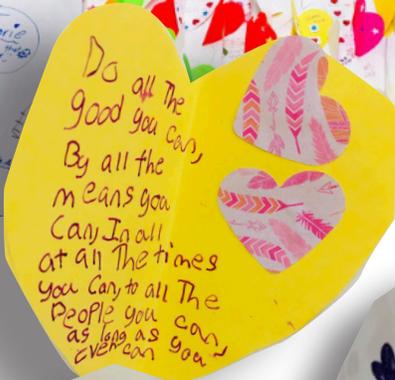


Giving Artfully Kids Program



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Drawing of Mr. E by Tariq M.

January is all about beginning—AGAIN! How lucky we are to have this chance to come back from winter break and have a fresh start for 2019. I welcomed students and teachers back with a new motto for the new year: “Let’s choose to be kind and avoid being mean, and work to make it a great 2019!” I am convinced that if kindness becomes our habit, we’ll find that the ripples will be important and far reaching. Kindness doesn’t just happen, we make it happen. When we do we change the air that we are breathing and little by little we change the world. Desmond Tutu said it this way, “Do your little bit of good where you are: It’s those little bits of good that put together overwhelm the world.”

Winter conferences also fall in January, and that means one more round of checking in and setting goals that will take us through to the end of the year. Our goal is to conference with EVERY family, so if there are any hurdles or hardships that are making it hard to meet, I hope you’ll contact me so I can try to help.

We are excited to welcome you to our **Morning Math Meetup on Saturday, Feb. 9th, from 9:30-11:00 a.m.** “*Loving Math!*” is our theme and we invite families to come together for breakfast, games and activities, prizes and a raffle. We know that math can sometimes be a hard sell for students and parents alike. We hope that the games and activities will build enthusiasm, skills and understanding and that families will leave better equipped to make math more than a chore!

Our School Improvement Plan identified five items on the Positive Learning Environment Student Survey as areas for growth and improvement. When we recently surveyed students on those items we saw significant progress from last spring and from the fall!

Our big five:

- I am challenged by the work my teachers ask
- Students at my school treat me with respect
- I have choices in the way I learn
- I have fun learning
- Students at my school are friendly

The **5 Essentials parent survey remains open until Feb. 15th**, and if you haven’t already WE NEED YOU TO COMPLETE IT! Students in 4th and 5th grade, faculty members and parents each have a role to play in helping us understand what we’re doing well and what we could be doing better. This year’s data will be a big part of developing next year’s school improvement plan AND participation now is counted as part of our school’s overall rating on the state school report card. Thanks for taking the time to weigh in and be heard!

As always, I welcome you to email, call or make an appointment to stop by with your questions, concerns, ideas and causes for celebration.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Ellwanger, Principal



Giving Artfully Kids Project

NEWS FROM BEYE PTO & BEYE INCLUSION COMMITTEE



<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org>

Dear Beye Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I wanted to let you know that Denise Franta has stepped down as PTO co-president due to increased work responsibilities that have made it difficult for her to manage her PTO responsibilities timewise. I will be continuing as PTO president for the rest of the school year on a solo basis, but will be looking for a co-president in the coming months to join me for the second year of my tenure. Please let me know if you would like to discuss that opportunity with me.

I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming Beye events including parent-teacher conferences and the simultaneous Book Fair (1/30-2/1), the Pancake Breakfast (1/26), the Talent Show (2/7 and 2/8), Morning Math Meetup (2/9), and the many fun Beye-In Parties planned for the coming weeks.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with your ideas and questions at president@beyeschoolpto.org. I welcome the opportunity to get to know you!

Best,
Deborah Levine (parent of Ben Levine, 3rd grade)
Beye PTO President

Inclusion Committee Workshop



Over 50 parents from Beye School and throughout District 97 attended workshops in the Commons on Saturday, January 12. In the morning workshop, facilitated by Equip for Equality attorney Jackie Ross, participants focused on learning how to navigate the special education system. The afternoon session was led by behavior specialist and future D97 parent Katie Trathen and discussed child psychologist Ross Greene's process for identifying your child's lagging skills, how to help your child improve those skills, and how to work with your child toward collaborative and proactive solutions. Both workshops generated enthusiastic discussions and parent-to-parent connections.

The Beye School PTO Inclusion Committee coordinated this event with support from by Beye School, the Beye School PTO, and D97's DIVCO. If you missed the workshops, but would like to receive the materials or if you'd like to get involved in the Inclusion Committee, please e-mail: BeyeInclusivity@gmail.com.

CREATIVE KINDNESS PROJECT



THE CREATIVE KINDNESS PROJECT



Yusef Hadi-St. John is a third grader at Beye who is battling leukemia with courage. He and his family have been integral parts of the Beye community for many years. Many of you have asked how you can support Yusef and his family during this difficult time. To honor Yusef—especially the kindness he shows others and his love and talent for the arts—we invite the Beye community to participate in our first ever Creative Kindness Project. Our goal is to purchase art supplies and assemble art kits that we will donate in Yusef's name to pediatric patients in the Child Life Program at UI Health Hospital.

Our goal is to raise \$1250—enough to donate 50 art kits on Yusef's behalf.

Here's how you can participate in the Creative Kindness Project and support Yusef

SHOP the Creative Kindness Project wish list at [Geppetto's Toy Box](#) to purchase supplies needed for the art kits January 11-31. Visit them at 730 Lake Street or call them at 708-445-9906.

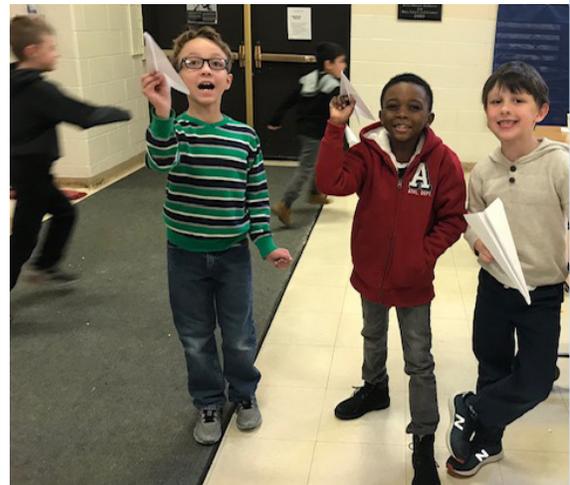
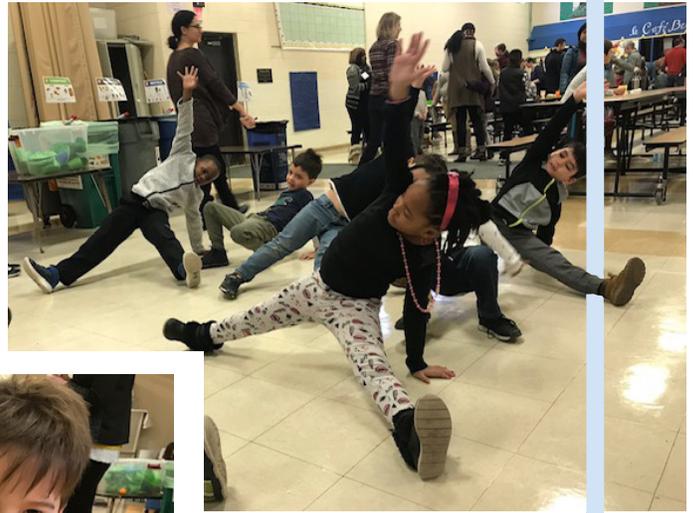
DONATE funds and we will purchase supplies on your behalf. One kit costs \$25, but no donation is too small! Cash or check (made out to Rajani Raghavan) can be given to the Creative Kindness Project Envelope in the Beye school office. Electronic payment can be sent via Venmo ([@Rajani-Raghavan](#)), Chase QuickPay (rajaniraghavan@gmail.com), or PayPal ([paypal.me/rajaniraghavan](https://www.paypal.me/rajaniraghavan)).

Come to the Beye Community Celebration of Kindness

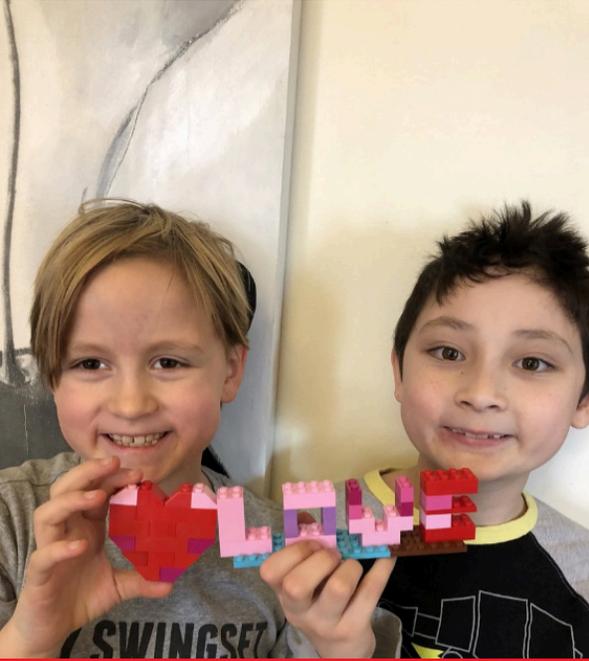
Please join us on **Sunday, February 10, between 3-5 pm in the Beye Commons** for a **FREE**, family-friendly event to kick off the national Random Acts of Kindness Week and assemble our purchased art supplies into art kits for donation. This is a great volunteer opportunity for our kids! The whole family can enjoy art activities with Geppetto's Toy Box & Jocelyne Adkins from Beye Discovery, a visit from local cancer support group Gilda's Club Chicago, OPEF STEAM activities, and a smoothie-making blender bike donated by Sugar Beet Schoolhouse!

For donation details or more about how you can help, please contact: thecreativekindnessproject@gmail.com. Also visit the Creative Kindness Project Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/thecreativekindnessproject/>) for event updates.

1ST GRADE POTLUCK



BEYE LEGO BUILDERS NEEDED



Valentine Ideas from Third Graders Elle and Chris
Use bricks and slopes to make chunky Valentine hearts and letters.

Beye Lego Builders Needed April 2, 2019!

Share your Lego skills with local senior citizens through Green Team's service project:

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

(There is no school on April 2 for an Institute Day.)

12:30 to 2:30 pm

Oak Park Township Senior Services, 130 S. Oak Park Ave.

Beye students are invited to make decorative and functional Lego creations with local senior citizens. The Lego creations will be given to the seniors, and parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate with their children. Registration information coming soon!
Please email beyelego@gmail.com to receive the latest updates.

Green Team encourages you to use and re-use your Lego pieces! To be featured in the next Beyelines, send photos and descriptions of your Lego creations to beyelego@gmail.com.



Use plates and round studs to make letters and shapes on a big base plate.



Combine mini-builds into bigger Valentine-themed creations.

BEYE DISCOVERY



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

<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org/beye-discovery.html>
beye.discovery@gmail.com

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Happy 2019 Beye Families! In addition to completing a couple holiday-related projects before winter break, our recent activities have been playful and have embraced experimentation. Highlights are included below:

Crazy Quilts: These were special gifts created for family for the holidays. Warm and colorful fabrics inspired by Victorian Crazy Quilts were sewn together to create small wall hangings. See photos of Mekhi's "Love" design and Charlotte's abstract design included in this publication.

Handmade Gifts for Oak Leaf Academy: Beye Discovery students presented their handmade ornaments to the children of Oak Leaf Academy on the Beye playground prior to the holiday break. Oak Leaf children made Beye Discovery a beautiful "thank you" banner, which we hung in Room 302 to remind us of our young friends.

Slime: Our recipe contains glue, shaving cream, saline solution, and baking soda. The result: gooey fun! For eye appeal, students also added food dye and tiny seed beads. They had so much fun before break, we agreed to an encore performance of Slime-Making following our break.

Splatter Painting: We used some finger power to quickly flick paint within a stenciled shape. After removing the stencils, a speckled image remains. More detail can be added to the image by laying new shapes or cutouts over the first design and splattering with additional paint ;)

Marbleized Paper: Students were fascinated by this process and created mesmerizing combinations of colors and shapes using 2 ingredients: shaving cream and food dye. If you try this at home, be sure to have lots of paper ready, you won't want to stop :)

Marbleized Modeling Dough: Fun Factor Multiplied! We started with primary colors of dough (red, yellow, blue) and used these to mix our secondary colors (orange, green, purple). To make tints, we added white. Most students expanded their color palette from 3 to 12 colors! Then, we rolled coils of different colors, carefully winding them together to create a marbleized dough. See photo of Maya's "lollipop" sculptures made with this technique.

Rubbings: Using materials with textures, students made detailed rubbings and then painted these with water color to create a more complex image. The results are beautiful!

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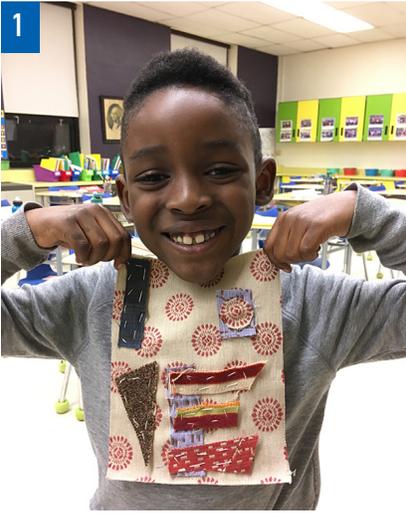
Graphic Design: Our Friday students are working with Ms. Gibson to learn graphic design skills. Last week they designed their names by manipulating fonts, adding outlines, shadows, colors, gradients and more. Stay tuned for a new display in the main hallway featuring these graphic design projects.



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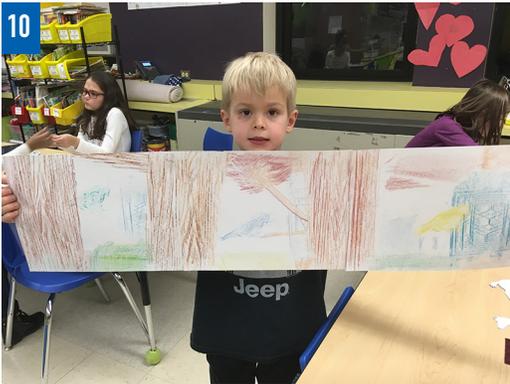
1. Max, Snowman in Snowglobe,
2. Sonia, Rubbing with Watercolor, 3. Viviana, Owl in Snowglobe

BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED....



1. Mekhi, Textile Wall Painting, 2. Aaliyah, Splatter Painting with Stencils, 3. Charlotte, Textile Wall Painting, 4. Ascencion, Whimsical Animal Collage, 5. David, Marbleized Paper, 6. Vivian, Slime-Making, 7. Ian, Whimsical Animal Collage, 8. Miguel, Color Mixing with Dough, 9. Maya, Marbleized Lollipop Sculptures

BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



10. Dakin
Triptych with Birds
11. Zachary
Graphic Design
12. Dylan
Marbleized Paper
13. William
Marbleized Paper



14. Morgan & Mary
Slime-making,
Marbleized Paper
15. Harrison & mom
Marbleized Paper
16. Rafa & Zach
Graphic Design



Please join us! Should your child be interested in Beye Discovery for 2019, we currently have 1 full-time space available and 1 part-time space on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Please email Jocelyne at the address below. **Registration for the 2019/2020 school year begins in February.**

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 Gerri Gibson, Teaching Assistant. For questions about Beye Discovery please contact Jocelyne at beyediscovery@gmail.com.

Also, this summer, Beye Discovery is hosting “Playful Art & The Art of Play.”
Please see our flyer on last page for more information.

ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

Teaching Kids to be Superheroes of Their Health

Beye School's annual health fair was held on the Friday before winter break and was just the right activity to feed our restless kiddos as the break was about to begin. Children had a fun-filled morning in the form of movement, creativity, problem-solving and group engagement. Thanks to all the staff, guests, and in-house and out-of-house volunteer guests who we rely on to give our Beye School students a great experience focused on the whole child. [Ed note: Thanks to Nurse Shilpa for leading this for the past four years!]

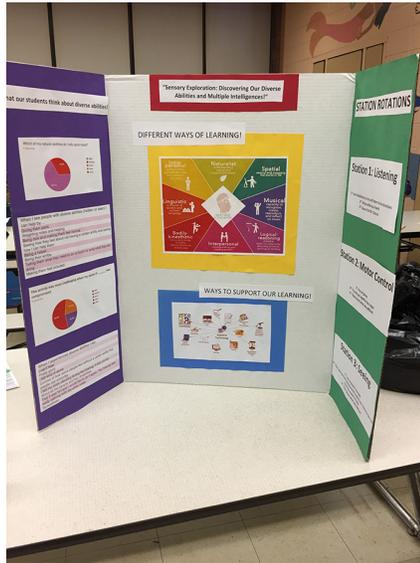
Parents Cynthia Greenberg and Frances Knechel, along with Kathy Sweeney (SPED Resource Teacher) helped set up and prepare our snack. Thanks to my office and custodial staff for their patience and contributions. And thanks to Mr. Withers for being our snazzy DJ. Mr. Ellwanger provided apple slices through the District for our school snack that day.



Both Beye staff and other guests lent their expertise for many of the stations:

- **Mr. Michael Colucci (SPED teacher)** taught a multiple intelligence station to help kids learn about varying abilities through interactive sensory rotations.
- **Ms. Nicole Sims (Speech) and Ms. Janu-Chossek (School Social Work)** helped kids get involved in learning about respectful communication through a variety of modalities: video, lecture and role playing.
- **Mr. Gray (Student Support Specialist)** teed up a station at which Ms. Jennifer Logan (Instructional Coach) led children through a survey about their social/emotional school experiences via use of technology.
- **Transcendance Studios of Oak Park, with owner and dancer Cait Jones**, led children through hip-hop moves.
- **Lauri Berggren, Professional Fitness Specialist**, of The Tennis and Fitness Centre of Oak Park, guided our kids through a fun and highly active obstacle course in the gym, with a focus on strengthening and conditioning.
- **Annelie Palmer, Certified Yoga Teacher** of the Yoga Centre/Tennis and Fitness Centre of Oak Park, channeled Beye students' inner selves through guided yoga. Ms. Julie Sigunick (Kindergarten teacher) also lent her time to lead one of the yoga rotations.
- **Jennifer Solomon of F.A.R.E.** brought attention, education, and safety to the forefront of students' minds by teaching them about food allergies and how to be a responsible friend.
- **Victoria Novotny**, Health Education Outreach Coordinator of the I.W.S. Children's Clinic, taught our kids about the importance of making healthy food choices and dental hygiene; a true annual favorite visitor.
- **Amanda Mueller, MSW, LSW**, a youth interventionist for the Oak Park Township, talked to our children about making healthy choices as it relates to the brain.

HEALTH FAIR CONTINUED...



Children finished off their “healthy” morning, by completing a reflection project back in their classroom. They were tasked with focusing through words and drawings answering the following question, “How will you be a superhero of health in 2019?”

--Submitted by Nurse Shilpa, Shilpa Advani, BSN, RN, IL-PEL, NCSN,
National Certified School Nurse

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the winners of the spelling bee!

Grade 2:



1. Lilah Townsend
2. Graham Whalen
3. Vivi Joseph

Grade 3:



1. Yusef Hadi–St. John
2. Liam Berg
3. Cate Cotter

Grade 4:



1. Cal Byer
2. Avery Emanuel
3. Gigi Cornwell

Grade 5:



1. Ian Dandurand
2. Braylon Jackson
3. Parker Moen

GIVING ARTFULLY



Kindness Curriculum at Beye

Giving Artfully Kids would like to thank the Beye School PTO for sponsoring exciting NEW enrichment workshops emphasizing kindness and philanthropy for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students this year. Giving Artfully Kids is an Oak Park-based enrichment program that partners with schools and senior centers to use art to teach and share values such as giving back, empathy, respect and compassion. We received funds from the PTO's reserve funds process so we can bring these workshops to the upper grades.

For our first kindness workshop, we worked with Ms. Baker and Mr. Manus' 4th grade class and created an oversized heart-shaped mural comprised of inspirational kindness messages (based on the children's novel *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio). All of the children made 2-5 original heart-shaped inspirational cards with various mixed media during each workshop. We created over 100 cards! Please make sure to see this mural on the third-floor hallway and read their lovely heartwarming notes.

For our second kindness workshop, we worked with Ms. Choi and Ms. Walsh Kallay's 3rd grade class and created fleece fringe blankets for the Linus Project. The Linus project is a wonderful organization that donates blankets to sick children in hospitals all over the country. The children worked together in teams and measured the fringe, cut the fabric, and created slip knots to finish the fringe edges. We made 10 total blankets to donate!

For our third kindness workshop this year, we worked with Ms. Robinet's 4th grade class to create braided fleece dog toys for the Oak Park Animal Care League and the Chicago Animal Care and Control organizations. The children had so much fun learning how to braid, tie the end knots on each toy, and design unique tags for each toy. We made 65 total dog toys to donate!

Giving Artfully Kids really enjoyed working with each of the students in these classes and we are excited to work with even more students before the end of the year. Stay tuned for more updates.

--Submitted by Suzanne Cronacher, Manager, Instructor Oak Park Programs

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Please see photos of the event on next page.

GIVING ARTFULLY KIDS CONTINUED...



BEYE-IN PARTIES

Hamilton Sing Along

February 1, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

2/1 6pm–8pm Hamilton Sing Along for families! Do you love the musical Hamilton? Wish you could join the actors on stage to sing your favorite songs? Here's your chance! Join your fellow Hamilton-obsessed fans for a show where everyone is encouraged to join in the music. We'll provide the lyrics sheets and Hamiltonian fun, you provide the vocals as part of our audience of enthusiasts. There is a contest for the best-looking Hamilton costume in the audience, as well as readings from Hamilton's letters and other fun historical facts. And a special appearance by our own Jonathan Ellwanger! Don't wait for it, get your ticket now! Family tickets \$10/family

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hamilton-sing-along-family-event-tickets-50402801135>

Super Bowl Family Party

February 3, 6 p.m.–11 p.m.

Food, Friends, and Football! Come watch the big game at Amanda's amazing studio or come for the food, drinks, and company! This is a family event, kids and adults are invited. Tickets \$50/family

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/super-bowl-family-party-tickets-50385259668>

Billiards Against Humanity—adults-only party!

February 9, 8 p.m.–11:30 p.m.

The 3rd Annual Pool Tournament and Cards Against Humanity Extravaganza! It's likely to be a bit of a rager. Adult tickets \$40/person

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/billiards-against-humanity-adult-only-tickets-50385175416>

2nd Annual Wine Tasting

February 23, 8 p.m.–11 p.m.

Enjoy a night of mingling with fellow Beye parents, nibbling on some yummy apps and tasting wines from across the west coast. We will be tasting wines that are exclusively grown and produced on the West Coast. Take a trip on US 101 through the wines of the west! Tickets \$30/person

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-tasting-adult-only-tickets-50385352947>

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 or 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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