

BEYELINES

BEYE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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.



Portrait of Mr. E. by Audrey B.

October is a month of transitions. Baseball season ends (tragically, it would appear, as I type this) and basketball and hockey ramp up. Leaves fall and soon the cold will be more than an occasional visitor. And as certainly as those changes come, so too the start of the year is no longer where we are, but rather finishing off the first trimester.

Life is about adjustment, and hopefully you received some important information at your teacher conference that will inform the fine tuning with your learner as we approach the first report card in November. At the first PTO meeting, Mr. Manus previewed the new **report card** and in last month's column I shared the new descriptors- E=Excels, M=Meets, P=Progressing, N=Not yet. We are all about improvement at Beye, and wherever we are in our learning journey, there are always things that could be better. I hope that as a team you, your child and your teacher have a few actionable goals for what remains of this first trimester, and that the first report card that you receive reflects progress toward achieving those goals.

Improvement also happens at the school level. Our **School Improvement Plan** was presented at the September PTO meeting and is now posted on the school website for you to peruse. It has three big picture areas of focus: one for reading, one for math and one for a positive learning environment. In reading, we're focused on narrowing achievement disparities for students of color. In math, we want to move tier 2 and tier 3 students receiving supports up one level. For a more positive learning environment, we want more students to report Beye School as being free from bullies and more students reporting that they feel respected by other students.

Safety is always of the utmost importance, and so I am asking your cooperation with one particular aspect of that: **entry through the main door**. For a variety of reasons (especially at arrival), it is tempting to follow your student or their class in. That entry bypasses our protocol for always signing in and getting and wearing a visitor's pass. On a day where you are coming into the building, we ask that you wave goodbye to your child's line, walk around the exterior of the building, and then enter through the main door (1W) to sign in and pick up that visitor's pass. There is no other way for us to monitor and safeguard everyone who is coming and going. So while it may be a pain, we hope you'll agree it is a necessity!

With the book fair that the PTO just hosted, every student at Beye School should have been thinking about **what they want to read!** Having a high interest book (or two or three) they have chosen helps any student to keep the reading fire burning. You can also kindle those flames by getting to the public library

regularly, going to an actual bookstore now and then for the thrill that comes from acquiring a book that is yours or downloading a text for your iPad, phone or computer. Turning on the closed captioning whenever you are watching something on a screen is another great way to keep text in front of your kiddos, and that is the goal – **time with text**.

At the end of October, the new **State School Report Card** will be issued and posted on the school and district websites. That's where the results of last year's PARCC testing will be available for the first time. If you've never seen the report card, it is entirely interactive, making it very easy to look across years, across schools and even across districts. You can also see how we did as a school, grade by grade and subgroup by subgroup. Please take a look or come to the November PTO meeting where I will showcase the report card.

As always, I hope you will email, call or make an appointment to stop by with questions, concerns, ideas, observations and causes for celebration. We remain committed as a school and school district to creating a **positive learning environment that's equitable, inclusive and focused on the whole child**. I very much need and appreciate your support and partnership to realize that vision.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Ellwanger, Principal



NEWS FROM THE BEYE PTO

BEYE **MY** SCHOOL

<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org>

Dear Beye Families,

We hope your school year is off to a fantastic start! So much has already happened in the first few months of the year. From the Back to School picnic, curriculum nights and parent teacher conferences, to Trekkers and the 5th grade Camp Edwards trip, life really does get busy.

As we move deeper into the fall the season and the holidays get closer, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed. As activities mount, we tend to underestimate how long things will take us to do and we over commit. It feels good to say ‘yes’ to people but too much can give us a way-too-full-plate. Sometimes we need to take a moment to remind ourselves of our long-term intentions so we can say ‘no’ when we need to say ‘no’ and ‘yes’ when we need to say ‘yes,’ so that we can live in a way that alleviates some of stress that modern life brings.

Events in November include the Turkey Trot race for 3rd-5th graders after school on Friday, the 17th. The fastest boy and girl for each grade level wins a Thanksgiving turkey! Our November PTO meeting will be held in the Commons area on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there so you can learn about what is going on at the school and give us your suggestions and feedback for how to make Beye the best place for you and your family.

Wishing you a happy and productive fall!

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

NEW AT BEYE: THE BEYE INCLUSIVITY COMMITTEE

Stay tuned for more news and information about the Beye Inclusivity Committee – and how you can take part.

Beye Inclusivity Committee’s Mission:

To ensure all families and children feel supported and valued in their learning and social experiences in the Beye community and beyond.

If you would like to join, send an email to: BeyeInclusivity@gmail.com

Submitted by Charity Caldwell, Beye Inclusivity Committee

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



On Wednesday, October 4, District 97 students took part in the 20th annual International Walk to School Day. Beye students joined children across the globe as they opted to forgo cars, busses, and trains for the day in favor of walking, biking, or riding scooters to school. Walkers from Beye School were rewarded with abundant sunshine, vibrant fall foliage, and plenty of fresh air on a beautiful, crisp fall day.

What started out in 1997 as a single day event has blossomed into an international affair with students from over 40 different countries, all 50 states and the District of Columbia now participating each October. Thousands of families and schools worldwide celebrate International Walk to School Day to champion safe walking routes for children and encourage as many students as possible to use them.

Walking to school benefits communities in many ways. Like any regular physical activity, walking to and from school daily helps fight a host of health problems children face today including obesity, heart disease, and diabetes. In addition, walking to school helps keep the air we breathe clean by reducing pollution from cars and busses. Through reducing automotive traffic and increasing foot traffic, regular walking also helps ensure that our roadways, street crossings and sidewalks are well-maintained and safe for walkers and cyclists.

For Beye students, Walk to School Day featured the added bonus of a meet and greet with several OPRF Huskies students, along with an appearance from the highly popular Beye Bobcat. Plus, walkers received “I walk” hand stamps upon arriving at school.

— Gustavo de Fraga, VP Wellness

OAK PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION OPEN HOUSE

Build a Robot! Write a Poem! Unleash Your Inner Artist! Join OPEF at Julian Middle School on Saturday November 4th from 10 am to 2 pm for a free, fun, family-friendly morning of activities. It's a great way to learn more about OPEF and the activities they bring to our school. For more info visit: www.opef.org/events/open-house/

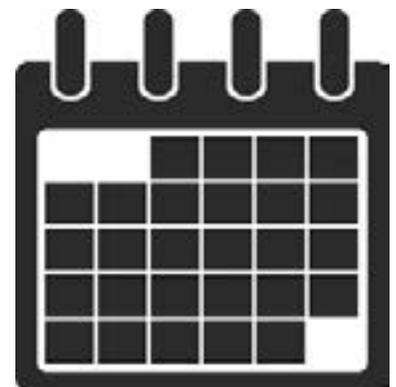


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KIDS RUNNING BEYE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



This fall, 29 Beye students participated in the Kids Running Beye program, spending five weeks learning about running and training for the Frank Lloyd Wright races on October 22. Most of the kids ran the youth mile and five of our kids ran the 5K this year! Their hard work and perseverance led to a great race day where each one of them demonstrated that training really pays off. They all completed their races with big smiles as they crossed the finish line. Congratulations to all of our Beye runners for a great season and a fabulous race! An extra congratulations goes to fifth grader Quinn T., who finished 3rd in his age group. Way to go!

A huge shout out to Lisa Mullen for taking the lead on coaching this year's program.

And to Sarah Miller and Denise Franta for volunteering their time as well!



BEYE DISCOVERY



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

<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org/beye-discovery.html>
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See what's new at Beye Discovery: Highlights from mid-September through mid-October

Exploring Emotions: Students identified 36 words/phrases that described emotional states, from “anxious” to “zen,” including bashful, embarrassed, off-kilter and excited. Our Monday students performed skits demonstrating an emotionally charged situation and then performed a follow-up skit showing a resolution to the situation that focused on positive behaviors. Other activities during the week included paintings of ourselves experiencing an emotion, often attributed to a specific animal, inspired by the book *Wild Feelings* by David Milgram. In a humorous and compassionate manner, Milgram illustrated family members in costume as an ox (clumsy as an ox), lion (roaring mad), bat (positively batty) and so on. Students also explored “feeling blue,” inspired by the book *Stuck with the Blooz* by Caron Levis. In this book, the Blooz “monster” enters the house uninvited and the main character tries numerous ways to rid herself of this “guest”. Beye Discovery students personified their own “blues monster” by sculpting it in clay. Ms. Gillet also encouraged the students to work abstractly to explore an emotional state through the use of colors, shapes and textures. These “Emotion Portraits” are currently on display in the main hallway near the Beye office and a few photos are included here as well.

Exploring the Work of Jean Dubuffet: Dubuffet was a French Painter and Sculptor (1901–1985) who embraced the work of the untrained artist and who founded the “Art Brut” or “Raw Art” movement. Dubuffet was inspired by simple everyday life and people he would meet on the street. He mixed paint with sand, tar, dust and pebbles to make a thick paste and to create a surface that he could scratch into. Students also viewed and discussed Dubuffet’s portrait prints like “Bearded Man Wearing Spectacles” and “Carrot Nose, 1962”. Please view our student display of sand textured paintings and portrait prints inspired by Dubuffet in the main hallway.

Exploring Indigenous Cultures: In honor of Indigenous Cultures Day, Beye Discovery students explored the work of Maui artist and writer Susanne Still. Still recreates Hawaiian petroglyphs within circular clay tablets created on the slopes of the Haleakala volcano, and texturizes the tablets with volcanic rock and corals. Still’s tablets serve as powerful reminders of the important harmony between man, spirit and nature. With this idea in mind, Beye Discovery students created their own clay tablets, incising symbols from nature, such as trees, birds and squirrels to honor the important relationship humans have with nature and as a reminder that we must protect our natural world. Students will paint their tablets to give the incised symbols greater depth and we look forward to sharing photos of these with you in our November article.

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BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



Top Left: Annika Sand Textured Painting; Top Right: Sebastian Portrait Print, Bottom Left: Dakin Penguin Blooz Monster; Middle Left: Lucy Apple Blooz Monster, Bottom Left: Viviana Sand Textured Painting

BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



Top Left: Rafa Sand Textured Painting; Top Right: David Sand Textured Painting; Bottom Left: Zachary Emotion Portrait; Bottom Right: Ascencion Potrait Print

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BEYE-IN PARTIES

Have fun & support Beye: Attend a Beye-in Party

Beye-In Parties are a great way to support the school, meet other parents and families, and have fun! We have parties for adults only, kids only and families. They're a great way to connect with other families and support the PTO at the same time.

Below is a list of the parties. See a full description and buy tickets here: www.beyeschoolpto.org/beye-in. Don't wait because many sell out quickly!

Halloween Spooktacular

October 28, 2017, 5:00-8:00 p.m., \$25
Location: 224 S. Ridgeland Ave.
Who: Kids

Yoga

November 17, 2017, 7:30-10:00 p.m., \$30
Location: Ahimsa Yoga Studio (441 South Blvd.) and The Miller Garage (201 S. Scoville Ave.)
Who: Adults

Make and Take: Mini-Chalkboard and Canvas Tote

November 18, 2017, 3:00-4:30 p.m., \$15
Location: Beye Commons, Who: Kids



Hamilton Sing Along

December 1, 2017, 6:00-8:00 p.m., \$10
Location: Beye Auditorium
Who: Families

Cookie Exchange

December 9, 2017, 3:00-5:00 p.m., \$20
Location: 300 S. Scoville Ave.
Who: Families

BEYE-IN PARTIES

Holiday Elves and Beer

December 10, 2017, 2:00-4:00 p.m., \$49

Location: Beye Gym and Two Brothers

Who: Adults

It's Never too Early to Start Planning for College

January 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m., \$25

Location: Skrine Chops, Forest Park

Who: Adults

Crafternoon

January 13, 2018, 2:00-4:30 p.m., \$30

Location: 162 N. Taylor Ave.

Who: Adults

Billiards Against Humanity

January 20, 2018, 8:00 p.m.-late, \$40

Location: 220 N. Scoville Ave.

Who: Adults

Giving Artfully: Intergenerational Crafting

January 20, 2018, 1:30-3:30 p.m., \$25

Location: Belmont Village in Oak Park

Who: Kids



Sleep Over at Beye

January 20-21, 2018, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m., \$10

Location: Beye School

Who: Kids Grades 3-5

Pancake Breakfast (Now as a Beye-In)

February 3, 2018, 8:00-11:00 a.m., \$5 Individual/\$20 Family

Location: Beye Commons

Who: Families

Harry Potter

February 4, 2018, 2:00-4:30 p.m., \$20

Location: 241 S. Elmwood Ave

Who: Kids Grades 3-5

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Indian Cooking Demo and Dinner

February 10, 2018, 5:00 pm-?, \$50
Location: 301 N. Scoville Ave.
Who: Adults

Game Night

February 24, 2018, 7:00-10:00 p.m. \$40
Location: 224 N. Scoville Ave.
Who: Adults

Wine Tasting

March 3, 2018, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$30
Location: 308 N. Lombard Ave.
Who: Adults

3x3 Basketball Tournament

March 10, 2018
Start Times: 3-5 Tournament - 9:00 a.m. (arrive 8:30);
K-2 Free Throw Contest - 11:00 a.m. (arrive 10:30);
Adults - noon (arrive 11:30)
Entry Fee: \$10.00 per individual and \$60.00 per team.
Teams can have up to 6 people, with 3 people on the court at one time.
Location: Beyeh School Gym
Who: All ages

Mom-Out: A Glamp-Out for the Ladies

May 5-6, 2018, 3:00 p.m.-noon, \$75
Location: 713 Lakeside, LaPorte, IN
Who: Adult Women

Minute to Win It

May 18, 2018, 3:00-5:00 p.m., \$15
Location: Beyeh School
Who: Kids, Grades 4-5

Crawfish Boil

May 19, 2018, 2:00-7:00 p.m., \$50
Location: 126 S. Ridgeland Ave.
Who: Families



College Kegger

May 12, 2018, 5:00-???, \$40
Location: 307 N. Cuyler Ave.
Who: Adults

Decades Dance Party

June 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m.-?, \$40
Location: 212 S. Ridgeland Ave.
Who: Adults

Photos included are from some of the past fun at Beyeh-in parties last year.

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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