

UPCOMING EVENTS

Talent Show
February 6-7

Presidents Day
NO SCHOOL
February 17

**Green Team
SolarBration**
February 14

**3v3 Basketball
Tournament**
February 29

**Principal Coffee
with Mr. E**
February 21

**Beye PTO
General Meeting**
March 14

Mr. E's Farewell Celebration

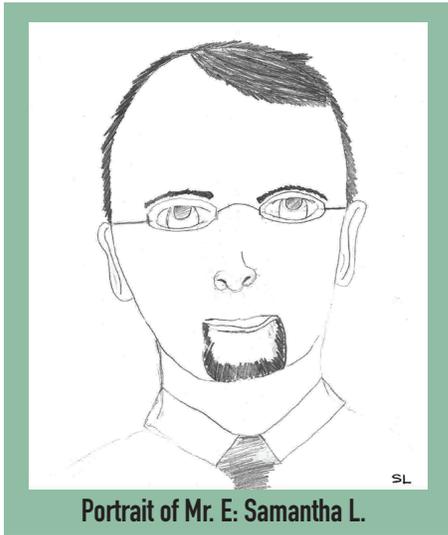
June 4, 2020, at the End-of-Year Picnic

Picnic from 5-8, with food trucks & DJ

The Mr. E celebration begins promptly at 6:30 pm, rain or shine.

Be ready for music, fun, dancing ... and a few surprises!

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Portrait of Mr. E. Samantha L.

“We really do have plenty, to see us through in 2020!” That was the motto that greeted students and staff as they returned from winter break. One final time I hung posters throughout the building and started our first day back with that quote. For me it is a reminder that we always have a choice: **Will we see scarcity or abundance? Will we view the new year pessimistically or as full of possibility?** I have always said that you have to be an optimist to do my job, so I guess you know where I’m landing. I am excited to see where 2020 will take us and I’m confident that we have the people, the ideas, the resources, the energy and the endurance to make this our BEST YEAR EVER!

We left our **history of Beye School in 1914** with the construction of a frame addition housing a gym and study hall at the north end of the school. In late May 1930, the “old wooden part” of Beye, on the school’s south end, “burned like a furnace,” according to the Oak Leaves on May 30, 1930. The value of the burned portion, which was the eight-room building constructed in 1896, was put at \$150,000, including \$30,000 worth of equipment. The newspaper reported that “Superintendent Hamilton at once began making plans to keep the 650 pupils on the job during the remaining ten days of school. Quarters at Hawthorne School and the Cuyler Avenue Church may be used as classrooms.” The cause of the fire was unknown because all electrical power had been shut down in the building, as was the nightly rule. Fire Chief Walters speculated that cleaning materials stored in a closet could have started the blaze. The fireproof brick middle part of the school was damaged slightly by smoke and water, and the old frame gym at the north end of the complex was unscathed. Reconstruction of the burned wing, comprising the south wing of the present school, cost \$129,121. **Next month:** War time and the building of our current gym and auditorium.

The **search for the next Beye principal is underway.** A team of staff members has been assembled and likewise a team of parents and guardians who will interview candidates at the end of this month. Those teams will advance candidates they see as viable to the next round of interviews, conducted by a team of central office and building administrators. That team will recommend candidates to the superintendent, who will interview those candidates, conduct site visits along with other administrators and make a final hiring recommendation to the school board in March.

We have until February 14 to try and beat our incredible participation rate on the **5 Essentials Parent Survey.** Last year we managed to get 68% of parents and guardians to complete the survey! Will you please take a few minutes to provide your feedback via the survey? Head to <https://survey.5-essentials.org> to take the survey in English or Spanish.

On February 23, I will be taking the **Polar Plunge** on behalf of Beye School to raise funds for the Special Olympics of Illinois. Money raised will go directly to supporting 23,000 traditional athletes and 17,000 young athletes who are able to participate each year in training and competitions. If you’d like to support me by making a donation, search for IL Polar Plunge, click on “support a plunger” and search for me. All donations no matter how big or small are appreciated and will make a difference in the lives of special athletes!

With our **lost and found** predictably overflowing, we are starting a new practice of emptying it out at the end of each month. We have always given away unclaimed items to charity, and will continue that practice, just more regularly. So ... please, please please LABEL EVERYTHING! Items with names don’t even go to the lost and found; they go back to their owner! Please also check the lost and found (in the yellow lockers just outside the office) on a regular basis to be sure you claim what’s yours.

The Collaboration for Early Childhood is hosting a **parent leadership training series** starting February 1. The trainings represent an effort to give parents, grandparents and caregivers the skills and tools to help them be their child’s first and most important caregiver. All events will include child care, food and transportation (upon request). To register or ask questions, please contact Jennifer Little at 708-613-6122 or email jlittle@collab-4kids.org.

As always, I welcome your questions, ideas, concerns or causes for celebration. Together we are always in a position to make things better at Beye, and that usually begins with conversations. Please feel free to email, call or make an appointment to sit down with me. I appreciate and need your support and partnership!

Sincerely,
Jonathan Ellwanger, Principal

BEYE PTO



<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org>

Greetings, and Happy New Year, Beye Families!

We trust that you all are well and getting back into the swing of things. We have some exciting things coming up in January, hope to see you out! Community starts with connection, and the only way to truly get connected is to get out and enjoy some of the amaz- ingness that Beye has to offer. We hope you joined us for the pancake breakfast Saturday January 26 and/or the Beye-In: Billiards Against Humanity. A big thank you as well to all parents who participated in the principal interviews: Your time, energy and support is greatly appreciated.

The Talent Show is coming up February 6 and 7. Come on out and support our brave and talented students! February 29 will be the 3-on-3 basketball tournament from 9 am to 1pm, 'Who's got next?' Last, but certainly not least, MARCH MATHNESS will be held Saturday, March 7, and we also invite you to join our PTO.

CONSIDER INVOLVEMENT: The PTO is always looking for volunteers for a wide variety of roles. Whether you have a few or many hours to give during the school year, the school and students will benefit from your help, and your child will see that you are invested in our school and become more invested in themselves.

We look forward to continued success in the 2019 - 2020 school year, and if you see us out, don't hesitate to come up and say hi! You can also drop myself or Deborah Levine a note below.
president@beyeschoolpto.org.

Cheers...CT
Chris Thomas
(parent of Noah Thomas-Sanchez, 1st grade)
Beye PTO Co-President

Thank You for Supporting the Beye PTO!

The Beye PTO raised \$2,193 during our annual appeal--a huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed! Your generosity will help the PTO continue to work to ensure all Beye students have the exceptional school experience they deserve. Thank you for making the Beye community a place where every child and every family feels like they truly belong!

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2020 Spelling Bee on January 15! And special congratulations to all the students who finished in the top three of their grade:



Second Grade

1. First Place: Alvie Gilbert
2. Second Place: Wai Zin
3. Third Place: Isabelle Ashton



Third Grade

1. First Place: Lilah Townsend
2. Second Place: Gabe Corbert
3. Third Place: Addy Mason



Fourth Grade

1. First Place: Ben Bonomo
2. Second Place: Salma Hadi-St. John
3. Third Place: Eddie Pearson



Fifth Grade

1. First Place: Avery Emanuel
2. Second Place: Jasmine Darley
3. Third Place: Cal Byer

BEYE DISCOVERY



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

jocelyne@bydiscovery.org

Gratitude Project

We welcomed in 2020 by promoting kindness and reading *How Full Is Your Bucket* by Tom Rath and Mary Reckmeyer. Students understood the power of kind acts and words to influence the way we feel about ourselves and others. We brainstormed words that have helped when we are not feeling our best, then created positive messages to share with the Beye community. Check out the display outside of the office to help fill your heart/bucket.

Beye Discovery Bucket-Filling Activities:

--Game-Making: Students created and played board games together, re-inventing spin and move games, matching games with original artwork, marble mazes and more.

--Friendship Paintings: Reading *Max and Marla* by Alexandra Boiger inspired imagery showing how friendship brings comfort and joy. Students painted on acetate to replicate painting on glass, with a beautiful, luminous effect!

--Clay Plaques: Students made and stamped clay plaques with positive messages, which some students will keep as reminders to fill their buckets and others will give to encourage family and friends.

End-of-Year Thank-You Notes:

Artist and Beye Mom Benz Amatakayul hosted a workshop to explore paint application and color mixing, encouraging a fun, carefree group approach. Students wrote extremely sweet and heartfelt thank-you notes to artists in Benz's online community to encourage play and discovery in their artwork. Thank you to Benz for the opportunity to explore and to inspire others! See Benz's work and find information about her online community here: <https://amatayastudio.com/>

Thank you to families who attended the "Circus of Birds" performances in December, which raised \$200 to support upcoming student-initiated bird projects!

Coming Up:

Stay tuned for our Black History Month community project, inspired by the bold and colorful work of Textile Artist Xenobia Bailey!

Save the Date!

Beye Discovery's 2020 Summer Adventures Camp Registration opens February 1, and registration for the 2020 - 2021 school year opens February 15. Registration is first-come, first-served. Registration links will be shared via a BeyeByte, just prior to the registration date or email jocelyne@bydiscovery.org to access the link.



1. Wiley and Kaia, Game Play; 2. Eleanor, Mira, Ascencion, Miguel, Game Play; 3. Billie, Friendship Painting on Acetate

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 Stacey Grieff, Lead Educator; Nguyen Tran, Teaching Assistant; and Jocelyne Adkins, Program Director. For questions about Beye Discovery please contact: jocelyne@bydiscovery.org.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT...ANA GARCIA-DOYLE



Congratulations

For more than a decade, Ana Garcia-Doyle has worked to turn **Beye School into the greenest school**, and this January, Ana was honored by District 97 for her efforts to make it happen.

Ana, Beye parent and founder of the amazing Beye Green Team, was chosen as the winner of the Making MyD97 Better award for January 2020. Ana received the award from D97 representatives and Mr. E at the January Green Team meeting.

“I was completely surprised and overwhelmed, and am grateful for this recognition . . . but want to underscore that this award belongs to all of us!” Ana said.

Under Ana’s leadership, the Green Team has implemented a number of initiatives in an effort to create a green culture within the school, including:

1. **Securing \$20,000 in grant money dedicated to zero-waste initiatives, including purchasing lunchroom dishwashers and new water fountains compatible with water-bottle refilling capacity.**
2. **Helping Beye divert 68 tons of solid waste from the landfill since 2008 through the school-wide recycling, composting and zero-waste programs.**
3. **Helping Beye win the Environmental Hero Award from Illinois Governor Pat Quinn in 2011, as well as a 2012 Fitzsimmons Award for Excellence in Public Health from the Village of Oak Park.**

Ana thanked everyone who had contributed big and small to the Green Team efforts since 2008. And she thanked Mr. E for his support, guidance and leadership since day 1.

“Nothing we’ve accomplished would have been possible without support and participation from our leadership,” Ana said.

Congratulations, Ana!

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS/JUNIOR OUTDOOR EXPLORERS

Join Us for the Winter – Spring Session! Outdoor Explorers (OE) 3rd – 5th Grade Junior Outdoor Explorers (JOE) K – 2nd Grade

CONNECTING TO NEARBY NATURE

Beye Junior Outdoor Explorers and Outdoor Explorers will help your child deepen his or her connection to nature through fun activities, art projects, games, nature journaling and exploring the outdoors. We will explore nearby areas around Beye School and if time permits, walk to other natural areas, including Taylor Park, Cheney Mansion and longer tree walks. This program is free of charge through support from the Beye PTO and is organized by the Green Team.



The two groups will meet separately on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 3 to 4pm, **beginning Tuesday, February 18**. Snacks will be provided but please have your child bring their own reusable water bottle! Spring session dates include:

February 18
March 3
March 10
April 7
April 21
May 5
May 19

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS – 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders

Former Beye parent Laura Derks will lead the Beye Outdoor Explorers with support from Beye parent Sarah Miller. For more information about Laura, go to flybirdexperience.com. ALL in 3rd through 5th grades are welcome to join, with a group limit of the first 15, so sign up by February 10!

MEETING PLACE: Beye School Classroom TBD

REGISTRATION: To register your child, please submit the permission slip to the Beye office by Monday, February 10 (NOTE: please submit one permission slip per family). Permission slip on Page 11.

QUESTIONS: Contact Sarah Miller at sstmiller@comcast.net

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS/JUNIOR OUTDOOR EXPLORERS CONTINUED..



FLYBIRD EXPERIENCE

JUNIOR OUTDOOR EXPLORERS – K, 1st and 2nd Graders

The Junior Outdoor Explorers group is for kindergarteners through 2nd graders. Beye parents Lauren Smith and Karen Migneault will lead the group. ALL are welcome in kindergarten through 2nd grades, but the group is limited to 12 participants, so sign up by February 10 (NOTE: After February 10, if more than 12 kids register for JOE, there will be a lottery to fill slots)!

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QUESTIONS: Please contact Lauren Smith at beyegreen@gmail.com.



OUTDOOR EXPLORERS/JUNIOR OUTDOOR EXPLORERS-PERMISSION SLIP

BEYE OUTDOOR EXPLORERS/JUNIOR OUTDOOR EXPLORERS PERMISSION SLIP (DUE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10)

Thank you for allowing, encouraging and supporting your child's interest in the Beye Outdoor Explorers/Junior Outdoor Explorers: All things Green. Please check the appropriate spot for each question:

PARTICIPATION PERMISSION:

- I give my permission for my child(ren) to participate in the Outdoor Explorers/Junior Outdoor Explorers program.
 My child(ren) does not have my permission to participate in the Outdoor Explorers/Junior Outdoor Explorers program.

WALKING PERMISSION:

- I give my permission for my child(ren) to walk to Cheney mansion, Taylor Park and other nearby nature areas (within a 1.5 mile radius of Beye school) of course, with adults
 No, it is not ok for my child(ren) to walk anywhere outside of Beye School property

USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS PERMISSION:

- I give my permission to use my child(ren)'s photograph in the BeyeLines
 No, please don't use my child(ren)'s photograph

PLEASE INCLUDE ALL CHILDREN IN SAME FAMILY ON ONE (1) PERMISSION SLIP

Child's Name: _____

Child's Grade/Homeroom Teacher: _____

Allergies: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Grade/Homeroom Teacher: _____

Allergies: _____

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Child's Grade/Homeroom Teacher: _____

Allergies: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent's e-mail and cell phone: _____

During the year, we will spend as much time as possible outside so make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothes in the fall, winter and spring months.

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.

CONNECT WITH US



www.op97.org/beye



Beye School Families



Mr E. @BeyeTheWay

ABOUT BEYELINES

Beyelines is a monthly newsletter that highlights the past month's activities and events at Beye School, both inside and outside the classroom. If you are a Beye School parent, community member, teacher, or student and would like to submit an article for consideration, please email: communications@beyeschoolpto.org.

BeyeBytes is a weekly electronic newsletter that highlights upcoming events at Beye School and in the community. If you would like to submit a news item, or if you are not currently receiving BeyeBytes and would like to be added to the distribution list, please send an email to: communications@beyeschoolpto.org.

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