

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Our 4th and 5th graders were amazing in this year's performance of Fiddler on the Roof. The students, led by Ms. Fogg, worked tirelessly to bring us this wonderful production!



DOZENS OF BEYE STUDENTS JOIN THOUSANDS FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL WALKOUT

On March 14, approximately 45 Beye students chose to join the National School Walkout. They walked from their classroom to the Commons and were given the option to march around the Commons. Others chose to sit and reflect. In order to participate, students needed to have parent permission and those who chose not to attend received interrupted classroom time. After 10 peaceful minutes, the walkout concluded and the participating students rejoined their classrooms.



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

March Madness Has Hit Beye School!

While I might be talking about the predictable yearning for spring break, I'm actually talking about our month long reading celebration that culminates with a couple of teacher-student basketball games on the last day before break. As students track their reading and accumulate minutes for a chance to play in the game, we want them to know that reading is definitely a subject that benefits from a growth mindset. Readers read, and good readers spend a good deal *more* time reading. Minutes translate to mastery and pages turn into progress. Students who put in the time will see the payoff. Please encourage your reader to keep on investing time in their reading. It's the most basic and important thing they can do to positively impact their learning trajectory.

On April 23rd at 7pm in the library we'll be hosting **Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley** for a **community book chat**. We'll be looking at Dr. Zaretta Hammond's *Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain: Promoting Authentic Engagement and Rigor Among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students*. The book highlights how we can utilize a few key moves to help grow independent rather than school-dependent learners. I'll be there to help facilitate and I hope you will join us to explore this powerful book and important topic.

The faculty just completed a three session professional development series on **sticking with strengths**. Dr. Monika Black from DePaul University used



Mr. E Drawing by Jayden P.

the Clifton Strengths finder assessment to help us understand our own strengths and those of our teammates so that ultimately we can bring an assets based approach to our work with children. We also learned that culture is an integral part of being able to see and celebrate strengths and that elevating strengths as a true 180 degree turn from the deficit-based world view that has traditionally been the way schools and school systems work.

The last notes of **"Fiddler on the Roof"** are still reverberating in the Beye auditorium, and what a great show it was! Ms. Fogg and former D97 teachers Patrick McAndrew and Liz Rexford teamed with Beye former parent Holly Saunders to create a wonderful show that reminds us of our own "Traditions," namely a commitment to the whole child, and specifically to artistic expression and endeavors. These opportunities are very much a part of who we are as a school and we should never ever take them for granted. Thanks to everyone

involved for another great drama club production!

The PTO recently identified funds to be made available for a **special project funding cycle**. Do you have an idea that would make Beye School better? Have you considered a program or project that would enrich the Beye experience for students and/ or their families? Go to the web site and complete the form there to have your idea(s) considered. It is our hope that this process will remain in place to make sure that any money raised gets used in a timely fashion for the kids and families who helped to raise it.

The PTO nominating committee is in the last stages of piecing together the **slate for next year's PTO executive board**. It is always our goal to have the PTO leadership reflect the entire Beye School community. That means we are always looking for more parents of color and dads to step up and help lead. Prior PTO experience is not a prerequisite, as some of our best ideas come from people who are new to the PTO. Would you please consider taking a turn leading next year and contacting outgoing Co-President Stephanie Kloster or me with your questions or consent? WE NEED YOU!!

As always, I welcome your thoughts, ideas, questions, comments, concerns or causes for celebration. Please feel free to email, call, or make an appointment to stop by. You have a perspective that only you can bring, and I always appreciate getting to hear it and to know someone and their context just a little better. Thanks for your ongoing support of your learner, their teachers and their principal!

Sincerely,
Jonathan Ellwanger, Principal

NEWS FROM THE BEYE PTO AND MATH MEET-UP

BEYE SCHOOL MY SCHOOL

<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org>

Dear Beye Families,

Spring Break is here! Whether you are heading for a vacation somewhere warm or you are staying in town, we hope you enjoy the time off! Spring break is great time to take advantage of a little time off from our normal, daily routines.

Before we head out to enjoy the time away from school, we'd like to make sure that all families are aware of the Special Project Funding Request Form that was recently shared via the Beye School Thursday Packet. The PTO currently has an excess of funds in our reserve account and are asking you—and all those who are a part of the Beye School community—to submit any ideas for special projects that would make an impact at Beye School. Please be sure to look at the special project funding form for more information and submit materials by April 2 to have your idea considered for funding.

Also, it's that time of year where we begin to plan for next school year. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the school, please consider joining the PTO's Executive Board. We are looking for co-chairs for several important committees. We hope you'll consider joining us—the more the merrier when it comes to providing an outstanding environment for our kids at school! Have a wonderful break and see you at the Fun Fair on April 28!

--Stephanie Kloster-De La Rosa and Denise Franta, Co-Presidents Beye PTO

Math Meet-up

On February 24, more than 50 Beye parents showed up at school on a Saturday to learn from Beye teachers how they can better support their children's math learning. The first-ever Morning Math Meetup (M3) Parent Workshop was sponsored by the School Improvement Team (SIT) and the Beye Inclusion Committee. Teachers Ms. Milburn, Ms. Helm, Ms. Buckley, Ms. Louthan, Ms. Smith, Ms. Robinet and Ms. Bauman all spent time with parents to provide guidance on the math curriculum for each of the grades. Ms. Logan, Ms. Harlan, Mr. Plaza, Ms. Redmond and Mr. Ellwanger also provided support for the event.

Feedback provided by parents was positive, with many sharing that having this time with the teachers was very helpful to them in better understanding how to offer assistance with homework. It was suggested by some that a session like this take place earlier in the year next time, and others asked for the organizers to consider adding language and reading instruction as well.

A big thank you to the members of the Beye Inclusion Committee of the District 97 Diversity Council (DIVCO), the School Improvement Team and all the Beye teachers and staff who made this event possible. We look forward to holding another session next fall.



BEYE DISCOVERY



BEYE PTO'S AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM WITH A FOCUS IN ART AND SCIENCE

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BEYE DISCOVERY HIGHLIGHTS MID-FEBRUARY THROUGH MID-MARCH 2018

1. **Window Banner Illustrations for the Beye Library:** Our Monday students are close to completing 5 window panels for the Beye Library. The project was inspired Tao Nyeu's picture book "Wonder Bear". In this story, two children plant a seed and a hat (yes, a hat). It is a magical hat that produces a plant that grows to incredible heights. From one of its blossoms, Wonder Bear emerges wearing the magic hat. The two children have an enchanted day with Wonder Bear, entertained by acrobatic monkeys, bubbles in the shape of life-sized lions, & flying sea creatures. For our Beye Library window panels, the children worked in groups and created 5 sequels to the story. These illustrated adventures tell some fantastic stories and we hope you will enjoy them when you visit the Beye Library this April.

2. **Eco-Friendly Found Object Sculptures:** It is always exciting to see what treasures emerge from the children's creativity and the contents of our recycle bins. Our Tuesday students created some fantastic sculptures, including a bird, a fish, a giraffe, and a robot. Please see the photos included in this article.

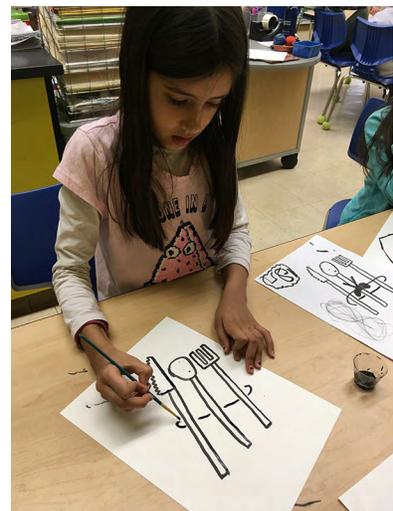
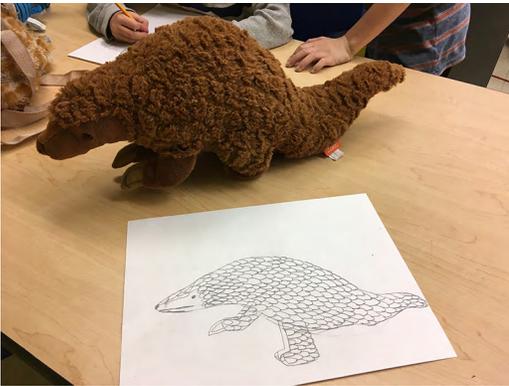
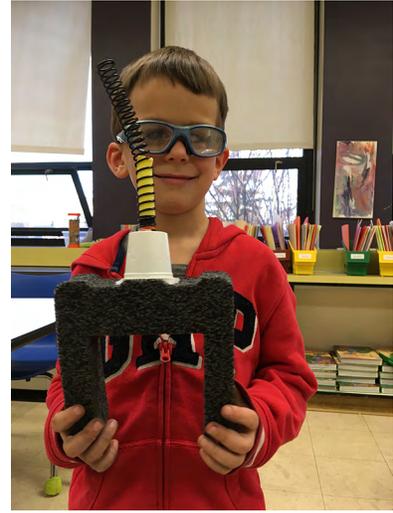
3. **Cabinets of Curiosities:** Our Wednesday students took imaginary expeditions to imaginary places. They are bringing these adventures to life with a collection of artifacts and memorabilia they have created. They are also creating "cabinets of curiosities" to store their collection, using pasta boxes and scrap booking paper. For children who love storytelling, traveling and day dreaming, this can be a very engaging summer project! Stay tuned for our "cabinets of curiosities" photos in the April issue of the Beyelines.

4. **Drawing Techniques:** Ms. Gillet's lesson introduced the children to the work of Ben Shahn and his illustrations in black ink, with occasional touches of color. Shahn was less interested in correctness or creating an exact likeness and more concerned with the feeling or emotional impact of the drawing. Ink is permanent and while it can be daunting to know that an eraser is unable to fix a stray mark, the children produced some of the best drawings of the year! We were equally impressed with the students' observational drawings of plush toys. We asked the students to focus on shape relationships (proportion) to accurately record their subject and to determine large overall shapes before focusing on details. The ink drawings are on display in the main hallway outside the office through April and the observational drawings are included in this article.

We are looking forward to our Field Trip to the Oak Park Conservatory on Teacher Institute Day and to creating small felted animals when we return to the classroom. In April, we are eager to begin our Rainforest Eco-system Wall Mural! We wish all Beye Families a wonderful Spring Break!

Beye Discovery is an enrichment program of the Beye PTO that offers children opportunities for exploration and growth through creative project-based learning in art and science. It is facilitated by Jocelyne Adkins, Program Director, and Maia Gillet, Teaching Assistant.

BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...

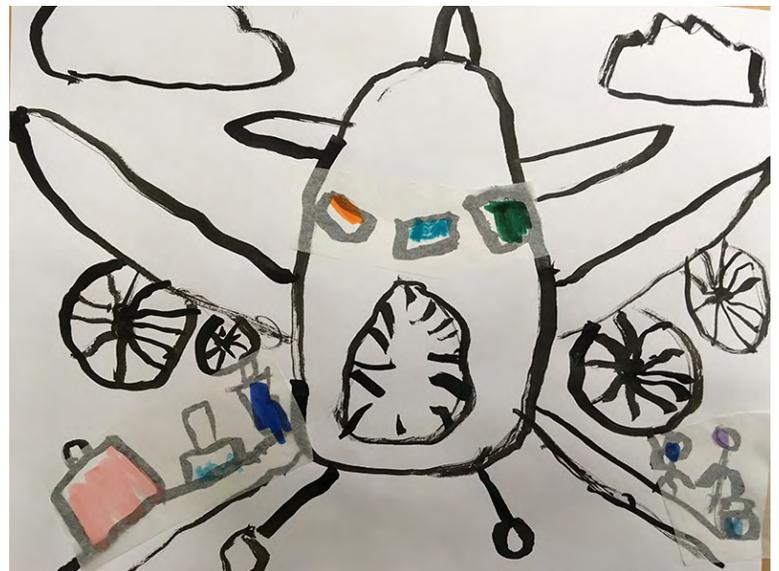


Top L: Zander, Circus-Inspired Illustration; 2nd on L: Valen, Drawing from Observation; 3rd on L: Tariq, Drawing from Observation; Bottom L: Roberto, Found Object Sculpture; Top Middle: Charlotte, Group Illustration; Middle: Zachary, Drawing from Observation; Bottom Middle: Salma, David, Yusef, and Zachary, Group Illustration; Top R: Ulric, Found Object Sculpture; Middle R: Sonia, Ben Shahn-Inspired Ink Drawing; Bottom R: Elise, Ben Shahn-Inspired Ink Drawing

BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



Top L: Valen, Ben Shahn-Inspired Ink Drawing with Hank
 2nd on L: Salma, Giraffe Sculpture with Ascencion
 3rd on L: Lucy and Elise, Group Illustration
 Bottom L: Lucy, Drawing from Observation
 Top R: Gabe, Found Object Sculpture
 Middle R: Dakin, Bird Sculpture
 Bottom R: Mekhi, Ben Shahn-Inspired Ink Drawing



FUN FAIR, APRIL 28TH



SAVE THE DATE

FUN FAIR IS APRIL 28th, 11 am - 3 pm

Please help make this an amazing event for all of Beye!

Your donations and time support the PTO - which supports your kids!

We need **RAFFLE DONATIONS** (sports or event tickets, guest passes for museums or zoo, unopened toys or games, gift certificates, or a cash donation)

Do you work for a company? Ask the marketing department if they can donate something - it's great local advertising!

Are you self-employed? Be a sponsor by donating your services or cash.

All *donations* are tax deductible and publicly thanked!

Contact: Suzanne Cronacher, scronacher@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER AT BEYE

Beye School's PTO fundraising team is looking for volunteers! Time commitments vary. Get involved as much as you would like. Meet new people and show your kids your school spirit. Visit the PTO home page and scroll down to the bottom of the page to indicate your interest(s): www.beyeschoolpto.org; www.beyeschoolpto.org/volunteer.html.

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ABOUT BEYELINES

The Beyelines is an online and hard copy newsletter of Beye School that is distributed monthly in an effort to highlight activities and events that have already occurred at Beye School, both in the classroom and outside the classroom. Articles may be written by Beye School Parents, community members, teachers, and students.

All articles should be submitted to beyelines@beyeschoolpto.org.

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The new design of the BEYELINES is inspired by the Blue and Green Line trains which run through Oak Park. The small circles on the blue and green lines are representative of the train stops along those lines which pass through our town. The fonts used are DIN Condensed, Chosence, and Times New Roman.