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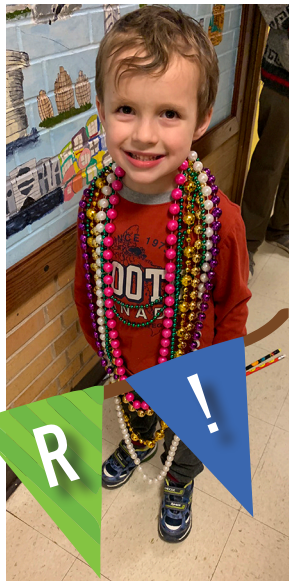
MARCH 2019



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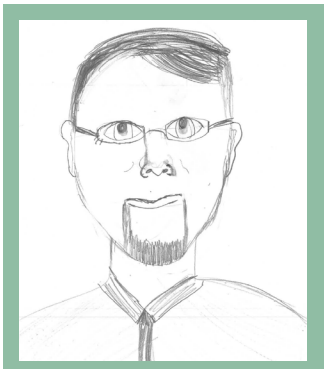


Drawing of Mr. E by Sonya G.

March has flown by, and with it the second trimester, meaning most of the year is now behind us. As you receive your second trimester report card, you get data that we all can use to triangulate and set our final goals for this school year. As always, please consider the report card an invitation to conversation, since no collection of grades and comments can capture all the nuances of learning together daily.

By the time you read this, we'll be done taking the **Illinois Assessment of Readiness.** That's the new test that has replaced PARCC as the mandated statewide measure of progress. Students in grades 3-5 took tests in reading and math, with fifth graders also taking a science assessment as well. We believe these tests are one measure of how students are doing, and how we're doing as a school, but certainly not the only or best measure. We are hoping that scores will be returned before the end of the year (which would be a first!) so we can use them to plan.

Registration has begun for the 2019-2020 school year. Please note these dates and share them with your friends and neighbors:

KINDERGARTEN ONLY
(Admin. building, 260 Madison St.)

April 4: 4:30-7:00 pm
April 17: 9:00-3:00 pm
April 30: 9:00-3:00 pm

RETURNING STUDENTS
ONLINE ONLY
May 6-27: Returning Student Registration

Relatedly, please mark your calendars for our annual **Kindergarten Open House** for incoming kindergarten students on Wednesday, May 1, from 3:00-4:00 pm.

I was touched to be nominated recently for a **Those Who Excel** award in the administrator category. That nomination meant I was in the running to be the one administrator the district sends on to be honored at the state level. I just learned that I was not only nominated, I was selected, and will now represent the district in the fall as honorees from across the state gather together. I am truly grateful, proud and humble. I will join winners from the other categories—classroom teacher, student support personnel, educational service team, and team. Thanks to all the well wishers who reached out already with words of encouragement and congratulations. It means more than you can know!

The **PTO executive board has vacancies** to fill for next year, and WE NEED YOU!! A vital, diverse board is essential to the success of our PTO. All parents and guardians who have a willingness to serve are encouraged to contact Sarah Staszak-Miller or me as nominating committee members. Our goal is to have a full slate to present in April for ratification in May.

The **PTO** has elected to hold a **special meeting Saturday, May 11th at 9 a.m.** to have the entire community learn the process that will be used to find the next Beye School principal, who will take over after I retire next June at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Laurie Campbell, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, will be present to give an overview and to answer questions. The preparations and search will not begin until the fall, but we wanted everyone to go away for the summer clear on what will happen, how and when.

By the time you read this you will have received an email regrading **parent feedback for next year's class placements.** This new district form closely resembles the open invitation I have issued each year for parents to tell me anything they think I should know about their learner (but not to make teacher requests). Of

course, we have an obligation to build classes of equal numbers, with an even distribution of boys and girls, students of all races and abilities and those with and without IEPs. Your child's teachers also contribute and know well who should be together and who should be apart. I encourage you to trust the process but to feel free to provide any information you think I would need and otherwise not have without your sharing it.

As always, I welcome your thoughts, ideas, questions, concerns and causes or celebration. Team work makes the dream work, and I so appreciate the entire Beye School team!

Sincerely,
Jonathan Ellwanger

Pie in the face, a tradition with Mr. Ellwanger at the Fun Fair

BEYE SCHOOL MY SCHOOL

http://www.beyeschoolpto.org

Dear Beye Families,

As usual, we are all very busy at Beye. I am writing this in the days before what I know will be a wonderful rendition of *Mary Poppins* and a fantastic Fun Fair! Thank you to all who are involved in making these events happen for our community. And we are looking forward to Spring Break, the Instrumental Music and Choral Fests, and the Chess Tournament.

I also want to alert you to an important upcoming date. On May 11 at 9 a.m., we will be hosting Laurie Campbell, District 97's Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, for a conversation with the community about the process of replacing Mr. E, who is retiring at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. This conversation will be an opportunity to share our hopes for a new principal and to learn more about the process for hiring a new principal. I hope that many of you can come out for this key moment in which we can articulate our shared values as a school community. And, if you are unable to attend, I welcome you to share your thoughts with me directly. As always, I am available to hear your ideas and questions at president@beyeschoolpto.org.

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

Outdoor Explorers Is Back!

We were a little late getting Outdoor Explorers up and running this year, but we have some great activities planned for the spring months. This year we are joined by Outdoor Educator Laura Derks (also a former Beye Outdoor Explorer leader and Beye parent). Outdoor Explorers is supported by the Beye PTO (so it's free!) and open to all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Our mission is simple—to spend time outdoors and connect with nature. Please join us over the next couple months as we visit Taylor Park, Cheney Mansion and the nature surrounding Beye School to explore our senses and discover the beginning of spring in Oak Park.

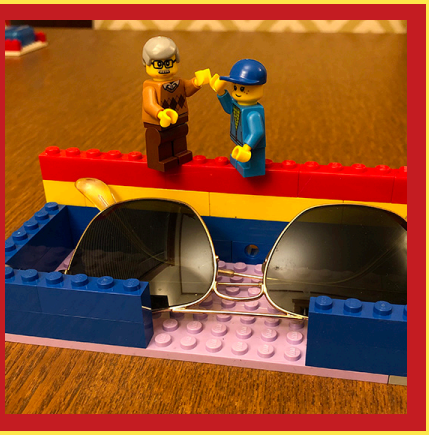
If interested, please contact Sarah Miller at sstmiller@comcast.net or Jamie Pfluecke at james.pfluecke@gmail.com!

Outdoor Explorers meets one Tuesday a month during lunch time and one Friday a month after school.

- Future Tuesday lunch meeting dates – 11:15am–12:15pm (April 9, May 7)
- Future Friday after-school meeting dates – 3–4:30pm (March 15, April 26 and May 17)

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS

LEGO BUILDERS



Beye Lego Builders Needed 4/2/19!

Tuesday, April 2 is Election Day! The kids are out of school and you need to vote. Have your child join us for some intergenerational fun through our senior service project and then go and cast your ballot! Join in on the Lego building either before or after you vote.

What:

Join Beye Lego, a Green Team group, for this volunteer opportunity to build decorative and functional Lego creations to give to our senior friends.

Where:

Oak Park Township Senior Service Program, at 130 S. Oak Park Ave.

When:

Tuesday, April 2, 2019, between 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Contact:

Please email any questions to beyelego@gmail.com.

Please sign up at the following link by 3/26/19:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0449a4a92ca7ff2-green

Donations Welcome

Lego donations of any size are still being accepted (and appreciated) in a collection bin located in the Beye office.

BEYE-IN PARTIES

UPCOMING...

4/6 Asian Fusion Tasting Event (Adults Only)

Come enjoy several Asian Fusion dishes prepared by Beye dad and amazing chef, Roel Estanilla. Roel was a chef for ARIA in Las Vegas and is a personal chef and caterer in Oak Park. Don't miss this opportunity for some outstanding food, fun drinks and, as always, stellar company! $70/couple, $40 per person.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/asian-fusion-tasting-event-adult-only-tickets-50407423962

4/13 Beye Bollywood Bash (Family Event), 3-6 p.m.

Floss, Slide, Dab and Bhangra to Bollywood beats! Join us for a colorful afternoon of family fun and Indian culture. Indian snacks, dancing, crafts, raffle, activities, music and more. Tickets are pay what you can, attend if you are interested; suggested donation $20/family.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beye-bollywood-bash-family-event-tickets-50396760066

4/13 2nd Annual Wine Tasting (Adult Only), 8-11pm

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! $30/person
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-tasting-adult-only-tickets-50385352947

Looking for 2019-2020 Hosts

The fundraising team is looking for hosts for 2019/2020 Beye-Ins. Please email beyefundraising@gmail.com if you'd like to host a party to help raise funds for the PTO so we can provide classroom supplies, field trips, books, enrichment assemblies, sponsorship for Olympic Day, and much more to benefit all Beye students!

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-February through Mid-March

In celebration of Black History Month, Beye Discovery learned about the lives and contributions of:

- Harriet Powers, *Artist and Quilter*
- Ashley Bryan, *Artist, Puppet Maker and Writer*
- Venus and Serena Williams, *Athletes & Tennis Champions*
- Kwame Alexander, *Poet*
- Barack Obama, *1st Black President of the USA*
- Dorothy Johnson Vaughn, Mary Winston Jackson, Katherine Coleman Goble Johnson, and Dr. Christine Mann Darden, *Mathematicians in the field of Aeronautics*

Art projects inspired by these influential figures are featured in the photos that accompany this article.

Beye Discovery students also enjoyed learning about the photography of Pete Sousa, Former President Obama's Chief Official White House Photographer. In Sousa's book for young readers, "Dream Big Dreams," he reveals the qualities that make Obama a "great leader and an extraordinary man." On exhibit in Beye's main hallway are watercolor paintings and a select group of Sousa's photos to illustrate these qualities, listed below:

- Be Kind and Respectful
- Work Hard
- Make Time for Family
- Show Compassion
- Have Fun
- Dream Big Dreams

An additional highlight for February includes our field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago for Teacher Institute Day. We enjoyed a tour titled "Storytelling in Art," led by our docent, Barb Hammack, and participated in the "Give and Take" Pop Up Installation. In this pop-up space, students made art for others to enjoy and selected art made by others to take home.

This March, we have been fascinated by art and illusion, learning how artists such as Edgar Muller (German), Felice Varni (Swiss), Marlin Peterson (American) and Eric Johannson (Swedish) can trick the eye through the use of color, perspective, shadow and more. You may view Beye Discovery's student illusions in the accompanying photos.

If your child loves art, join us this summer for "Playful Art & The Art of Play." Registration is also open for the 2019-2020 school year. Please see registration links below:

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.

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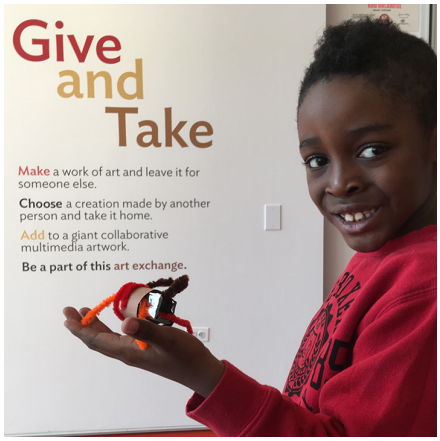

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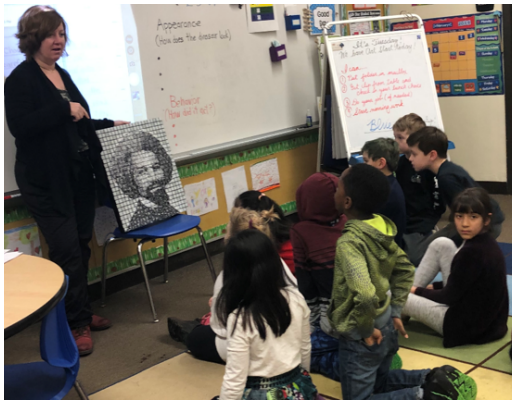
Oak Park Education Foundation

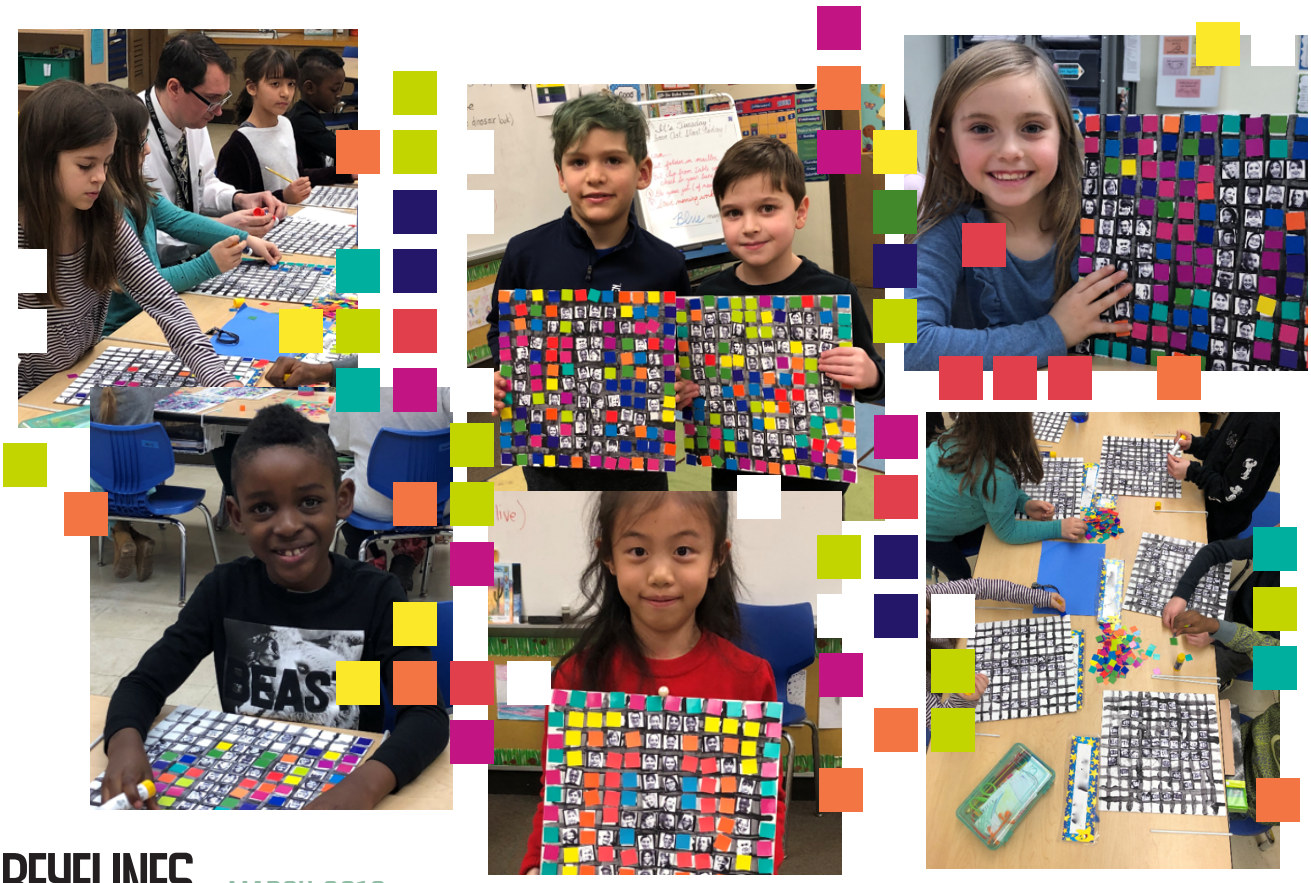


Art Start

The Oak Park Education Foundation (OPEF) has been busy with Art Start programs at Beye!

The Changemakers

In January, second grade students in Mr. Ricker's and Ms. Louthan's classes worked with mosaic artist Jen McNulty on a project linked to their social studies curriculum. Students learned about the history of mosaics at the start of the project. They were introduced to many political and historical gamechangers as peacemakers as inspiration for their own paper mosaics. The groups held open discussions about how these changemakers influenced history and contemporary life. When completed, the work will be installed at Village Hall in March and April.



Dreaming of Dinosaurs!

In February, the second grade students in Ms. Mabry's class worked on dinosaur research projects that are part of their science curriculum. To enhance their learning, textile artist Pam Penney has been teaching the students how to use natural ingredients such as blackberries, onion skins, red cabbage and turmeric to hand-dye cotton and wool fibers. Pam helped the students plan their designs and draw on the fabric and taught them simple stitching techniques to decorate their dinosaur pillows. Two sides of the pillow will be stitched together then stuffed for sweet dreams of dinosaurs!

Beye Drama Club Presented Mary Poppins Jr.

After months of hard work and practice, Beye's Drama Club put on four performances of Mary Poppins, Jr. The Drama Club is led by fifth grade teachers Ms. Fogg and Mr. McAndrew, along with Ms. Holly Saunders, a former Beye parent. In the lead roles were: Will B. (Bert), Max A. (George Banks), Savannah P. (Winifred Banks), Viviana D. (Jane Banks), Ben G. (Michael Banks) and Akuba S. (Mary Poppins.) They were backed by a cast of singing and dancing fourth and fifth graders, along with Mr. Manus making a guest appearance as a Rabbi.

According to the program, "Anything can happen when you have a principal like Mr. Jonathan Ellwanger supporting the arts in school."

MARY POPPINS CONTINUED...

FUN FAIR PHOTO GALLERY

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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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www.op97.org/beye

Beye School Families

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.

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