

THE BEYESTANDER



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WILLIAM BEYE
ELEMENTARY
MAY/JUNE 2017

May has flown by and so too has the school year!

With the upcoming end of the year picnic as a bookend on June 6th from 5:00-8:00 pm, we will finish the year as we began it together! It is an amazing journey that we have been on throughout 2016-17. Three hundred and seventy five students showed us their grit, determination, and perseverance as they pursued scholarship, artisanship, citizenship, leadership and fellowship. They gave us their all and we in turn tried to pay attention to the whole child and their growth as people. June 7th will mark the end of the school year, but it will not be the end of the journey. Each student takes with them a treasure trove of memories, experiences and skills that we hope will be launch pads for what comes next.

We recently concluded our three-part **Erin's Law** safety series. These lessons were designed by the Committee for Children, the same folks who created the Second Step curriculum we have used all year. The lessons gave students ways to be safe and to let adults know when something unsafe presents itself. Everyone learned to **recognize** unsafe situations, **report** them to an adult, and **refuse** when someone asks you to do something unsafe. All students also learned about unsafe or unwanted touches, which was the initial impetus for the legislation. Younger students also learned the eight "Never. Nevers".

THE 8 "NEVER NEVERS"

1. Never touch guns
2. Never play with fire
3. Never ride on wheels without wearing a helmet
4. Never go in water without an older person watching
5. Never use a sharp tool without an older person's help
6. Never ride in a car without a seatbelt
7. Never touch a dog without asking the person in charge
8. Never cross the street without checking all ways for traffic

Finally, students learned that when they have a question, a doubt, an anxiety or dilemma, they should ask first. We hope that these lessons reinforced prior learning and that by having common language, we can help students to be more comfortable and confident in difficult situations.

The school board recently approved the **Reading Units of Study** curriculum from the Columbia Teachers College for use in grades k-2 next year. That will go hand in hand with the Writing Units of Study already implemented in all grades this year. (Grades 3-5 will follow with RUOS implementation in the 2018-19 school year). The program aims to:

- provide state-of-the-art tools and methods to help students move up the ladder of text complexity
- build foundational reading skills and strategies

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- support the teaching of interpretation, synthesis, and main idea
- offer classroom structures to support inquiry and collaboration
- provide all the teaching points, minilessons, conferences, and small-group work needed to teach a comprehensive workshop curriculum

A few weeks ago we had an incredible **talent show** that showcased our students and their extraordinary creativity. From singing and dancing to magic and monologues, this show had it all! We paused that night to recognize DiAne Boese for her remarkable leadership over the past seven years. That appreciation was formalized as Diane was elected as the PTO Volunteer of the Year, with her name now added to the plaque that hangs in the office. We thank Diane and know that the talent show will thrive moving forward because of the foundation she built.

I would also be remiss if I did not thank Maggie Testore for another fantastic year leading our **Cats and Dogs homework club**. Maggie was instrumental in leading this School Improvement Team effort and harnessing the talents of over 60 OPRF students who worked with our young people. Maggie was also selected as the community volunteer who will represent all of D97 in the state's Those Who Excel program. An honor to be sure, and one that's well deserved!

The end of a school year always brings a **few farewells**, and this year is no exception. One we've known about for a while is the retirement of our resource teacher, Dulcie Hill. After 26(!) years of meeting students where they are and moving them as far they can go, Mrs. Hill heads off to the next phase of her life, having made an indelible impression on our community. Her smile, her laugh and her genuine concern for all those she touched will not soon be forgotten. One transition we did not see coming was for Hussain Ali, who recently landed a job as principal of Poupard Elementary School in Gross Pointe, MI. In his two years with us, Mr. Ali has shown he has the heart and head for school leadership, and we know in returning to MI where he grew up and began his career that he has the chance to apply everything he's learned here at Beye. Lastly, we wish the best to Gail Frost, who has been our library clerk for many years. Working in the library and supervising on the playground daily at lunch, Mrs. Frost touched and cared for every Beye student.

Keep an eye out for an **exit survey** that will be coming your way right around the close of the school year. While we know we all need another survey like we need a hole in the head, we also know there are things you only find out if you

ask, so we're asking! Please take a moment to complete this brief, anonymous survey that will help us do better in the future by being clearer about our hits and misses this past year.

As soon as school is out **summer work** will begin, with our fire alarm system, PA system and roofing systems all slated for major upgrades or replacements. With the fire alarm offline, we are not able to host any summer programming for children, but the office will be open as per usual. That means that you can count on catching Ms. Cooper for the two weeks after school concludes, Mrs. Harlan through the end of June, and me most of the summer except for a couple of weeks at the end of July. Mrs. Harlan returns in August and Ms. Cooper will be back two weeks before school begins. **Mark your calendars now for the first day of school, which will be Wednesday, August 23rd.**

We cannot finish another successful school year without me saying **thanks** and spreading the credit in many directions. We are blessed to have a faculty that cares deeply, gives freely, and works hard to ensure that all students are learning and growing. They are the soul of Beye School and they make the magic of learning happen. We are so lucky to have parent leaders on our PTO (especially outgoing Co-President Kelly Simkowski), SIT, and Green Team as well as BeyePass tutors and room parents who see how essential collaboration is to our success. Their selfless gifts of time and talent move us forward and models for our children what it means to be a community. And of course, we have our students, who inspire us, challenge us and remind us that the future is bright, that it is not yet determined, and that with a growth mindset in place we know we are doing work that matters, that **we can do it**, and that we will not give up!

In a year where we had to go to the polls and decide whether to pass two referenda or not, I have to be thankful that I live and work in a community that continually steps up, that puts its money where its mouth is (literally and figuratively), and that manages still to amaze me with its passion, thoughtfulness, kindness and commitment. I am humbled to lead Beye School, to call it home and to make it a place we all look forward to coming back to. I can't wait to see what next year will bring and how we will continue to raise the floor and blow the ceiling off as we pursue excellence and equity. Please email, call or stop by to share your questions, concerns ideas or summer vacation photos!

Sincerely,
Jonathan Ellwanger, Principal



END OF THE YEAR PICNIC

WHEN:

Tuesday, June 6
5:00PM - 8:00PM

WHERE:

Field & Playground

MUSIC
RAFFLE
AUCTION
FOOD TRUCKS
ICE CREAM

RAIN OR SHINE

or bring your own
food and have a
picnic with your family
on the Beye School
grounds

Reflections from the PTO...

The end of the school year is upon us, and in just a few days it will be summer vacation! We would like to thank the ENTIRE Beye community for all of the support given throughout the year! Our school would not be as remarkable for the children if it weren't for the involvement and commitment of our parents. We also want to thank the teachers and staff for their encouragement and support of the parents, which helps to ensure our Beye community remains strong.

Below are several highlights of the amazing year we've had at Beye:

1. The wildly successful Fun Fair that was led by Suzanne Cronacher & Jen Kellogg, Co-VP's of Special Events. They did a wonderful job putting together a carnival that kids and adults could enjoy. The funds raised made it our largest fundraising activity of the year!
2. Outdoor Explorers headed up by Laura Derks offered our young folks a wonderful "Green Team" learning experience at lunch and after school that children will remember and cherish. Thank you to Laura for all of your time and effort! We hope to see this program continue with a new leader as Laura moves on from Beye to Julian.
3. Our Book Fair, chaired by Joanna MacKenzie, who effortlessly ran the fall and spring book fairs! Thank you to Joanna for also passing the torch to Sue Haas for next year's book fairs. Joanna will serve as the new co-VP of Programs for the PTO board along with Mrs. Harlan.
4. Teacher Appreciation Week, organized by Christine Darley and Maggie Testore, and Teacher Conference Meals in the fall and spring, headed by Kelly Simkowski are such a wonderful way to show our teachers how grateful we are for the job they do everyday with our children.

Thank yous and recognition:

- Thank you to Monica Saydah, for reviving Junior Great Books and coordinating Beye Pass Tutoring. These valuable programs will continue to enrich our children's learning in many ways!
- A big shout out to DiAne Boese, Lisa Kozinski, Monica Saydah, Wendy Negron and team for giving all of us a fabulous Talent Show that had the largest ever group of students perform!
- Thank you to ALL of our gracious hosts of the many Beye-in parties offering kids, parents and families an opportunity to enjoy time together while proceeds benefit our school.
- Our Co-Treasurers, Sarah Miller & Steve Dormanen, who took on this busy PTO role and made sure we were on financially on track to support all of our events, programs and expenses. We look forward to you both working as our Treasurers again next year!
- Also, a big thank you to Jennifer Alten and Sara Neuner for all the copy, editing, pasting, forwarding and generating of countless newsletters, Beye Bytes and more so that the Beye community is kept informed of the latest news, events and programs. Please read, read, read what they send out!
- Additionally, please help us welcome and give support to Kim Becker, new Co-VP of Parental Involvement and Gustavo Jacobo, new Co-VP of Wellness and Nutrition for the 2017-2018 school year. We are still looking for a few more folks to assist the PTO Board next year and would love it if you would reach out to Kelly Simkowski!!
- Lastly, we want to thank and welcome our new co-president for next year, Denise Franta. She will work with Stephanie Kloster – De La Rosa, bringing new ideas for the 2017-2018 school year as Kelly Simkowski exits the PTO Board after serving in numerous roles for eight years! Kelly may be leaving the board but will continue giving her time and skills to the PTO in numerous ways! Thank you Kelly for everything!
- This is just a fraction of the many volunteers that have given their time, talent, effort, patience, organization, spirit and supportiveness. We are grateful for all of the support of our parent volunteers and look forward to seeing what we will all accomplish next year!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our last school event for this school year- **THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR PICNIC** on Tuesday, June 6 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you all in August for another successful year at Beye!

-Submitted by Stephanie Kloster – De La Rosa & Kelly Simkowski, Beye PTO Co-Presidents



BEYE DISCOVERY Beye PTO

After School Enrichment Program with a Focus in Art and Science

For information about Beye Discovery, please visit <http://www.beyeschoolpto.org/beye-discovery.html> or contact Jocelyne Adkins, Program Director, at beye.discovery@gmail.com.

Beye Discovery End-of-the-Year Highlights

For the third consecutive year, Beye Discovery students were hosted by OPRF students and Art Educator Lindy Novotny. The focus of this year's workshop was computer graphic design. OPRF students worked one-on-one with Beye Discovery students to create custom package designs using Illustrator. Our children selected colors, images, and text to complete their designs, which were then printed, cut, and folded into a finished package. The results were fantastic (check out the photos on the next page) and the children had a fabulous time!!! A special heartfelt thank you to Ms. Novotny and her OPRF students for offering yet another exciting workshop for our students!

We also had lots of fun creating a Small Business Wednesday "Earth Month" edition that flowed into the month of May. We used mostly recycled items or repurposed materials to create the items for our sale. Once our Wednesday students created the inventory for their shops (this was a three class endeavor), they priced their items, set up their shops and displays, and then opened for business. Students were given 15 pennies to shop with and the children had a great time shopping among their peers for unique "one-of-a-kind" items.

Students also learned about succulent propagation and have successfully begun that process with leaves from a succulent that had grown too spikey. Our leaves are now sprouting roots in addition to baby plants. The stem that remained from the parent plant is now showing off a handful of new plants. Transplanted into sandy soil, we're eager to see how these baby plants start to mature and hopefully succeed into stable, beautiful plants!

This August, Beye Discovery is offering its Summer Adventures Camp at Magical Minds Studio on Madison St. Please review the flyer in this publication to learn more about our camps. And of course, Beye Discovery will also be here for the 2017-18 school year! If interested, please visit the address below for more information and to register.

<https://goo.gl/forms/VvnwOX4TjY64Kklm1>

Wishing the Beye Community a safe, fun and peaceful summer ahead!

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

For information about Beye Discovery, please contact Jocelyne at beye.discovery@gmail.com.

-Submitted by Jocelyne Adkins, Beye Discovery Program Director



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Beye Discovery Continued....

1. David, OPRF Graphic Design Workshop
2. Elise, OPRF Graphic Design Workshop
3. Ellie, Small Business Wednesday
4. Tariq, OPRF Graphic Design Workshop
5. Hank and Noah, Small Business Wednesday
6. Tariq, Gabe, and Ellian, Small Business Wednesday
7. Laila, Small Business Wednesday
8. Miles and Zachary, OPRF Graphic Design Workshop
9. Sonia, OPRF Graphic Design Workshop



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Beye Discovery Continued....

10. Eva and Miles, Succulent Propagation
11. Morgan and Morgan, Outdoor Play
12. Dakin, Lego Rocket and Launch Pad Design
13. Ulric, Mixed Color Palette Painting
14. Valen and Dakin, Rainforest Book Marks
15. Xantal, Mixed Color Palette Painting
16. Alexander, Abstract Painting



2017-2018 Beye-in Parties

Host a 2017-2018 Beye-in Party!

All the Beye-In parties have been SUPER FUN, and we are going to take them to the NEXT LEVEL in 2017-2018!

Now it's easier than ever to host a party! Visit the Beye PTO website (<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org/beye-in.html>) to see the list of party ideas—and these are just a few. We have possibilities of all different sizes, styles, times of year and price ranges. Things for kids, families and adults only. Have a different idea? Let's do it!

NEW for next year: The PTO will reimburse party expenses (up to a predetermined cap). Your gift to the PTO is hosting — you don't have a financial obligation also, unless you choose to. What's next? Email Jen Kellogg at BeyeIn@beyeschoolpto.org and set up a five minute phone call to pick a date and solidify the plan & budget. The PTO will create the flyers and advertise the party. You throw the party. Easy Peasey. Here's the easiest party to host — we are doing a "Winedown Yoga" series. Just pick a date and provide the space and the PTO will bring the instructor, wine and beer.

We'll be announcing the parties at the Back to School Picnic on August 25th. Parties will happen all year long! AND Jen will host a Beye-In Info session in September for all those who have signed up to host.

It's a Q&A, a Thank You in advance, and of course, a good time with drinks and snacks.

-Submitted by Jen Kellogg, PTO Co-VP of Special Events



Summer Adventures Camp with Beye Discovery

Join us for a thrilling summer finale as we venture into “**Playful Art & The Art of Play**”, inspired by artists both past and present; the natural world; and our own experiences, interests and dreams. Through painting, drawing, printmaking and sculpture, children will develop their skills and imagination to create unique works of art. Weather permitting, some projects will be created outdoors. Classes are facilitated by Jocelyne Adkins, MAAE, School of the Art Institute, Chicago and a teaching assistant.

Beye Discovery Camp Schedule (For children grades K-5, half day & full day options):

Students may register for 1 week, 2 weeks, or 3 weeks. Each week will offer new adventures!

Location:

Magical Minds Studio, 110 Madison St., Oak Park (Beye is closed for updates this summer)

Week 1: Monday, July 31st - Friday, August 4th

Week 2: Monday, August 7th - Friday, August 11th

Week 3: Monday, August 14th - Friday, August 18th

Summer Program Options (including early drop off and extended day below):

Morning Sessions: 8:30am - 11:30am (\$125 per week)

Afternoon Sessions: 12:30pm - 3:30pm (\$125 per week)

Morning & Afternoon Sessions* (please pack a lunch): 8:30am - 3:30pm (\$290 per week)

Extended day option from 3:30-6pm: Session fee + \$100 per week

Early drop off option at 8 am: Session fee + \$25 per week.

Additional Information:

Midway through each session, children will enjoy free play and a snack (from home).

About Us:

Beye Discovery Summer Adventures Camp is an enrichment program of the Beye PTO that offers children opportunities for exploration and growth, through creative project-based learning in art.

To register, please contact Jocelyne Adkins, Program Director at beye.discovery@gmail.com

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Open
Registration

Enroll now!
Space is limited

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, Rooms 300 & 302

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

Other: 2 Need based scholarships available

Curriculum:

The curriculum is organized by weekly themes. 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 & knowledge with the Beye community through the display of their artwork

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

- Flexible enrollment options include 1-5 days per week
- 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/VvnwQX4TjY64Kklm1>

Questions? Contact Jocelyne Adkins, Program Director at beye.discovery@gmail.com

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BEYE GREEN TEAM NEWS

Thanks to all students, parents, families, and staff who supported recent Beye Green initiatives such as the pre-Earth Day nature outing in Thatcher Woods, manning waste-sorting stations at the Fun Fair and the Teacher Appreciation luncheon. Beye has been a sustainable school since 2008, and there is a renewed effort in recent months to support zero waste gatherings with reusable dishware + utensils recently replenished in all classrooms, and an all-school set of reusable “partyware” (a couple hundred sets of plates, cups, utensils) for use during larger school functions.

HELP WANTED JUNE 6! To become trained in zero waste (even if you’re not on the green team currently), and to help our End of School Picnic on Jun 6 be a waste-free event, email Ana at gardoyle@hotmail.com

JOIN BEYE GREEN TEAM! We need hands. To join Beye Green team as a lead for the Outside Explorers program (student green club), as a lunchroom waste sorter (see your kids 2x per month during lunch!), or to help with other engaging Beye Green initiatives this coming school year, please contact Ana at gardoyle@hotmail.com.



BIG THANKS to all of our Beye School community for another great year (our 9th!) in Beye Green programs and fun. We hope you will take the car-free challenge this Summer (see separate article in this month’s BeyeStander for details), and that you might pick up a few green books for kids AND adults in our list below. Have a safe and green Summer, and see you in August!



Beye students and families enjoy a pre-Earth Day outing in Thatcher Woods, led by Outside Explorers club moderator, Laura Derks.



Do you have other titles to add to this list and/or to share w green team? Email to : doyle@hotmail.com/

SUMMER READING IDEAS

FOR KIDS

- I am Jane Goodall by Brad Meltzer (picture book)
- If you Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson (picture book)
- The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkey (picture book)
- Chomp by Carl Hiaasen (novel)
- Gaia Girls series by Lee Welles (novels)

FOR ADULTS

- Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben
- Active Hope by Joana Macy
- What the Robin Knows by Jon Young
- Our Once and Future Planet by Paddy Woodworth
- Zero Waste Home by Bea Johnson
- The Invention of Nature by Andrea Wulf
- Last Child in the Woods by Richard Louv



BEYE SCHOOL CAR-FREE SUMMER CHALLENGE

(Should You Choose to Accept it)



Brought to You by the Beye School PTO Green Team

THE CHALLENGE – How many days you can go Car-Free this Summer? 3...5...7...MORE?

WHY SHOULD YOU ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE? One of the most impactful things each of us can do individually to positively impact the environment is to DRIVE LESS. Personal vehicles create carbon dioxide emissions that are harmful to our planet. This Challenge is not about giving up your family car completely. Let's face it, most of us need cars to get places and sometimes it just makes sense to drive. But, when you are about to ask for a ride this summer, just ask yourself whether you could give the car a break and get where you want to go Car-Free.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. **RULES** - Every time you go Car-Free for an entire day, write down the date on the chart to the right. Days do not have to be consecutive. For example, for the 3-Day Challenge, you can choose June 26, July 9 and August 15 as your Car-Free Days. Cars include, well, cars of course (and yes, even fuel efficient ones), as well as trucks and other personal motor vehicles. You CAN use bikes, scooters, your legs, wheelchairs and public transportation (buses, trains, etc...) which are all acceptable and count towards a Car-Free Day.
2. **76-DAY CHALLENGE PERIOD** – The Challenge begins the first day of summer, Thursday, June 8, and goes up through Tuesday, August 22.
3. **DEADLINE** - Submit your results by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 25** by: 1) dropping them in the PTO mailbox located in the Beye School Main Office; or 2) have your parent e-mail the info to Green Team member Sarah Miller at sstmiller@comcast.net. **DON'T FORGET TO WRITE IN YOUR NAME AND GRADE BELOW!!!**
4. **PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES!** Prizes will be announced at the Beginning of the School Year for:
 - a. Any student who completes the 7 (or more)-Day Car-Free Challenge.
 - b. For the 3-Day and 5-Day Car-Free challenge, 2 students will be picked from each group.
 - c. GRAND PRIZE for the student with the MOST Car-Free Days!
 - d. BONUS PRIZES! – Try to go as many days as possible without buying or using a disposable water bottle! Tally those days (on the back, top or side of this sheet) before turning it in!
5. **QUESTIONS** – contact Sarah Miller at sstmiller@comcast.net.

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WARNING: The main purpose of this Challenge is to better our environment, but please be aware that participation in this Challenge may also result in improved physical fitness and stronger, healthier communities.

NAME OF STUDENT

GRADE

Volunteer Opportunity!

Parent Leaders Sought to Run Beye Outside Explorers Club for 3rd-5th Graders



Needed:

2-3 Parents to Help lead the Beye Outside Explorers for the school year 2017-2018.

What is the Beye Outside Explorers?

The B.O.E. is a group of 3rd-5th graders who want to explore the outdoors, nature in all seasons, and understand how to take care of our environment.

Meeting Frequency

The group meets once or twice a month either after school on Wednesdays, or during lunch recess, the leaders decide.

What to Expect

Leadership requires just a bit of preparation as there are many activities already outlined in *The BOE GuideBook*.

Why Volunteer?

This year has been a very fun year full of curiosity, enthusiasm, and adventure!

To Volunteer:

Contact Laura at lcderks@gmail.com to express your interest, and/or for questions. If we can get you on board soon, you can join the last BOE meeting for this school year on May 24th to see what's involved.



Fall Registration is Now OPEN!

Want an early bird discount? Register by JUNE 15 and pay only a \$15 registration fee!

Dear Families,

I'm excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2017-18 school year for The Right Club here at William Beye. We have a special early bird discount to offer all Beye families: register by June 15 and you'll pay a per family registration fee of only \$15!!! That's a \$75 savings!

Not sure of your schedule yet? No problem! You can adjust your schedule any time, but you must register before June 15 to get the discount. Even **better, you'll only pay your registration fee when you enroll – no tuition is due until August 1st!**

We have had a fantastic year in The Right Club with your children. We sure hope to see you all next year!

Kind regards,
Kelly
Area Manager

Visit Us!

<https://rightatschool.com/william-beye-elementary/>

“Under the Lights” Talent Show was Extraordinary!



On Thursday and Friday, May 11 & 12, the Beye School auditorium was filled with cheering and thunderous applause as this year’s enthusiastic audiences responded to 102 talented Beye School performers! It was a record number of participants and audience members: a fabulous night of shining stars under our new theatre lights!



The performances flew by with singing and dancing, magic, comedy, mind-reading, amazing instrumental performances and even our own mini version of “Hamilton!” Mr. E. joined in the fun as he accompanied several of our singers with his spectacular piano-playing, keyboard thumping gifts. Our poised and polished emcees, 4th graders June M., Vivienne P., Liam S. and 5th graders Hayden J., Porter J. and Joseph R. entertained us throughout the shows! Both nights provided extraordinary performances from all of our kiddos. Friday night’s show ended with an ice cream social in the Commons, which was a wonderful way to celebrate together!

While the show is volunteer-led, it simply wouldn’t happen each year without tremendous support and direct involvement of school staff, specifically: Mrs. Rosenblum, Mrs. Harlan, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Sundquist, Mr. Ali, all of our custodial staff, and Mr. Ellwanger. Thank you to each and every one of you!

I want to thank the parents of our amazing performers who made sure their children attended rehearsals, pulled together costumes, and practiced over and over again! We couldn’t do this without your support.

This show is an opportunity to inspire our kids: to encourage their deepest desire to share who they are in a supportive community. It’s pure joy to see our children so bravely sharing their passions with all of us.



Thank you again to everyone involved in this year’s “Under the Lights” show!

-DiAne Boese, Talent Show Director



I want to thank the following people for sharing their time, talents and gifts in order to make this show possible:

- Our very talented and passionate co-directors, Lisa Kozinski, Wendy Negrón and Monica Saydah
- Our WONDERFUL parent volunteers who graciously helped with all of our kiddos throughout the dress rehearsal and both performances
- Mrs. Harlan for organizing and managing the ice cream social
- Lindsay Gallup, for her fabulous photos of our performers
- Nurse Advani, for coordinating and directing our special staff performance
- Paja Charles, of the PTO fundraising committee, for organizing and managing pizza dinners before both shows
- And, our awesome PTO for continuing to support the Beye School Talent Show!

VOLUNTEER AT BEYE: Big or small, there's a role for everyone!

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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. For detailed descriptions on open positions visit the volunteer page at: www.beyeschoolpto.org/volunteer.html.



ABOUT THE BEYESTANDER

The *Beyestander* is an online 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 beyestander@beyeschoolpto.org.

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