



Creative Kindness Project, Culminated February 10



The Creative Kindness Crew is thankful for our community.



Making uplifting cards to be included with each and every kit. Thank you Geppetto's Toy Box for leading this effort!



Assembling the art kits. Thanks to all who donated! A great group of students from OPRF helped out at the event.



Balloon art donated by Decoraciones Tilza. Thank you, Rafael Ponte. The kids had a blast!

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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Drawing of Mr. E by Isaiah M-O

February is Black History Month. When Carter G. Woodson helped to establish Negro History Week in 1926, he chose the week that included the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. He did not know the week would grow to become a month of celebration and remembrance. He did know and said from the start that black history is American history, and he very much believed that “Cooperation implies the equality of participants in the particular task at hand.” For sure, we have much to do and much to learn, and the more we can come together and work together, seeing our future success as bound up with the success of our neighbors and their children, the sooner we will see success for all.

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We had a record turnout for our recent morning math meetup, **“Loving Math.”** More than a hundred students, parents and teachers ate together, estimated together, figured together and read together. The Building Leadership Team, made up of 11 faculty members, planned and hosted the event along with our DivCo partners. We so appreciate their leadership!

The very next day hundreds turned out to be a part of our very first **Creative Kindness Project**. In multiple ways, kids had chances to positively

impact the lives of other kids, and specifically, to contribute to art kits that will go to children battling leukemia. It’s hard to imagine a better way we could choose to be kind and avoid being mean throughout 2019. Thank you to Rajani Raghavan and friends who helped lead and organize us!

The **Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)** is the new state assessment that students in grades three through five will take in March. It replaces the PARCC exam, but at least for this year, it still contains items drawn from the PARCC test. In future years, the state is planning for the test to evolve to be self-adjusting—meaning that like the MAP test, students will receive questions at their level based on their responses. In addition to the IAR, fifth-graders will also still take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). We see these tests as opportunities. They are one way students can show what they know. They are not

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the only way. That said, we believe that every student benefits from having these opportunities and thus being better prepared for future tests. That’s why we hope that every student will be present, rested, ready and engaged, so that becomes their habit and approach.

Believe it or not, soon it will be time for **registration to begin for the 2019–2020 school year**. Please note these dates and share them with your friends and neighbors:

1ST WAVE OF REGISTRATIONS KINDERGARTEN ONLY

March (KG only)

March 7: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

March 14: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

March 28: 4:30–7 p.m.

April (KG only)

April 4: 4:30–7 p.m.

April 17: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

April 30: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

NEWS FROM BEYE PTO

2ND WAVE OF REGISTRATIONS RETURNING STUDENTS (ONLINE)

May (online only)
Returning Student Registration
May 6–27

Recently, our PTO reviewed proposals submitted as part of a **special projects funding process**. To their credit, for years the PTO has had a process for regularly spending down reserves to ensure that monies raised do not accumulate but are instead put to good use. To do that, an invitation went out to the entire community calling for proposals. A special committee reviewed those applications and made recommendations to the executive board for approval. We are always excited to see the community supporting Beye School, brainstorming ways it can be better, and helping to decide what matters most. Special thanks to Deborah Levine for convening the review committee and to all those who served.

As I write this, the **Five Essentials** survey is about to close, and whether we remain in first place for the highest parent response rate or not, I want to thank you for taking the time to share your feedback about your experience of Beye School. The results directly funnel into our school improvement planning process, which will begin as this year winds down. Please know that your voice matters, and that we appreciate your willingness to help us build on our strengths and strive to get better!

As always, I invite you to call, email or make an appointment to stop by to connect with me. Standing in the shadow of winter conferences, and closing in on the final third of the year, there's no better time to have clear communication, shared goals and a true partnership between home and school. Thanks for supporting your learner, your teachers, your school and your principal.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Ellwanger, Principal

BEYE SCHOOL **MY** SCHOOL

<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org>

Dear Beye Families,

How fantastic the last few weeks have been at Beye! I hope you were able to make some of the wonderful community-wide events—book fair, pancake breakfast, talent show, Loving Math. Thank you to all who organized and volunteered, and thanks to all who attended.

And there is always more to come. Come see more of our talented students at performances of *Mary Poppins* on Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15. And then, hugely anticipated by my kid all year long, the Fun Fair is Saturday, March 16!

I hope that you can join some of these events. They are part of what makes us a community and engages our kids more deeply in their school.

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

CREATIVE KINDESS PROJECT

Thank you for a tremendously successful fundraising and art kit drive and event!

We hope you had as much fun as we did at the first Community Kindness Event! Because of YOU, our truly amazing community, we were able to TRIPLE our goal and assemble more than 150 art kits. Each kit will include an uplifting handmade card to brighten the day of a child being cared for at UI Health Hospitals. A special THANK YOU to all of our volunteers, donors and sponsors for making The Creative Kindness Project a tremendous success. We could not have done it without you!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO: The Hadi-St. John Family, Kim Becker Photo, The Beye 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop, Mr. Simatic, Geppetto's Toy Box, LIFEWTR, Oak Park Education Foundation, Jocelyne Adkins, DJ Jose De La Rosa, Decoraciones Tilza, Crazy Aaron's Putty, Xonex, Plus-Plus, Cupcakes for Courage, Trader Joe's, Pete's Fresh Market, and Whole Foods Market.

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For access to more photos from the event, please visit this link: <https://kimbeckerphoto.pixieset.com/g/creative-kindness/> Download PIN 8247



Thank you to Beye parent Anna Bathrick (center) for the generous LIFEWTR donation.



One of more than 150 handmade cards that were included with the art kits. You are Bee-U-tiful!



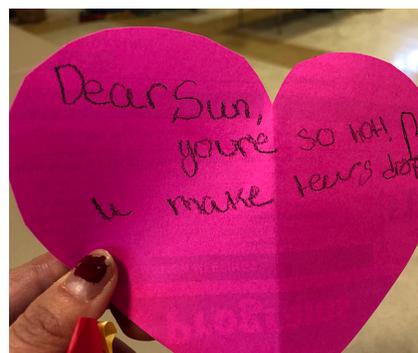
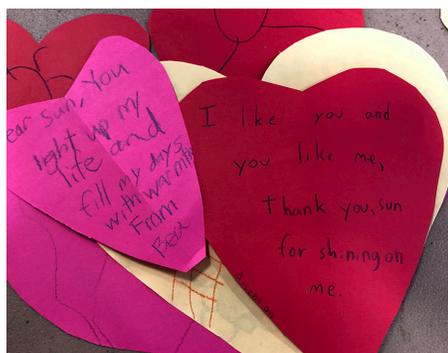
"Secret Kindness Agents" to deliver positive messages to everyone's locker.



A huge thanks to all the parents and volunteers who stepped up and made the Community Kindness Event a great afternoon!

GREEN TEAM

Beye's Annual Solarbration! Students celebrated the sun with the Green Team



Students enjoyed making valentines for the sun at lunch recess, during the annual Green Team-sponsored February Solarbration on Wednesday, February 13. The young letter-writers were creative in their tributes to our sun: "Thank you for giving me warmth." "Thank you for growing our food." Many thanks to Dorian Breuer of Ailey Solar for bringing the solar house on wheels once again, which students enjoyed visiting to learn about the sun's energy-making powers. If you want to volunteer for the Green Team or have questions about Green Team programs, contact beyegreen@gmail.com.



TALENT SHOW

“The Greatest Show”

2019 Beye School Talent Show Drew a Full House on February 7 & 8

More than 80 Beye students took center stage or helped behind the scenes on Thursday, February 7 and Friday, February 8 at what was dubbed “The Greatest Show” around. From kindergarteners to fifth graders, they wowed members of the packed auditorium with song and dance, hilarity, a little bit of mime and magic, and even some puzzling at the annual Beye School Talent Show.

Congratulations to all of our performers, masters and mistresses of ceremonies, and members of the stage crew. Great teamwork! Thank you, Monica Saydah and Lisa Kozinski, for your time, leadership and energy, without which the show wouldn’t be possible! And thanks to all of the parents who volunteered in the Green Room.

Most of all, THANK YOU to all who came out to show their support and join in this fun annual event!



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

Beye Discovery Highlights: Mid-January to Mid-February 2019

"Hanging Out" Exhibit

We traced the students' figures from their torso to their head, as though they were playfully swinging upside down. Students filled their figures with bold colors and patterns, creating an exuberant cast of characters. These are now on view in the main hallway adjacent to the Beye office, so please stop by!

Celebrating Black History Month

- Students learned about the industrious Junius G. Groves, who through extremely hard work and a steadfast vision became the world's highest-producing potato farmer in 1902. We loved the story of Groves's life, *No Small Potatoes*, by Tonya Bolden.
- Through portraiture, we honored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and discussed parts of his "I Have a Dream" speech. Students learned how to draw basic facial proportions and to identify shapes within facial features to help them draw with accuracy. These beautiful portraits are also on view in the main hallway.
- In progress: Ms. Gibson is working with our students to design a large-scale collage highlighting Black professionals who have made significant contributions, including actors, athletes, illustrators, lawyers, musicians, physicians, poets, scientists, social activists, writers, etc.
- For our half-day on February 1, we hosted Visiting Artist Mike Bochner. He is a prolific abstract painter, who also enjoys creating comical (and sometimes creepy) masks. If you would like to see some of Mike's work, visit his website at <http://www.flavorcitystudios.com>. Take a look right here in Beyelines at some of the fantastic masks our students created with oil pastels, inspired by Mike's visit.



Masks by Mike Bochner, Visiting Artist

Join Us!

Should your child be interested in Beye Discovery this spring, we currently have part-time spaces available. This summer, Beye Discovery is hosting "Playful Art & The Art of Play." Registration for the 2019–2020 school year opens Friday, Feb. 15. Please see registration links:

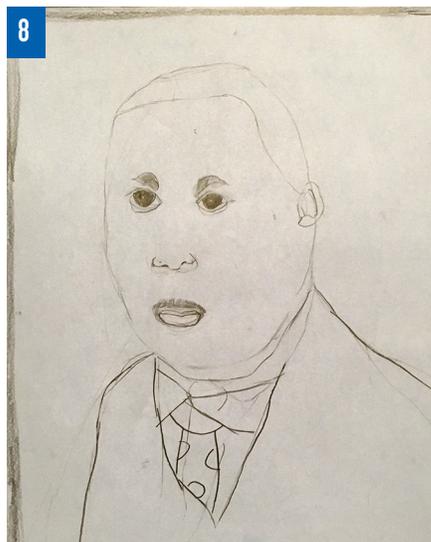
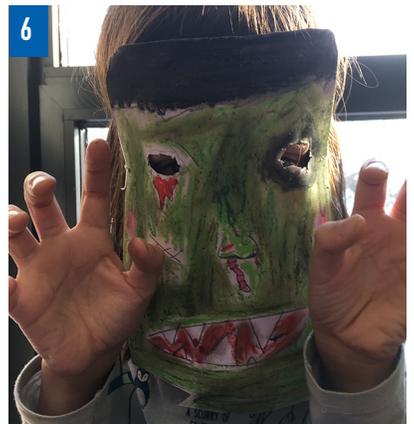
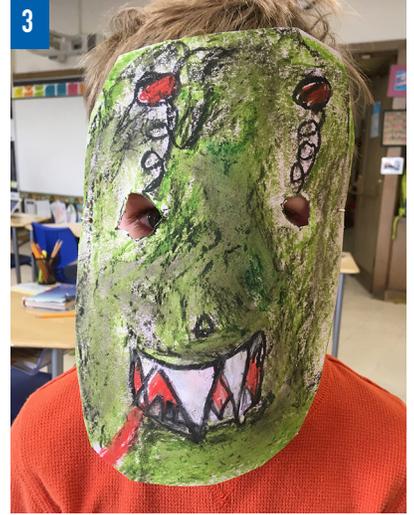
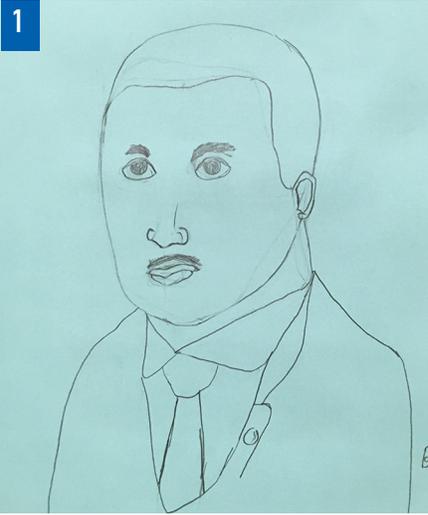
[Beye Discovery 2018/19 School Year Registration](#)
[Beye Discovery Summer Adventures Camp Registration](#)
[Beye Discovery 2019/20 School Year Registration](#)

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 beye.discovery@gmail.com.



BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



1. Yusef, Portrait of Dr. MLK Jr.; 2. Valen, Hanging Out Portrait; 3. William, Mask-Making with Mike Bochner; 4. Dakin, Mask-Making with Mike Bochner; 5. Viviana, Hanging Out Portrait; 6. Salma, Mask-Making with Mike Bochner; 7. Charlotte & Kaia, Hanging Out Portrait; 8. Salma, Portrait of Dr. MLK Jr. 9. Ella & Lucinda, Hanging Out Portrait

BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



10. Avery, Evie, & Vivian, Free Choice Drawings; 11. Aaliyah, Hanging Out Portrait; 12. Lucinda & Ella, Mask-Making with Mike Bochner; 13. Maya, Hanging Out Portrait; 14. Maya, Portrait of Dr. MLK Jr; 15. Ian, Hanging Out Portrait; 16. Mekhi, Portrait of Dr. MLK Jr.

LEGO BUILDERS

Beye Lego Builders Needed Tuesday, April 2

What: Join the Green Team on a day off of school for a service project
When: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 2
Where: 130 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park Township Senior Services

Beye Lego, a Green Team group, will be hosting a volunteer opportunity with local senior citizens at the Oak Park Township Senior Service Program. Come and build decorative and functional Lego creations with our senior friends. The Lego pieces will be given to the seniors. Let's experience the fun that people of all ages can have with Legos!

Parents and caregivers are invited to participate with their child(ren). Please email any questions to beyelego@gmail.com.

Please sign up at the following link by Tuesday, March 26: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0449a4a92ca7ff2-green>



NEWS AND EVENTS FROM OAK PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION



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Bingo Bash

The Oak Park Education Foundation's (OPEF) 2019 spring fundraiser definitely has the emphasis on FUN. Please join us Friday, March 15 for a great evening of bingo, live auction, food, drinks, celebrity bingo callers, a wine raffle and the first ever Staszak Educator Award being given to John Colucci, sixth-grade language arts teacher at Julian. Buy a table for you and five of your best friends, and get extra bingo cards! Learn more about this new event here: <https://www.opef.org/announcing-bingo-bash-2019/>.

Battle of the Bots

Is your child interested in robotics? Every year OPEF and Julian Middle School host some of the area's top middle-school robotics teams. Battle of the Bots will be held Saturday, March 2. This is an all-day event with tons of fun for all ages. Tickets are \$3 for adults and free for kids and can be purchased at the door. Visit <https://www.opef.org/events/battle-of-the-bots/> for more info.

SHINE

OPEF wants to give more kids a chance to SHINE. That's why we are thrilled that our Big Idea—SHINE (Scholarship Hub Inspires Needed Enrichment)—has been chosen as a finalist for the OPRF Community Foundation's Big Idea seed grant competition. SHINE would create a centralized way for families to learn about and apply for scholarship opportunities in the area. Read more here: <https://www.opef.org/a-big-idea-to-shine/>.

Open Position

Looking for a way to be involved in the schools? Need a job that fits with the school schedule? OPEF is looking for a dynamic marketing professional for a part-time marketing and communications manager position. Learn more here: <https://www.opef.org/were-hiring/>.

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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Beye School Families



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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.

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