

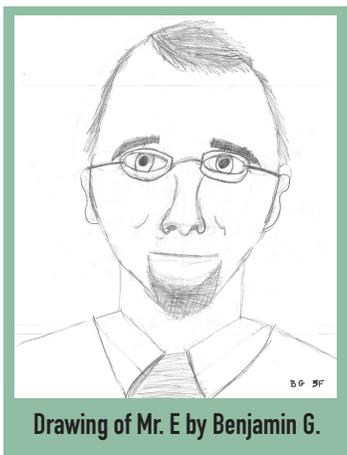
## Giving Artfully <sup>Kids</sup>



Please see Kindness Curriculum article on page 11 and additional photos of the activities on pages 12 and 13.



## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Drawing of Mr. E by Benjamin G.

With **May** evaporating right before our eyes, though it may be hard to believe--there goes another school year!! If you're like me, you are wondering how it can possibly be that we're done? It seems like just yesterday noses were pressed to the front windows to see class lists and to eagerly anticipate the 2018-19 school year! And yet, here we are, saying goodbye and ta-ta for now. Each year goes more quickly than the last, but as time accelerates this time of year, it also slows down if we let it, if we choose to we can soak in the love, learning and relationships that have made this a great year. As your school year winds down, I hope you'll take a moment to thank a few people for their role in your year.

I certainly want to be sure to **thank our PTO leaders**. They have each stepped up and made a contribution as volunteers that far exceeds what most of us know about or would be willing to give. In addition to the entire exec board, I'd like to thank Sarah Staszak-Miller for her exceptional work as treasurer the past three years, Deborah Levine for shouldering the presidency, and our Volunteers of the Year, Jennifer Alten and Sara Neuner, who have led our exceptional communication efforts for many, many years. These ladies and countless other volunteers are a big part of our great year!

Did you know that Beye now has a **sensory pathway**? Well, we do, and it's located in the hallway

outside the gym. It is designed as a series of interactive stations to help students to get regulated, or as we like to say, "to get their motor running just right." With support from the Special Education department and leadership from Mrs. Tisch and Ms. Affetto, we are looking forward to supporting students who need guided physical movement breaks throughout their day to make the most of the rest of their day.

Recently you should have received an email asking you to go online and **re-register your child for the 2019-2020 school year**. If you are having problems getting into the Infosnap system, or if you have forgotten your email or password, you will need to contact Infosnap Family Support at (866) 752-6850. Registration closes June 7th at 4pm.

We are saying goodbye to a couple of **important people who'll be retiring**. Ms. Frost has served in the library for 20 years as our media assistant. She has put her own children through Beye School and worn a number of different hats over the years, always finding ways to help. Mr. Plaza has been our building engineer for eight years. He has cared for the building and the Bobcats that inhabit it. We will miss his smile, his readiness to say "yes," and his genuine care for people and this place.

Please remember that the adjusted school calendar makes the **last day of school Thursday, June 6th**. In the blink of an eye it will be August 28th, the first day of school for the 2019-20 school year. In between, Beye will be busy this summer, as we host the Oak Park Education Foundation's base camp, Beye Discovery, and the Park District's circus camp. I work through the summer, but I will take some vacation days in late July and early August. Feel free to continue to call, email or stop by with stories, jokes, questions or ideas. Office hours in the summer are 8:00 am-3:00 pm, except on Fridays when we head home at noon.

Thank you for making this an year amazing! Your support, encouragement, kind words, questions and comments helped us to reflect, improve and grow. We're already busy preparing for next year, Beye's 140th anniversary! Wishing you and yours a summer full of love, laughs and learning.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Ellwanger, Principal

## NEWS FROM BEYE PTO

**BEYE**  
SCHOOL **MY** SCHOOL

<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org>

It is very hard to believe that school is over in a matter of days! May was a great month for the PTO: we hosted a lovely Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, had another successful flower sale, and led a well-attended meeting on May 11, where we had the benefit of getting a preview of the principal search process and an opportunity to share our thoughts on it.

May was a reflection of the rest of the year, as it has been a great year. Thank you to each and every one of you for all that you've done this year to help build community and help every student succeed and feel a part of our community -- from the many hours served as volunteers at our many events, to your contributions at the Beye-In parties, and the warm "welcomes" and "hellos" you gave to other parents and caregivers new or unknown to you.

I want to say a particular thank you to all who served on the PTO Executive Board and those who took responsibility for events. I know the extra hours you put in late at night or early morning. And a big welcome to our incoming board whom you will meet at the end of year picnic. I look forward to the work to come in 2019-2020 and to penning this short letter next year with Chris Thomas, the incoming PTO Co-President.

As always, my virtual door is open to you. Please reach out at [president@beyeschoolpto.org](mailto:president@beyeschoolpto.org).

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

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# BEYE GREEN TEAM THANKS EVERYONE FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

Because of you, Beye School completed its 10th year as a green school in its continued collaboration with the Zero Waste Schools Collective

As you may know, we continue our legacy as a District 97 school with one of the highest waste diversion rates (generally over 95%), and we continue to uphold the commitments and honors we have received over the years through a Village of Oak Park Green Award, a State of IL Environmental Hero Award, and a Village of Oak Park Public Health Award. (The latter two are together with the Zero Waste Schools collective. To learn more about the Zero Waste Schools Collective, visit <https://sevengenerationsahead.org/zero-waste/zero-waste-schools/>.)

Thanks to Mr. E and the PTO, we managed a major challenge at the start of this year when our dishwasher broke; with their help, we received needed funds for a fix, and, with that, our ability to reinstate our zero waste efforts. Please see in this issue photos from Earth Month, which students, staff, and school community celebrated throughout the month of April.

- To learn more about Beye Green over the years, please see: [bit.ly/BeyeGreen-Backgrounder2018](http://bit.ly/BeyeGreen-Backgrounder2018)
- To stay up to date on Green Team news and info, please see: [bit.ly/BeyeGreenTeam](http://bit.ly/BeyeGreenTeam)
- To join the Beye PTO Green Team or inquire about our student Outdoor Explorers program for next school year, please contact: [beyegreen@gmail.com](mailto:beyegreen@gmail.com)



Chef Roel and Jennifer of Pig and Fire, parents of Braden E. from Mrs. Baker's 4th grade class, provided sustainable bites before and after the "Sustainable" film screening at the Beye auditorium.

# BEYE GREEN TEAM CHALLENGE: WASTE-FREE SUMMER



## Plastic free

### **Beye Green Team Challenges All Families to a Plastic-Free, Waste-Free Summer! Winners Will Receive Prizes!**

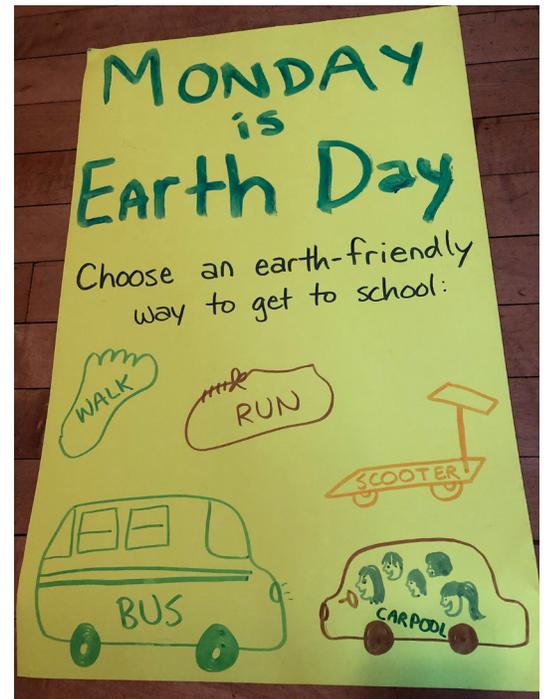
Beye School and other groups in and around the Village of Oak Park will participate in a Plastic-Free/Waste-Free Summer Challenge from June 7 through August 25, 2019. Let's see how little plastic we can buy/use and how little waste we can generate this summer, before the start of the new school year.

This challenge is in memory of Sally Stovall, a dedicated Oak Parker who devoted her life to building a better, healthier world for future generations. Sally passed away suddenly on May 21, 2019 from a massive stroke--while in the midst of planning, together with local groups, a campaign for a plastic-free July in Oak Park. Please learn more about Sally and her dedication to our environment here: [oneearthfilmfest.org/earth-words-blog/2019/5/23/remembering-sally-stovall](http://oneearthfilmfest.org/earth-words-blog/2019/5/23/remembering-sally-stovall).

And let's continue her steadfast work! Special prizes will be awarded for participating student/family winners who are affiliated with District 97 and the West Suburban Green Schools Coalition. See here for complete details: [bit.ly/plasticandwastefreesummerchallenge2019](http://bit.ly/plasticandwastefreesummerchallenge2019)



## GREEN TEAM CONTINUED...



**Top:** Outdoor Explorers, led by former Beye parent and club co-moderator Laura Derks and current parent and club co-moderator Sarah Miller, enjoy a hike in nearby nature at Columbus Park.

**Bottom left:** “Sustainable” film screening at Beye School as part of Earth Day Mini Film Fest from the One Earth Film Festival and the City of Chicago. Pictured are the post-film panelists, the film’s executive producer Bess Celio and Amy Cook, the executive director of the Farmer-Chef Alliance.

**Bottom right:** Earth Day is every day!

# BEYE DISCOVERY



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

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

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### Beye Discovery Mid-April to May Highlights

- Silkscreen workshop at OPRF:** Students were delighted to silkscreen their T-shirt designs at OPRF with Artist/Art Educator Lindy Novotny (Mom to Valen and Dakin). This was our 5th consecutive yearly workshop with Ms. Novotny and her talented OPRF student volunteers. We are so appreciative of their time and expertise! The printed T-shirts look fantastic and the kiddos were very excited to wear them--please see the photos of this event included in this publication.
- Illustrations and Letter to Governor Pritzker:** During Earth Month, we felt moved into action as advocates for our natural world! Students made detailed illustrations of what they want to protect on clover shaped paper, folded inward to enclose the illustrations inside. We hope these cleverly shaped illustrations, along with our collaborative letter, will catch the attention of Governor Pritzker and remind him of his campaign promises to protect the environment.
- Mixed Media Collages for Lake Street Family Physicians:** Recognizing pollinators and appreciating the beauty of our natural world, students illustrated a variety of beneficial insects, including gorgeous butterflies and birds native to the United States. Students worked collaboratively to paint the background landscapes. Kudos to our kiddos for their sustained efforts to create this artwork. We are happily donating the paintings to Dr. Manus and Lake Street Family Physicians for their new office space. It is our hope that the children's cheerful imagery will bring a little joy to those who visit the office for care!
- Robert Rauschenberg Collages:** We experimented with two mixed-media collage styles inspired by the work of Artist Robert Rauschenberg, including Untitled (Insects), 1952 and Retroactive I, 1964. In Untitled (Insects), 1952, the style is characterized by mostly muted tones, engraved images, tissue paper and text. In Retroactive I, 1964, the work is bold and colorful, with silkscreened images including John F. Kennedy and a NASA astronaut. Inspired by both approaches and with a variety of stamped and printed materials to work with, the students produced some fantastic collages!
- Nature's Treasures:** On our nature walk near Beye School, we enjoyed finding maple tree blossoms, alder tree cones, bark, magnolia petals, dandelions, pine cones, and more! Back in the classroom, students artfully arranged their treasures in a glass-lidded box for display. Students also enjoyed discovering a few of the insects that traveled back to school with us on our finds!
- Bubble Wands!** Beye Discovery and our pre-school playground friends had such a terrific time with these! They are extremely fun to make and perfect for summer block parties! Using short skewers and colorful plastic coated craft wire, bubble wands can be designed into whatever shapes you desire. My favorites from our session were cat and unicorn heads and hearts. Any shape will create a bubble!

Beye Discovery wishes the Beye Community a beautiful and fun summer! If interested, please join us this summer for "Playful Art & The Art of Play." **Beye Discovery Summer Adventures Camp Registration:** <https://goo.gl/forms/PBSaCLOFWL4NI-JLD3>.

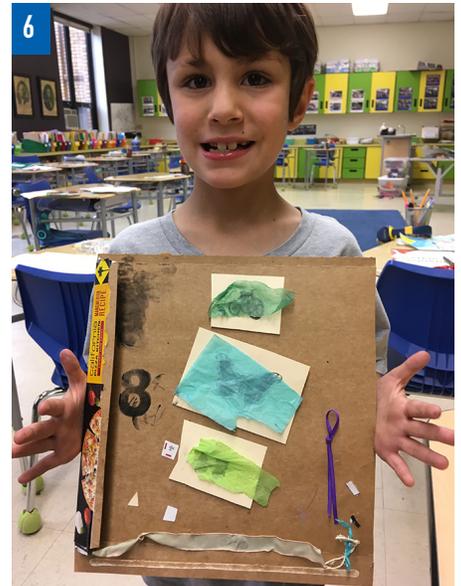
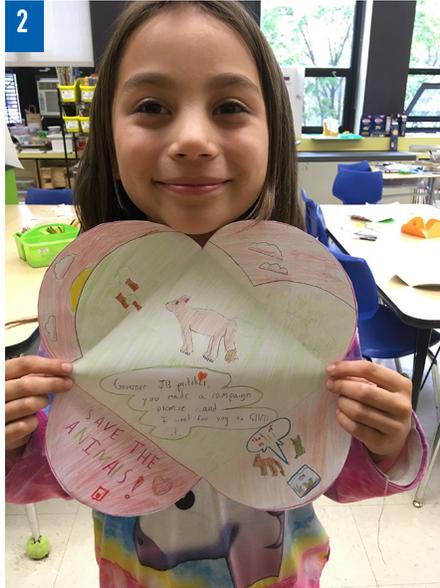
If you wish to **register for the 2019/2020 school year**, please use the following link and your name will be added to our waitlist: <https://goo.gl/forms/UG0z31HH3Wv-SUD4N2>.

*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.*



Miguel, Art Letters to Governor Pritzker

# BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED....



1. Aaliyah, Bubble Wand; 2. Ascencion, Art Letters to Governor Pritzker; 3. Cece, OPRF Silkscreen Workshop; 4. Charlotte, Rauschenberg Inspired collage; 5. Elise, Silkscreened T-shirt, OPRF Workshop; 6. Scout, Rauschenberg Inspired Collage; 7. Viviana, Art Letters to Governor Pritzker 8. Miguel, Ms. Novotny, Roshan, OPRF

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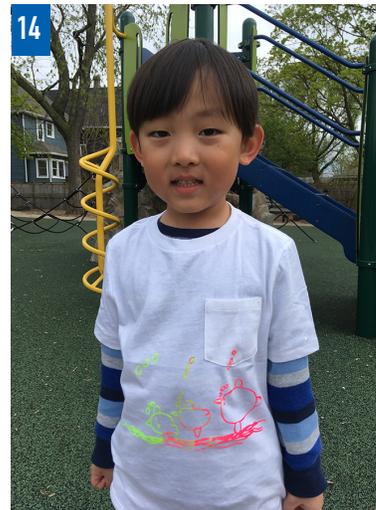
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9. Creating a Nature Treasure Box;  
 10. William, OPRF Silkscreen Workshop;  
 11. Mixed-Media Painting, Lake Street Family Physicians;  
 12. Nature Treasure Box, in progress;  
 13. Dr. Manus Receiving Mixed-Media Painting;  
 14. Ian, Silkscreened T-shirt, OPRF Workshop;  
 15. Mixed-Media Painting, Lake Street Family Physicians;  
 16. Dev, Bubble Wand;  
 17. Lucy, Group Painting for Lake Street Family Physicians

## BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



18. Ms. Novotny, OPRF Silkscreen Workshop; 19. Kaia, Silkscreened T-shirt, OPRF Workshop 20. Zachary, Nature Walk, Maple Tree Blossoms

# KINDNESS CURRICULUM AT BEYE CONTINUES!



Giving Artfully Kids would like to thank the **Beye School PTO** again 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.

During our second quarter workshops, we worked with Ms. Smith's 4th grade class to make kindness bags for the homeless at Housing Forward. Ms. Smith's class initiated a toiletry drive to collect travel size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, mini toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, and soap. The drive was so successful they collected more supplies than we needed! Before filling the kindness bags with the toiletries, socks, antibacterial wipes, bandaids, granola bars, and Kleenex, each student decorated 1-2 zippy bags with decorative duct tape and inspirational messages. Additionally, all of the students handwrote lovely notes to go inside each bag. We made **33 kindness bags to donate**—they all turned out beautiful!

Most recently, we worked with Ms. Bauman, Ms. Fogg, and Mr. McAndrews class to sew heart patches for children at Enchanted Makeover Patch Project in Troy, MI. Enchanted Makeovers is a shelter that has helped educate (they teach how to sew on sewing machines) and empower women and children since 2007. Each heart-shaped patch will be sewn onto Enchanted

Makeovers capes for kids. The child's name is then written inside the heart patch. All of the 5th graders learned how to sew including how to thread a needle, make a knot, how to sew a running stitch and how to make a finishing knot. Each student got to design their own patch by choosing different fabrics—their designs were lovely and very creative. **We made 52 heart patches to donate!**

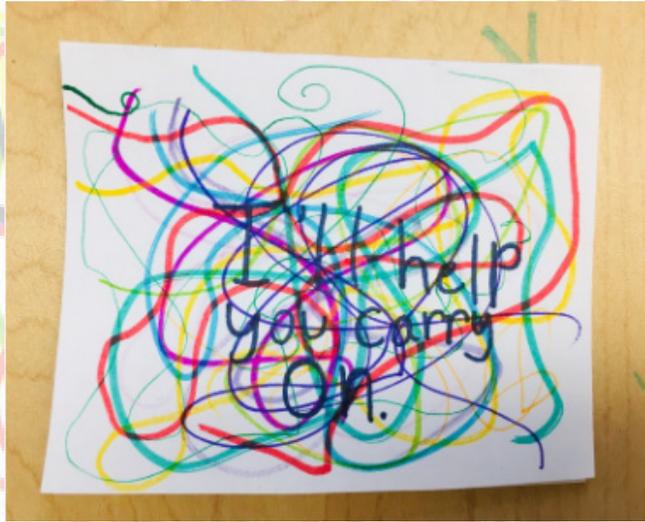
Giving Artfully Kids really enjoyed working with each of the Beye students and we look forward to working with them again in the future, thank you all for helping make a difference!

Submitted by Suzanne Cronacher,  
Manager, Instructor Oak Park Programs  
[www.givingartfullykids.com](http://www.givingartfullykids.com)

# KINDNESS CURRICULUM CONTINUED...



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# 6 WORD MEMOIRS

Our 5th graders completed some 6-Word Memoirs about their year in 5th grade. See below for how they answered the question How would you describe your life in 6 words?

9 STRESSFUL months of my life.  
Arwa

Plastic is bad SAVE THE TURTLES  
Max A.

The stabilization of dark crooked  
bridges.  
Will

Fifth grade is the best grade.  
Kaiden

This is not a 6 word memoir  
Maisie

Lots of homework and many projects  
Rohan

Pizza rolls with applesauce is awesome  
Sean

I love doing contests very much.  
Ian

I wish school ended today.  
Devin

Still waiting for my hogwarts letter.  
Viviana

This isn't a six word memoir.  
Grace

Very hard, but very evacuated fun.  
Sammy

Who,What,When, Where, How?  
Ben

Everyone should have a standing  
ovation.  
Noah

I'll have many fun silly memories .  
Sonny

5th grade is the best grade.  
Matthew

Friendship,fun,brain,trips fifth grade.  
Evan

Is this a six word memoir?  
April

More homework than in old school.  
Micha

work fun work fun work fun  
Parker

Projects, Stress and fun: Fifth Grade  
Trevor

Hurt and destroyed everyday that's me.  
Tariq

Nugget, biscuit. Nugget in a biscuit.  
Jacob

5th grade couldn't have been better .  
Theo

Nine lives, you better be good.  
Henry

So very hard, but very necessary.  
Savannah

Fifth grade is the best grade.  
Yurij R.

Friends leave, next one comes tomorrow.  
Naana

Failing is better than not trying.  
Lucy S.

You see him? He got game.  
Yuri Z.

## END OF YEAR PICNIC

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# END OF THE YEAR PICNIC

### **WHEN:**

Wednesday, June 5  
5:00PM - 8:00PM

### **WHERE:**

Field & Playground

MUSIC  
iPAD RAFFLE  
FOOD TRUCKS  
ICE CREAM  
GET TO KNOW YOU BINGO

*Pack a picnic and  
join us to celebrate  
the end of the year*

**RAIN OR SHINE**

# 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](http://www.beyeschoolpto.org) or [www.beyeschoolpto.org/volunteer.html](http://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.

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