

## Happy Earth Month from Beye Green Team! #EarthDaysEveryday!



Realizing that Earth Day is every day, we had a great kickoff to Earth Month (the entire month of April), when we are putting special focus on the myriad ways we can celebrate and care for our one and only planet.

Thanks to all the families and students who biked, walked, and rode scooters to Green Movie Night on 4/13, where we enjoyed a screening of two short films – “Straws” and “Saving My Tomorrow,” along with brief post-film discussions about the meaning of each film and actions we might take to help reduce plastic (including plastic straw!) usage, and

live more healthfully for people and planet. During the event, kids also created Earth Month art and were able to read a curated selection of books about the earth.

Thanks also to all students, who were great audiences to Joey FineRhyme in our Earth Month assemblies on Friday, April 20. Joey used compelling photos, persuasive statistics, interactive Q&A with students, and even two environmental rap songs (which included students singing along, clapping, and grooving in their seats!) to help us learn more about our part in celebrating and restoring our Earth.

The Green Team hosted a Waste Free Wednesday, Earth Month Edition on Wednesday, April 25th during all lunch periods. Kids who brought a waste-free lunch received special prizes to celebrate Earth Month.

**Did you know that packing a waste-free lunch reduces your landfill waste by 67lbs annually?**

Beye's Earth Month Celebrations concluded with a Family Hike & Scavenger Hunt on Friday, April 27th at 4 pm in Thatcher Woods.

For a flyer with the full Earth Month lineup,

see: <https://bit.ly/2HiAAYV>

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Submitted by Ana Garcia-Doyle,  
Green Team



# NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

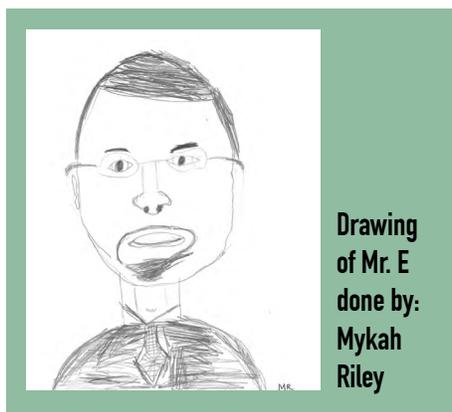
The end of April means that with each passing week, we're closing in on the home stretch of the 2018-19 school year! With just more than a month to go, it is a great time to think about one or two goals that would allow for tying a nice bow on this year and laying out the slingshot that will launch the next school year. For some, it could be as simple as being here on time each day the rest of the way. For others, it might be homework completion or nightly reading. For still others, it might be something in the social/emotional realm, like making a new friend, supporting an old one, or turning the corner with an attitude or behavior that needs adjustment. No matter what, the way we finish matters – A LOT! I hope that all of us will make sure the last bit of the year is purposeful, powerful, and positive!

Speaking of the end of the year, recently the school board did decide and announce that due to the snow day we had, **the last day of school for students will be Friday, June 1st. Since the day we missed was a half day**, students will be here that last day from 8:00-11:00am, with teachers staying for an institute day that afternoon.

Days that can still be cool mixed with days that can be substantially warmer means a lot of jackets, sweatshirts and other outerwear piling up everywhere, and eventually in the lost and found, located in the lockers outside the office. Please consider stopping by for a look/see, as you never know what you may find! Also, please consider it a rule that every single piece of outerwear you buy gets labeled with your child's name. Everything that's labeled gets returned. Everything that's not is much more likely to end up being given to the Salvation Army when we have to clear things out every month or two. Mabel's Labels remains a great way to get some waterproof labels you can use on a variety of things and help the PTO fundraise at the same time! Go to [mabelslabels.com](http://mabelslabels.com) and click on "support a fundraiser" to get

to a pull down menu where you can select Beye School as the beneficiary of your purchase.

A subcommittee of the PTO recently reviewed **special project proposals** that were submitted as part of a funding process to allocate PTO dollars. Recommendations were shared at the April executive board meeting and will be voted upon at the May general membership meeting. Thanks to Co-President Denise Franta for leading and all those who helped to review proposals. We raise money to spend money, and we always want to spend money in ways that will matter – and do so in a way that is part of a very transparent and participatory process. That's exactly what we had here, and we should all be proud to see the PTO making Beye School better with ideas from our teachers and families!



**Kindergarten registration** is still underway. If you or someone you know or live next to has an incoming kindergartener, **it would help us immensely if they get registered ASAP!** The sooner we have an accurate count of students, the sooner we can lock down our staffing allocation for next year. It behooves all of us to see that number reflect the true need we'll have in August, so please see the district website for remaining registration days and plan to attend the kindergarten open house on Wednesday May 2nd at 2:30 pm in the auditorium.

The warmer weather always means **more dogs coming along to school**. While we love seeing four legged friends, please remember that board policy prohibits dogs on the playground, and we extend that guideline to the alleyway off Ontario as well. If you walk with your dog the split rail fence at the east end of the playground is a nice place to say goodbye in the morning or hello after school, as it is usually less congested than other sidewalk areas.

**Saturday, May 5th will be the 38th annual D97 Ethnic Fest at Julian Middle School.** The festivities kick off with a parade at 10am. The entire community is invited to march with us or to line the parade route to cheer us on. The route winds through the Beye school community and back to Julian, where the rest of the day will be full of performances, activities, crafts, vendors, food, and fun! If you've never been, you should definitely consider coming and if you'd like to support the Beye Gospel Choir, please come by the auditorium where we'll perform after lunch.

**On April 23rd**, Supt. Dr. Carol Kelley, Hatch teacher Karen Thomas and I led a book chat that looked at excerpts and ideas from Zaretta Hammond's book, *Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain*. Making learning relevant and responsive starts with ensuring that every child feels safe and has a brain that perceives a low level of social/environmental threat. From there, specific moves promote engagement and rigor. We hoped you were able to join us to learn and share and leave with ideas for your child, your school, and your community.

As always, thanks for your support of your student, their teachers, your school and your principal! Feel free to email, call, or make an appointment to stop by with feedback, ideas, questions, concerns or causes for celebration!

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Ellwanger, Principal

# NEWS FROM THE BEYE PTO AND EARTH DAY ART

## BEYE SCHOOL MY SCHOOL

<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org>

Dear Beye Families,

"In the spring, I could have counted 136 different kinds of weather within 24 hours." ~Mark Twain

It is hard to believe that we are coming toward the end of another school. As we write this, there is only a month-and-a-half left until the last day of school. Still, there are many things coming up in the last weeks to bring the year to a close and prepare for next school year.

- The annual teacher/staff appreciation luncheon is coming up on May 4
- The 38th annual ethnic festival and world language day is on May 5
- The District 97 Adventure Run for grades K-5 is on May 5
- The last PTO meeting of the year is on May 16 at 7 pm – A D97 school board member will join us to talk about the district's equity policy and more. Join us!
- Olympic Day is on May 25
- Several more Beye-In parties are on May 5, 12, 18 and 19. Please see <http://www.beyeschoolpto.org/beye-in.html> for more details
- All the class-specific picnics and the school-wide end-of-year picnic on the evening of May 30!

Make sure you order your 2017-2018 yearbook! You can order online here: [www.beyeschoolpto.org/yearbook.html](http://www.beyeschoolpto.org/yearbook.html)

Thanks for being part of our amazing community this year. And remember, we'd love to have you be part of the PTO next year, whether it's attending meetings, taking a leadership role, managing an activity or helping raise money. There are countless ways to put the "P" in "PTO"!

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

## MAKING ART AT THE EARTH DAY MOVIE NIGHT



# BEYE DISCOVERY



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

<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org/beye-discovery.html>  
[beye.discovery@gmail.com](mailto:beye.discovery@gmail.com)

### Mid-March Notes: Celebrating Earth Month, & Visiting Artist Claire Ashley

**Highlights Prior to Spring break:** Beyeye Discovery visited beautiful Oak Park Conservatory on Teacher Institute Day to learn about plants that grow in Mediterranean, tropical and desert ecosystems. Many thanks to our kind and knowledgeable docent, Karole Bair, who shared information about climate, rainfall, root systems, soil type and so much more!

**On the Friday before Spring Break,** Ms. Gillet introduced the students to Cy Twombly's black and white paintings. We talked about how the images seemed like chalkboards, secret messages, lines, scribbles, plans and blueprints and then used those ideas to make chalk drawings while thinking carefully but drawing loosely!

#### Earth Month:

Our kick-off to Earth Month started with the slogan "Invest in Earth's Future". One way to accomplish this is to conserve natural resources. In our homes and school, we can do this by turning off lights, using less water (especially when brushing teeth and showering), and by recycling and composting. Our Tuesday students made "Earth Coins" to remind us that natural resources have significant value! Placed by light sources, the sink, desks and kitchen counters, Earth Coins provide a visual reminder to conserve our natural resources. By taking action now, we are investing wisely in Earth's future!

**Pizza Box Bracelets & Wristbands:** Inspired by the desire to re-use and recycle, we used the side edges of pizza boxes to create bracelets and wristbands, decorated with tempera paint, scrap paper and string. In the end, our creations transformed us into superheroes, secret agents, princes and princesses.

**Geologic maps:** What better time is there to think about geology than Earth Month? Ms. Gillet explained that geologic maps tell us a lot about the Earth we live

on, its resources, how it has changed, and how it has stayed the same – and, they're vibrant and beautiful to boot! Inspired by these colorful maps we made our own "landform" shapes using colored scrap paper.

**Textile Art:** What to do with out-of-date fabric swatch books? Transform the fabric into wall art of course! Using the printed fabrics as a starting point, students created stamp designs (with foam scraps and cereal boxes), to print coordinating designs onto the fabric.

**Inflatables Workshop with Claire Ashley:** We were thrilled to have Oak Park Artist and SAIC Art Educator Claire Ashley join our Wednesday students for a special inflatable's workshop! Claire enjoys thinking of things in new ways and didn't see why paintings should be on flat surfaces. Combined with her interests in performance and sculpture, her fun, quirky, colorful "Inflatables" were conceived. For an example of her work, check out Claire's "RuddyUdderDance" here: <https://vimeo.com/57076434>

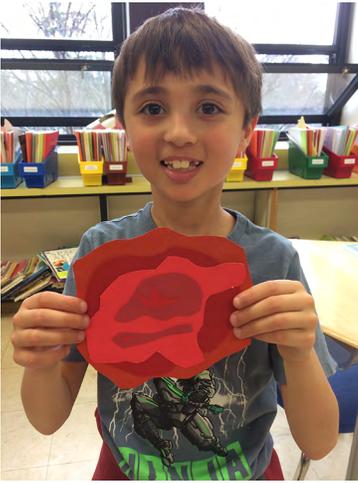
For Claire's workshop, we used small white plastic bags, colorful duct tape, circle stickers and Sharpies. After creating characters or designs on the plastic bags with the above supplies, it was time to inflate the bags, using balloon pumps. The transformation from flat to 3-D was exciting!

In another dimensional painting project inspired by Claire's work\*, we created pieces of paper using random folds, created a resist with 2 to 3 pieces of tape, and then painted the surface with bright colors. After allowing the paper to dry a bit, we crumpled the paper a bit more. The edges for some of these newly created shapes created a perimeter for a 2nd coat of paint, and this time we used transparent pearlescent paint colors. The results were wonderful! \*<http://lulacafechicago.blogspot.com/2014/06/lulas-walls-claire-ashley.html>

Want to learn more about Claire and her work? Please visit: <http://www.thecompmagazine.com/claire-ashley-inflatable-absurdity/>

**Coming up:** Our Rainforest Ecosystem Mural mid through late April! Stay tuned for details and photos in the May issue of Beyelines. Also, join us for Summer Adventures Camp with Beyeye Discovery. You may access the flyer here: <http://www.beyeschoolpto.org/beye-discovery.html>.

# BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



Top L: Zachary, Geological Map; Middle L: Viviana, Crown Island, Geological Map; Bottom L: Rafa, Dimensional Paintings-Part 1; Top Center: Mekhi, Cy Twombly Chalk Drawings Middle Center: Elise, Earth Currency; Bottom Center: David, Pizza box Wristband; Top R: Xantal, Printing on Fabric Swatches; 2nd R: Roberto and Mekhi, Oak Park Conservatory; 3rd R: Dimensional Paintings 2; Bottom R: Earth Currency

## BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



**Top L: Aaliyah,  
Inflatables with  
Claire Ashley**

**Top R: Dimen-  
sional Paintings**

**Center R: Dakin,  
Inflatables with  
Claire Ashley**

**Bottom L:  
Ascencion, Pizza  
Box Bracelet**

**Bottom R: Gabe,  
Inflatables with  
Claire Ashley**



*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...



After School  
Enrichment in  
Art & Science

Enroll now!

### After School Enrichment Program, Beye PTO

Our mission is to offer elementary school children opportunities for exploration and growth through creative project-based learning in art and science

**What:** A fun program to encourage creativity

**When:** Every school day until 6pm

**Where:** Beye School, Room 302

**Cost:** \$25 per day, Wednesday \$33 per day

**Other:** 2 need-based scholarships available

### Curriculum:

The curriculum is organized by weekly themes or topics. Through student-centered and process-based projects and activities, students learn by doing and make discoveries along the way. Multiple points of view are valued and we emphasize that there are numerous ways to solve a given problem or to approach an activity/project.

Our scheduled Field Trips and Visiting Professionals allow us to enhance and connect our learning in the classroom within our community. Excellent local resources include The Field Museum, The Art Institute of Chicago, The Oak Park Conservatory, The Garfield Park Conservatory, and The Trailside Museum and Nature Center. Back in the classroom, we invite visiting professionals who have a strong passion for what they do and a desire to share their knowledge with children.

### Benefits to Students:

1. Students will learn how creativity and keen observation lead to new discoveries
2. Students will work with numerous art media and dedicated visiting professionals
3. Students will develop problem solving and social skills through collaborative work
4. Students will engage with nature to gain inspiration from our natural world
5. Students will share their creativity and knowledge with the Beye community through the display of their art

### Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

- Flexible enrollment options include 1-5 days per week
- Students who register participate for 1 or more Trimesters (there are 3 Trimesters per year)
- A 2.5% discount is awarded to families with 2 or more children enrolled in the program
- Students who attend an after school activity may participate in Beye Discovery following their scheduled activity
- Students eat snack and have outdoor play (weather permitting) at the start of every session
- Homework time is encouraged as projects/activities come to a close, approximately 5:15pm
- Suggested pick up time is bt. 5:30 - 6pm, during free play (Legos, Citiblocks, and imaginative/sensory play items)

**For detailed information or to register, please visit:** <https://goo.gl/forms/UxBwd0HTq4Su9tHt2>

Questions? Contact Jocelyne Adkins, Program Director at [beye.discovery@gmail.com](mailto:beye.discovery@gmail.com)

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### 2018-2019 School Year Supply Kits

Grade	Price
Kindergarten	\$48
1st Grade	\$52
2nd Grade	\$47
3rd Grade	\$54
4th Grade	\$40
5th Grade	\$68

**Additional add-ons by grade. Note that you may be reusing from a previous year so listed as add on extras.**

Volume Control Headphones (1-3rd)	\$10
Art Smock (K-2nd)	\$5
Earbuds (4-5th)	\$6
Pencil Case (5th)	\$3
Sketchpad (optional, 5th)	\$5
Scissors (2nd)	\$3
<b>Full size Backpack (All Grades)</b>	<b>\$48</b>

Please check with the Beye school office for a full list of supplies.

Online ordering open from April 27 - June 15, 2018

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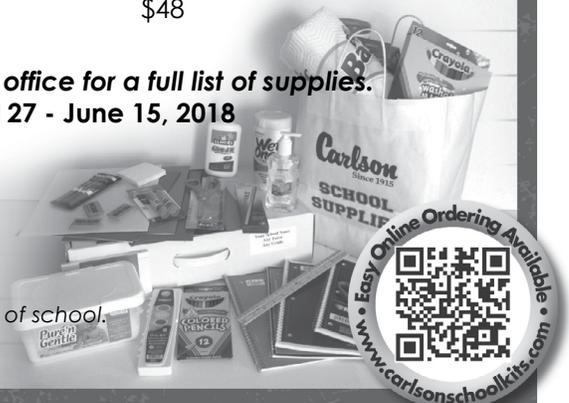
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## BEYE-IN PARTIES

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### **MOM-OUT: A GLAMP-OUT FOR THE LADIES: 5/5 - 5/6**

We're heading to Indiana for a night of chilling with the ladies - and no alarm clock in the morning! There will be an easy laid back dinner and breakfast plus plenty of wine and beer around the campfire. And S'Mores, of course.

Depart Oak Park 3pm on 5/5 and arrive home around noon 5/6. Drive on your own or car pool with the group.

Sleeping accomodates will include a house (beds, couches, air mattresses), several campers (beds) or bring a tent and sleeping bag if that's your thing.

**FOR ADULTS: \$75 PER PERSON**

### **MINUTE TO WIN IT: 5/18**

Annual Fourth & Fifth Grade After School Party

**FOR KIDS: \$15 PER PERSON**

### **COLLEGE KEGGER: 5/19**

Party like it's college again!

Beer Pong and keg stands not required, but definately encouraged.

**FOR ADULTS: \$40 PER PERSON**

### **CRAWFISH BOIL: 5/19**

Round up the family and join us for an authentic Louisiana-style crawfish boil! Includes ice cold beer and cocktails for the over 21-set, and bouncy house, fruit punch, and a selection of non-fishy fare for the wee ones. Boils will happen at 3pm, 4:30pm and 6pm.

**FOR BEYE FAMILIES: \$50 PER FAMILY**

**Buy Tickets: <http://www.beyeschoolpto.org/beye-in.html>  
before they sell out!**

**Interested in hosting a party? Email: [jkellogg11@gmail.com](mailto:jkellogg11@gmail.com)**

# NEWS FROM THE RIGHT CLUB

## Good day to all of our Beye Right Club families!

The week before Spring Break, Right Club at Beye hosted its third annual Variety Show, and this one was packed with a lot of creativity and a few surprises! Our own Asher K. and Victor K. were the co-emcees, and students performed various acts:

- Auggie (Langston) confidently performed a piano solo and did a great job!
- Niani and Nilah performed a gymnastics routine, a terrific new act for this school year!
- Auguste and her mom (Ms. Mimi) performed an improv skit along with Khalaya as an audience volunteer; which was silly and fun!
- Khalaya and Rocco performed an awesome soccer routine!
- Victor performed a violin piece with his mom, who also did a beautiful song!
- Baxter did a song from the popular "Hamilton" play and had us singing right along!
- Darin (a Right Club parent) performed a rousing rendition of "Eye of the Tiger"! He really knocked 'em dead!

It was great to have parents join us in showcasing their talents this year, and thank you to everyone who came out to show their support!

This month's curriculum is Time Travelers, and we will check out periods in the past and future and make fun creations based on our findings.

There's one more full month left until summer! We plan to make these next few weeks a fun-filled time of learning, growing, and continuing to build on our Right Club team spirit!

## Great news families! Registration for Right At School is now open!

If you are looking for summer activities, the following Chicagoland schools will hold summer camps run by Right At School:

Onahan- 6634 W Raven St, Chicago, IL 60631

Waters- 4540 N Campbell Ave, Chicago, IL 60625

Nettlehorst- 3252 North Broadway, Chicago

We hope there is a location near your home or place of employment, we want your student to be a part of our SUMMER FUN! Register for camps here (<https://rightatschool.com/summer-camps>).

Submitted by Mimi Farmer, Right Club Program Manager





# 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](http://www.beyeschoolpto.org); [www.beyeschoolpto.org/volunteer.html](http://www.beyeschoolpto.org/volunteer.html).

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Mr E: @BeyeTheWay

## 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](mailto: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.