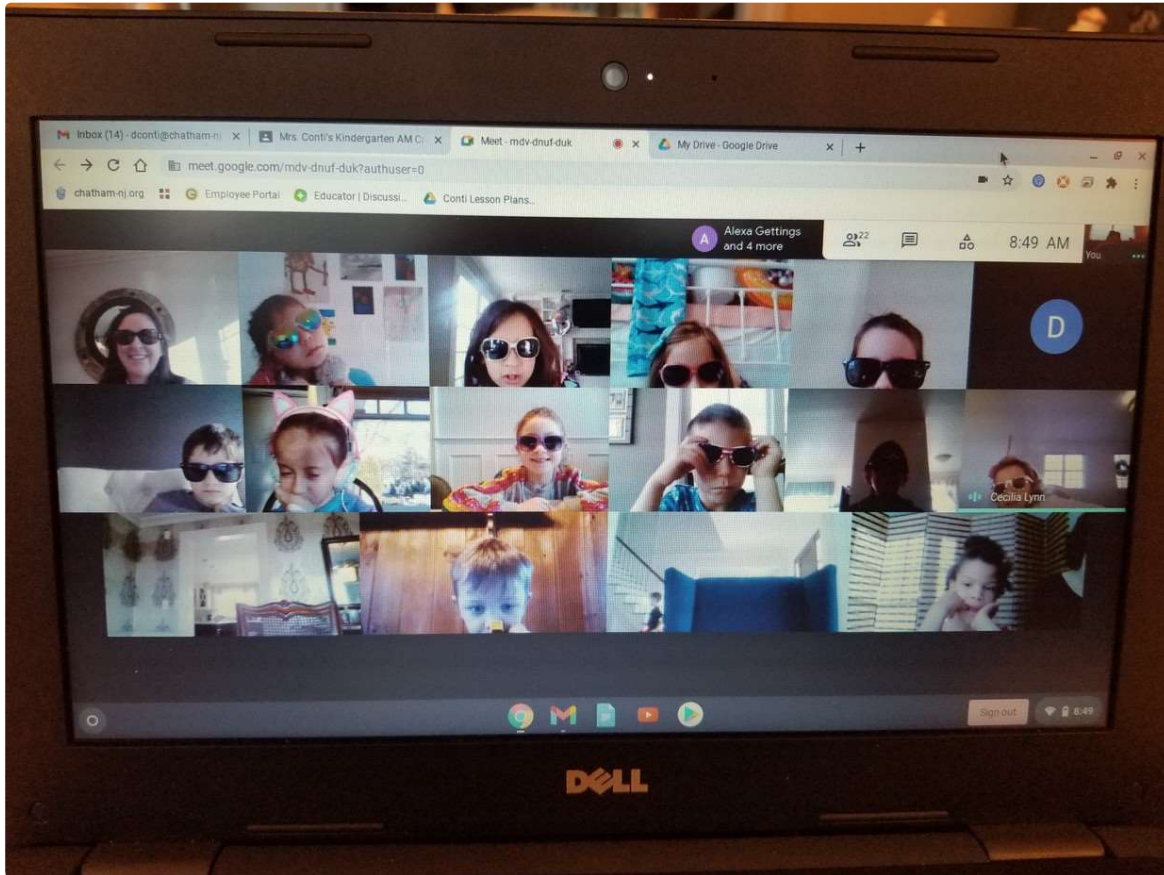
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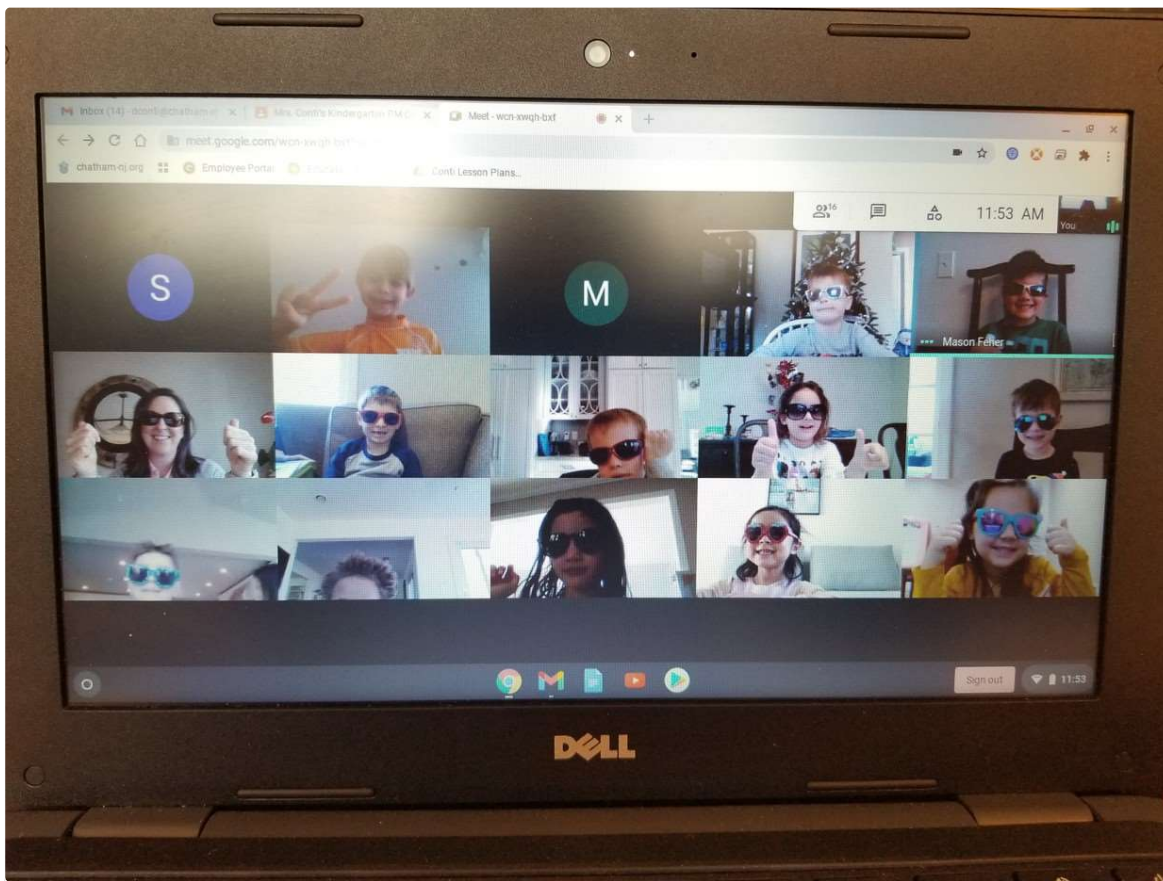
The World is Lucky to Have You!





## Mrs. Conti's Kindergarten Remote Beach Parties





## Counseling Connection

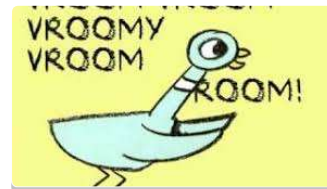
We had a great month at SBS in January! We had the week of Kindness and the students participated by watching a short video each day and completing a kindness challenge! Each class was so excited to tell me how many acts of kindness they did! We ended the week with a wonderful virtual assembly, the kids loved it! The 3rd grade also participated in a great charity event called Building Bridges, they made sandwiches and decorated brown paper bags to deliver to the homeless. We are so excited to continue to spread kindness throughout the year and it was a great start to a new year! Stay safe and warm during these last few winter days!

Mrs. DeVergillo  
School Counselor

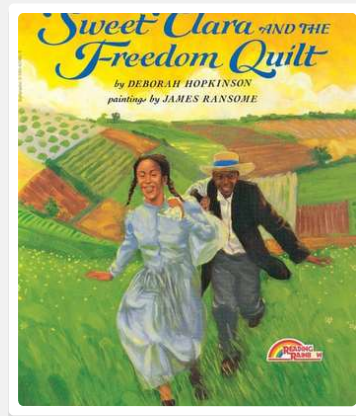
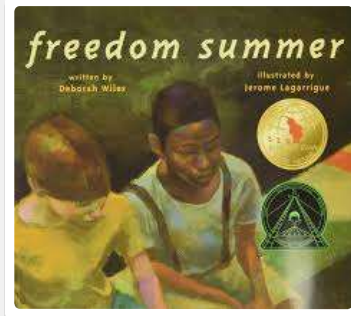
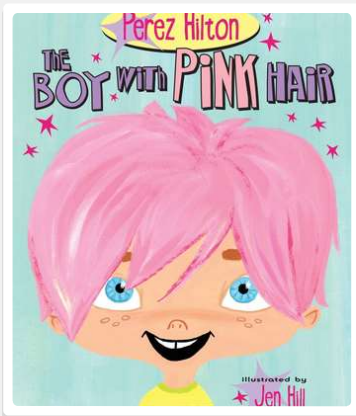


## Library Lowdown

"Let me drive the bus!" Kindergarteners know Mr. D'Aloia is coming down the hall and into their classroom for LIBRARY when they hear this phrase and see the library book cart rolling into their room.



During SBS Kindness Week, students heard various stories related to the kindness theme.



Grades 1, 2, and 3 started research projects in Library class. This will take place over the next few library classes. They are doing a super job with their research.

Grade 1 - Animals

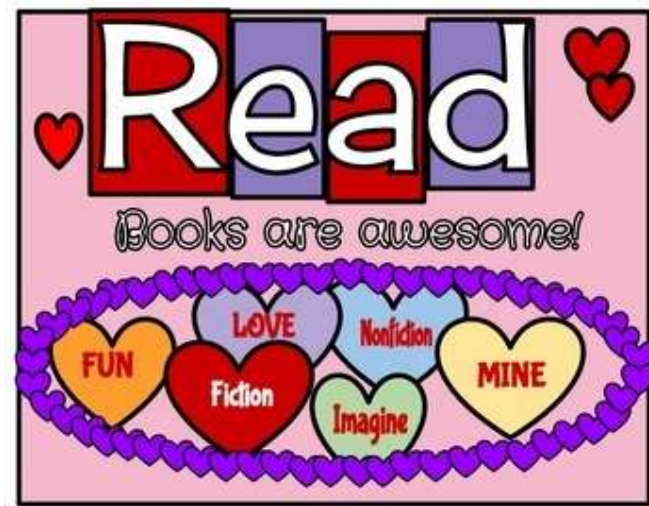
Grade 2 - United States

Grade 3 - Weather and Climate

Please return any overdue library books. There is a cart outside the entrance doors every morning for students to drop their library books.

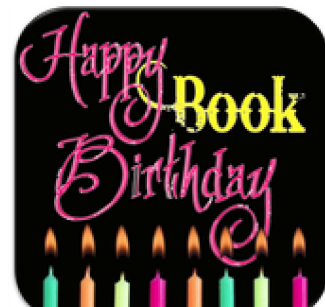
Have a great February!

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

Hello and welcome to the Design Den!

Tip of the Month: As we use technology devices more and more every day, it is important to practice skills like proper typing! All students in grades 1-3 have accounts on [TYPING.COM](https://www.typing.com) and they can practice their typing skills on this resource.



Follow the directions [on this link](#) to help you log in.

Have a marvelous March!

Ms. Stojanov

## Music Notes

First graders have been creating their own rhythm patterns as well as identifying the ones that they hear and see. They are reading and writing rhythm patterns using quarter notes, paired eighth notes and quarter rests.



Second graders have also been creating their own rhythm patterns as well as identifying the ones that they hear and see. They are reading and writing rhythm patterns using quarter notes, quarter rests, half notes, and half rests.

Third graders have been creating their own rhythm patterns as well as identifying the ones that they hear and see. They are reading and writing rhythm patterns using quarter notes, quarter rests, paired eighth notes, and groups of sixteenth notes.

Grades 1, 2 and 3 have been listening to music by the great composer, Ludwig van Beethoven. He wrote music during the Classical and Romantic periods. Ask your child about the struggles Beethoven endured as a result of losing his hearing and how he did not give up on his art!

The music we have been listening to by Beethoven:

1. Fur Elise
2. Symphony No. 5
3. Moonlight Sonata
4. Symphony No. 9, fourth movement "Ode to Joy"

~Ms. Roskam

**Phys. Ed. class takes it outdoors for some fun in the snow!**





## PTO Posts

Dear SBS Families,

Kindness Matters is the cornerstone message of our school, so there was no better way to kickstart the year than with the Kindness Challenge week, which ran from January 11th to the 15th. The PTO sponsored a virtual assembly from Kindness Ninja, Brian Williams. We hope you enjoyed discussing the daily videos with your children and they were inspired to increase their acts of kindness.

After School Enrichment ("ASE") is traditionally our largest PTO program, but has been on hiatus since March 2020. The ASE Committee has been working diligently getting our first ever virtual session up and running. The six-week winter session began on January 26th and features classes in science, coding, chess and art. We are thrilled to have 65 students enrolled and thank the families for their support. Families enrolled in the current session will receive a survey so we can make improvements to future sessions. All SBS families will receive a survey regarding interest in a Spring session as well as a few new course types to keep your kids engaged virtually. We would like to extend our appreciation to the following ASE Coordinators for their hard work and success in reviving ASE from quarantine!

Chairperson: Deepti Teotia

Contracts: Kim Dwyre

Registrar: Cheryl Foertsch

Payments: Nicole Stratemeier

On January 21st, the PTO sponsored a virtual Dance Party for the kindergarten and 1st graders with a professional DJ from All Star Party LI. Over 100 screens were on Zoom! We were delighted to see so many students and siblings enjoying games like Name that Tune, the floor is lava, scavenger hunt and



a variety of dances. The titles of Most Enthusiastic Dancers were revealed in the next morning's announcements - John Straka (1st grade) and Milly Tedesco (1st grade) each won a complementary ASE class for their moves. Thank you to the parent volunteers who coordinated this event:

Kindergarten Parents: Katie Richie and Megan Schaaf

1st Grade Parents: Suzanne DeMichele and Larissa Wilson



Families with 2nd and 3rd graders will enjoy a virtual event as well. The PTO is sponsoring Family Fun Game night on Friday, February 5th at 6:00PM. Families will be entertained by a professional DJ, dancing and a variety of games such as bingo and trivia. Please see the FYI for RSVP link and details.

Be well and enjoy the snow!

Amy Ewing and Kim Visentini

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# SBS Calendar



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