

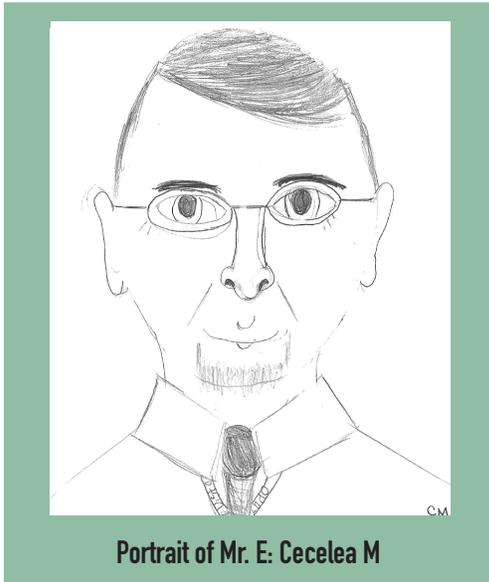
# BEYELINES

BEYE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2019



# NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Portrait of Mr. E. Cecelea M

**November** has come and gone, and so as we pause to feast with family it would also be appropriate to take a moment to be thankful for a great first trimester. As we head into the middle portion of this school year I am thankful for students, teachers and parents who keep me excited about serving as principal! Your hard work, your enthusiasm and your spirit of genuine care and concern all embody what is best at Beye School! I hope that this second trimester will see us stay attentive to the tasks at hand, but also stay appreciative of the many blessings that bring us here, now, to do this work.

As part of our year-long celebration of our 140th anniversary, we left our running **history of Beye** in 1896, with an eight-room school building being built on the same site as the original 1879 four-room building. Soon after the doors opened, William Beye passed away. He had served on the school board for seven years when he died on April 10, 1897. In May of that year, the school board adopted a resolution to change the name of the Ontario St. School to the William Beye School. They also heard a resolution to build a gymnasium and swimming pool in connection with the high school, at an estimated cost of \$2,500. The money could be obtained, the report stated, “by cutting off a teacher of penmanship, whose salary is \$1,250 a year, and is a superfluity.” The average salary for a grade school teacher in Oak Park in 1897 was \$75.10 a month. Elementary students at that time studied reading, language and grammar, geography, arithmetic and history. They also had instruction in drawing and music, courses the far-seeing William Beye had insisted be introduced into the curriculum. They studied spelling and science as well as the structure and care of the human body. Older boys were also able to study shop and mechanical drawing at the high

school and girls were able to study cooking, sewing and other household arts. Next month, Beye School gets its first addition!

So far, the **weather** has been colder than normal sooner than normal, and even with a little warm-up, we can say it will soon be predictably **wintry** most days. At Beye School we believe kids need to go out and play all year long, and so unless the weather is unsafe, we’ll be going out! The adage really rings true -- there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad gear. To that end, we’re making a few requests and suggestions:

- Please dress your child in layers. Even a great winter coat may not be appropriate over a t-shirt on a cold day.
- Snow pants are a must, even if there’s little or no snow. The extra layer on our bottom half makes a huge difference in how kids hold up outside.
- A hat and scarf or gaiter/neck warmer means cheeks can be protected.
- Mittens are best, but insulated gloves will do well to keep those little fingers warm. What does not cut the mustard at all, ever, are those single-layer, knit gloves that come in lots of cute designs but get wet almost as soon as they get snowy and are rendered useless in minutes!
- Insulated boots that come above the ankles.
- To get it back when it inevitably gets left somewhere on the property, please, please, please break out that Sharpie and scrawl your child’s name somewhere on their gear. The lost and found grows exponentially in these winter months and ultimately what goes unclaimed and is unmarked gets donated to charity come spring.

With those kinds of preparations being made daily we will have a wonderful winter of warm and wistful outdoor adventures! District 97’s vision is that EVERY child experiences a sense of belonging in our schools. Belonging means access to teaching and learning that is engaging, stimulating and challenging for ALL instead of just a select few. Read the latest post in the superintendent’s blog, "Around the District with Dr. Kelley," to learn more about why District 97 believes in the importance of our students feeling a sense of belonging: <http://bit.ly/34Q0fnl>.

The **search for the next principal of Beye School** has begun as staff and parent focus groups met recently with Senior Director of Human Resources Gina Herrmann. An online survey was also shared with families to allow input from those who could not be part of the focus group. All of that feedback and the work from last May’s PTO meeting will be synthesized to help develop the Beye-specific profile that will accompany the job description when the job is posted in early December. In January a team of teachers and a team of parents will conduct face-to-face interviews and send viable candidates on to the next phase with

# LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL & ASK MR. E

other principals, central office administrators and the superintendent. The timeline we've received has the search concluding with a recommendation from Dr. Kelley to the Board of Education by the end of February.

I presented an overview of the recently released **State School Report Card** at the November PTO meeting. It has an abundance of information which you can slice and dice for yourself on the state's interactive website ([www.illinoisreportcard.com](http://www.illinoisreportcard.com)). There is good news and challenging news to be found in this year's data. Consistently, on the whole and for subgroups, we are near the top of D97 elementary schools in terms of our performance on the IAR (IL Assessment of Readiness), which took over for the PARCC test. That said, we continue to see challenges getting more students performing at or above grade level, and eliminating disparities that are predictable by race, socioeconomic or IEP status. We also know that for students to learn they have to be in school and consistently on time. We still have room to grow in getting all subgroups to consistently high levels of timely attendance. Together we know we can build on our strengths and address our weaknesses and monitor these important areas between annual state testing cycles.

I hope you are able to revitalize your attitude of gratitude and use this season of thanksgiving, spend time with the people you love, and appreciate someone or something here at Beye that makes you glad to be a Bobcat! Please call, email or make an appointment to stop by with questions, concerns, observations, ideas, or causes for celebration. I am thankful for you, your support and your time reading to the very end of this month's column!

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Ellwanger, Principal



**Did you have other jobs before you were a music teacher at Beye School? How did you know you wanted to be a teacher and then a principal?**

Teaching music here in Oak Park was my first full-time job after graduating from Northwestern University. Before graduating, I spent time working as a cook (time to make the doughnuts!), in the library and as a camp counselor. That time working with young people as a counselor is a big part of what convinced me that teaching would be something I could love and do well. Becoming a principal really never crossed my mind until I started spending summers working as an administrator with the Center for Talent Development at NU and found it to be a way I could keep growing and making a difference. Having a great principal at Beye before me also showed me how that one person can make the whole school better in lots of ways.

**One child asked us to ask you, "Can we have an arcade at Beye School?" So, assuming that's not possible, we'll simply ask: If there were an arcade at Beye, what games would you put in it?**

Well, I certainly spent some time at the arcade back in the day. If we had the room and the money, I'd love a place to drop some quarters. My favorite games were Asteroids, Sinistar, Pole Position, Donkey Kong, Star Wars, Galaga and Q\*bert.

**What is your favorite food at Thanksgiving dinner?**

First off, Thanksgiving may be my favorite holiday, largely because of the feasting! I am a sucker for the entire usual menu, with abundant gravy on everything. When it's time for dessert, I am always going to go for the sampler plate. Why choose if you don't have to?!

Frank Lloyd Wright Race Participants



# BEYE PTO LETTER



<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org>

Dear Beye Families,

You belong. It's all any of us want, isn't it? By making a gift to the Beye School PTO today, you can help us create the caring community we envision and strive for — one united by our commonalities, enriched by our differences, where we all belong and where every child is valued for being who they are.

School doesn't mean the same thing for every child. It's not easy for everyone. Some children in our Beye community need extra help managing their feelings. Some with learning new concepts. Some with keeping up. Some with learning how to get along. And some need help with the basics — food, clothing, housing.

Sixty-five of our students are on free or reduced lunch. More than 50 of our students need extra support to get up to grade level in their studies. Please consider extending your support to help all Beye students have the exceptional elementary-school experience every child deserves:

- **Your gift of \$12 will provide a child whose parents or guardians don't have the money to spare with a yearbook to chronicle and remember their time here at Beye.**
- **Your gift of \$20 will give a child the ability to take home books from our annual book fair.**
- **Your gift of \$35 will fill a backpack with food for a Beye family who needs it.**
- **Your gift of \$100 will help provide all children at Beye School with amazing programs that enrich their educational experience and make school more fun for everyone, from Opera for the Young to Hubbard Street Dance to Giving Artfully.**

To make a gift, visit <https://www.beyeschoolpto.org/fundraising.html>

Building a welcoming, inclusive community is why the Beye PTO exists. We can only achieve this vision if we all work together. Making a gift is one way we can do that. Thank you for helping us help each other and for making Beye School a place where every child and every family can truly feel like they belong. To us, and to the many children and families in our community who want nothing more than that, your generosity means everything.

With gratitude,

Deborah Levine and Christopher Thomas, Co-Presidents of the Beye School PTO  
[president@beyeschoolpto.org](mailto:president@beyeschoolpto.org)

# BEYE DISCOVERY



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

[jocelyne@bydiscovery.org](mailto:jocelyne@bydiscovery.org)

**This month, Beye Discovery's projects have been all about birds! Students learned about what makes a bird a bird, bird habitats, what birds need to survive, and the dangers of migration.**

Did you know that billions of birds die each year on this seasonal journey? Among the major threats are glass windows, domestic cats and building lights. Families can help by keeping cats inside and turning off house lights at night, especially during migration season. They can also increase bird habitats by planting native shrubs, flowers and trees.

**Bird Migration Obstacle Course:** Through a role playing activity, students became birds, learning first hand about the major dangers of migration, as they designed and participated in a "flight for your life" obstacle course.

**Drawing From Observation:** The Field Museum's Harris Learning Collection is an amazing resource for educators and families, providing rentals of specimens and artifacts for close observation and deep learning. We borrowed a barn owl, red shouldered hawk, kestrels and a crow. By studying these beautiful taxidermied specimens, students learned how to draw from observation, via several simple steps: Draw large shapes before smaller shapes; place simple details before complex and look at size relationships among parts (including positive and negative shapes). We are thrilled to share that our students' illustrations are on display in November at the Harris Learning Collection (near the Egypt exhibit, take staircase to lower level, follow the long hallway)!

**Bird-Inspired Art of Tony Fitzpatrick:** Chicago artist Tony Fitzpatrick's bird imagery provided inspiration for students to create works of their own. It was exciting for students to explore the use of multiple mediums together, as they designed their own birds using cut paper, markers and paint. One student also discovered a personal connection to the artist and was able to visit Fitzpatrick's studio!

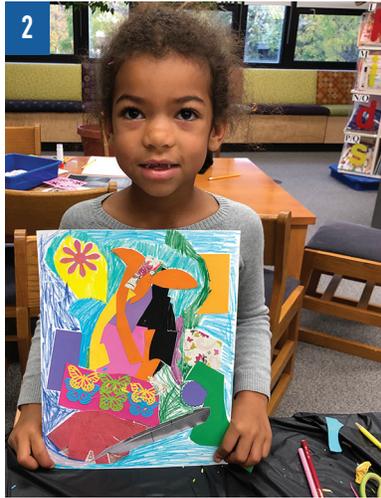
**Bird Cam and Habitat Fundraiser:** Our students were fascinated by Cornell's Lab of Ornithology bird cams. They marveled at the ability to observe bird behaviors up-close without disturbing the birds. After watching birds at the feeders in Ithaca, NY, students put up a bird feeder at Beye and are planning fundraisers to purchase a bird cam for Beye School!

Also, as an ongoing project, Beye Discovery is designing a bird playground. Part one of the playground project will begin November 12th when Artist and Educator Suzanne Zimmerman visits Beye Discovery to create colorful clay totems with our students. The totems will provide safe artful areas on which birds can perch. Stayed tuned for more information about our bird playground as this project evolves throughout the year. To learn about birds, please visit <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/>.

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](mailto:jocelyne@bydiscovery.org).

# BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



1. Fitzpatrick Art, Wiley, 2. Fitzpatrick Art, Simone, 3. Thatcher Woods Field Trip, 4. Observation Drawing, Jan, 5. Fitzpatrick Art, Kiah, 6. Thatcher Field Trip, Maya & Athina 7. Fitzpatrick Art, Abbie, 8. Observation Drawing, Harrison, 9. Garfield Park Trip, Leo, 10. Garfield Park Trip, Josh

# GREEN TEAM

BEYE GREEN TEAM COMING UP!



## Green Movie Night

Please join us Tuesday, December 3 from 6 to 8 pm in the Beye Auditorium to view two short films that focus on waste reduction: *Clean Bin* and *Plastic Ocean*. Snacks will be provided and a discussion will follow after the films to inspire ideas for how to reduce waste this holiday season and throughout the year. All ages are welcome and there will be a separate activity for any kids who prefer crafting instead of watching the films.

## BeGift/ReGift

On December 10 the Green Team (and parent volunteers) will provide an upcycled craft for the Beye students during the lunch period in the Commons, after they have eaten their lunches. Students will create coupon books for a loved one in their lives and identify ways they can “be the gift.” This can be as simple as sharing a cup of hot chocolate with a caregiver, not pinching their sister or cleaning their room!



## Recent and Ongoing Events

Food Waste Awareness Week (November 3-9) included a Food Waste Workshop on November 7 at the Oak Park Public Library, where an all-star panel of professionals shared their knowledge on how to minimize waste and attendees visited action tables to learn from community partners including Imperfect Foods, Trader Joe’s and Sugar Beet Food Co-op.

Members of the Beye Green Team spoke to attendees about our efforts to minimize food and product waste at Beye and across District 97. One of our classroom greenware sets was on display, and attendees were interested and inspired on how to implement greenware sets at their schools!

## Outdoor Explorers

We visited Thatcher Woods on a chilly and damp November 1. Nevertheless, they persisted in exploration and found puffballs (fungus that emit smoke like spores when you press on them), a bald-faced hornet hibernating, many deer and many other kinds of fungus on the trees.



We are focusing on trees this month, all that they provide to us — including help with climate change, flooding and our health. We hiked to an Elm Tree that was almost 150 years old and sat on the stump — all 11 of them. Each Beye Explorer picked a favorite tree after a tree walk around the neighborhood and we used our bodies to measure an even bigger American Elm tree.

## Junior Outdoor Explorers (JOE)

This month we studied bees and even visited a beehive! We learned about the importance of pollination and bees’ role in our environment. Our JOE leaders created games about bee anatomy and about how bees spread pollen. Students also examined different kinds of honey and voted on their favorite one.

Our next JOE session will focus on food waste/plastic waste (the 4 Rs: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle). The students will decorate their own snack bags and produce bags, in an effort to reduce plastic waste.



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# BEYE-IN PARTIES DECEMBER & PTO

## Holiday Cookie Decorating Beye-In Party

Saturday, December 14, 2019 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Bring a batch of cookies, and go home with a huge variety for your family! Fun decorating challenges for wannabe pastry chefs. Snacks provided. **MUST TAKE COOKIES HOME!** \$20/family.

Tickets here: [https://www.beyeschoolpto.org/store/p140/Holiday\\_Cookie\\_Decorating\\_Beye-In\\_Party.html](https://www.beyeschoolpto.org/store/p140/Holiday_Cookie_Decorating_Beye-In_Party.html)

## Get a Geppetto's Savings Card and Support the PTO

Holiday savings cards for Geppetto's Toy Box (730 Lake Street) are on sale now for \$10. Present the card at Geppetto's between November 26 and December 2, and get 20% off all in-stock products during the entire week. Visit as many times as you'd like!

100% of discount card sales are donated to the Beye PTO. To buy a card and for more information, visit: [https://www.beyeschoolpto.org/store/p142/Geppetto%27s\\_Holiday\\_Savings\\_Card\\_-\\_20%25\\_OFF\\_%2811%2F26%2F19\\_-\\_12%2F2%2F19%29.html](https://www.beyeschoolpto.org/store/p142/Geppetto%27s_Holiday_Savings_Card_-_20%25_OFF_%2811%2F26%2F19_-_12%2F2%2F19%29.html)



## Not Yet on Konstella?

The Beye School PTO uses Konstella, a digital platform built for PTOs to enhance communications with families. Sign up today to access the PTO calendar, view recent announcements, events or volunteer opportunities, and to start getting weekly Beye Bytes emails. Step-by-step instructions for signing up as well as tips and tricks for getting the most out of Konstella are available on the Beye School PTO website ([www.beyeschoolpto.org](http://www.beyeschoolpto.org)).

## Konstella Tip of the Month: Changing Your Notifications settings

Did you know you can control the amount of phone app notifications and emails you get from Konstella? There is a Notifications tab in your Account Settings where you can set how often you receive phone notifications and emails, Konstella weekly digests, reminders, and announcements.

## Visit the Revamped [www.beyeschoolpto.org](http://www.beyeschoolpto.org)

Have you visited the Beye School PTO website? The site underwent a major makeover that better provides information to Beye families, and serves as a central point of information and transactions for all PTO fundraising events and activities. We've also updated our storefront to serve as the place where you can purchase things like Beye-In Party tickets and make contributions to our annual campaign. Check out our new site today!

# ANNUAL COAT DRIVE



Metro Suburban



*Chance the Rapper* and *SocialWorks* are teaming up to keep our neighbors warm this winter.



Please bring your gently used donations to a local drop off site:  
**NAMI Drop-In Center, Oak Park Township, Oak Park Senior Services, Oak Park Police Station, Oak Park Library, Beye Elementary School, Riveredge Hospital, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and Community Center, HAS Broadview**



Donations will be collected from

**November 13 - February 7**

*SocialWorks' Warmest Winter*, founded by Chicago's own *Chance the Rapper*, aims to raise awareness and provide relief for the homeless and transient community through forward-thinking service, experiences, and donations.

# RIGHT AT SCHOOL WINTER ELECTIVES



**Beye Elementary**  
*winter* After School Electives  
**DEC 9 - MAR 6**

**REGISTER  
 NOV 11**  
[rightatschool.com](http://rightatschool.com)  
 855-287-2466

## PM SCHEDULE: 3:15PM TO 4:15PM

<b>MONDAY</b> 9 sessions	<b>Young Rembrandts Winter Drawing</b> Young Rembrandts of Near West Suburbs (Grades: K - 5 @3:15 PM) \$119.00	<b>Extreme Team Sports</b> <b>Legacy Sports Camp</b> (Grades: K - 3 @3:15 PM) \$135.00		
<b>TUESDAY</b> 11 sessions	<b>THYME to TURNIP the BEET on WHAT KIDS EAT™</b> Budding Master Chef After-School Cooking Classes <b>Sticky Fingers Cooking</b> (Grades: K - 5 @3:15 PM) \$238.00	<b>Taekwondo</b> <b>Flying V Martial Arts</b> (Grades: Preschool - 5 @3:15 PM) \$132.00		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 11 sessions <b>2:45PM TO 3:45PM</b>	<b>Broadway Kids featuring the songs of Mary Poppins Returns</b> <b>Dream Big Performing Arts Workshop</b> (Grades: K - 3 @2:45 PM) \$212.00	<b>K - 1st Chess Basics</b> <b>Class Dynamic Chess</b> (Grades: K - 1 @2:45 PM) \$165.00	<b>2nd - 5th Chess</b> <b>Class Dynamic Chess</b> (Grades: 2 - 5 @2:45 PM) \$165.00	<b>Chinese</b> <b>Hai Tao Huang</b> (Grades: K - 5 @2:45 PM) \$135.00 <b>No Class 12/11, 12/18, 1/8</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10 sessions	<b>YogaKids</b> <b>YogaKids of Oak Park</b> (Grades: 1 - 5 @3:15 PM) \$169.00	<b>ROBOT EXPLORERS</b> <b>RobotCity Workshop, LLC</b> (Grades: K - 5 @3:15 PM) \$288.00		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 10 sessions	<b>Steamcraft Mission</b> <b>101 Heph Ed Incredicamp</b> (Grades: K - 5 @) \$600.00 <b>3:15PM TO 4:45PM</b>	<b>French initiation</b> <b>Easy English</b> (Grades: 3 - 5 @3:15 PM) \$156.00	<b>Vocal Ensemble: Pop, Rock and Musical Theater</b> <b>Chicago School of Musical Arts</b> (Grades: 1 - 5 @3:15 PM) \$276.00	

**No Elective Class:**

Monday: 12/23, 12/30, 1/20, 2/17  
 Tuesday: 12/24, 12/31  
 Wednesday: 12/25, 1/1  
 Thursday: 12/26, 1/2, 1/30  
 Friday: 12/27, 1/3, 1/31

To apply for a scholarship between November 11th - December 2nd go to <https://rightatschool-beye.jumbula.com>, click the Electives tab, below the class listing click on the Elective Scholarship Request Form link.

**REGISTRATION BEGINS: NOVEMBER 11 AT 8:00 AM**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES: DECEMBER 22 AT 11:59 PM**

**REGISTER AT: <https://rightatschool-beye.jumbula.com>**

**CONTACT US:** [info@rightatschool.com](mailto:info@rightatschool.com)

**PHONE #:** 855-287-2466

There is a 3% processing fee applied to all enrichment classes.

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# SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

## Drama Club 2019–2020

Calling all Whos in Whoville, and every 4th- and 5th-grade thespian as well!  
We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic 4th and 5th graders to participate in this year's  
Drama Club production of Seussical the Musical!

Whether you are interested in being a stage crew member or an on-stage performer, you must attend the Thursday, December 5 auditions and you must have a completed application. On that day bring a snack and water bottle, and wear shoes and clothes you can move comfortably in.

If you are interested in stage crew, or a non-lead role, you will be at the audition from 3 to 4 pm. If you are interested in a lead role, you will be at the audition from 3 to 5:30 pm.

If you are interested in a lead role, please prepare a poem, monologue or skit that is no longer than one minute in length. We are looking for stage presence, strong vocal projection, characterization, and good enunciation and articulation. We also will have scripts for cold readings. Please prepare a song as well. You may partner up with another person trying out for a lead.

We will choose two stage managers and 10 stage crew members. If you are not chosen and still want to be in the play, consider taking an on-stage role. Everyone makes it! Check the Drama Club schedule and see that you are able to attend the required rehearsals. It is a commitment.

Thanks, and see you at tryouts!

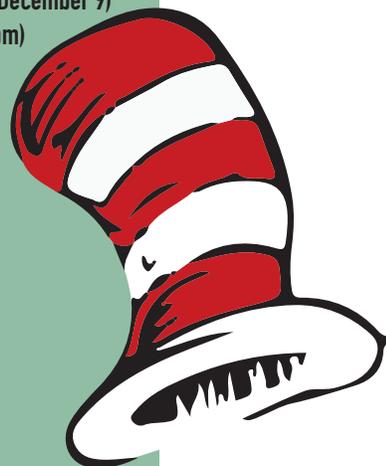
Ms. Karen E. Fogg, Mr. Patrick S. McAndrew and Mrs. Holly Saunders

The cost for Drama Club is \$65.00. This covers the costs of materials, paints, scripts, etc. You may pay online, by check or with cash. If the cost is an issue, please contact me. I do not want someone to not participate because of cost.

Your attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory. Please check the dates and times to make sure your child is able to commit.

### Drama Club Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

Auditions: Thursday, December 5 (3 to 5:30 pm) (Cast List posted Monday, December 9)  
Read Through of Script Cast and Crew: Thursday, December 12 (3 to 5:30 pm)  
Thursday, January 9 (3 to 5:30 pm)  
Thursday, January 16 (3 to 5:30 pm)  
Thursday, January 23 (3 to 5:30 pm)  
Thursday, January 30 (11 am to 3 pm) Bring a lunch!  
Thursday, February 6 (3 to 5:30 pm)  
Saturday, February 8: STAGE CREW (Commons/Auditorium, 9 am to 12 pm)  
Thursday, February 13 (3 to 5:30 pm)  
Thursday, February 20 (3 to 5:30 pm)  
Saturday, February 22: CAST/CREW (9 am to 12 pm)  
Thursday, February 27 (3 to 5:30 pm)  
Thursday, March 5 (3 to 5:30 pm)  
Saturday, March 7: DRESS REHEARSAL (9 am to 12 pm)  
Thursday, March 12: PERFORMANCES (Commons/Auditorium, 12 to 3 pm, and 6 to 8 pm)  
Friday, March 13: PERFORMANCES (Commons/Auditorium, 12 to 3 pm, and 6 to 8 pm)



# SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

## Drama Club Application

First & last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print)

Grade and Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one only:

I am interested in:

- A lead role.
- A non-lead role.
- Stage crew. (10)
- Stage manager. (2)



I want to be in Drama Club because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What you can expect from me is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/guardian's printed name and signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email \_\_\_\_\_



## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT... MS. KELLY FERGUSON



### **Kelly Ferguson, 2nd grade special education teacher**

Kelly Ferguson’s passion for teaching started young—growing up in Wheaton as the daughter of educators, she was always looking to help other kids around the neighborhood learn how to do new things.

But what inspired Ms. Ferguson to pursue special education was her older sister Christie, who has cerebral palsy.

“Even though she has a disability, she doesn’t let that get in the way,” Ms. Ferguson says. “I carry that idea as a teacher. Students should not let their disabilities get in the way of their learning or their life. They can do the things they want to do and have a passion for.”

Ms. Ferguson, who lives in Oak Park with her husband and daughter, joined Beye School this fall as a second grade co-teacher with Mrs. Mabry. She says she has been excited to teach in the new inclusive classroom at a school that she says has a uniquely positive, welcoming, supportive environment. That positivity trickles down to the advice she gives to students on some of those tough days.

“I point out their abilities and the things they can do,” she says. “I also point out that there are things I struggle with as a teacher. It’s ok to struggle. How we respond to those situations and recover from those situations is what really matters. There are things we can do to overcome the things we struggle with.”

### **FUN FACTS ABOUT MS. FERGUSON**

- Ms. Ferguson is a “Leatherneck” and a “Huskie”—she received her bachelor’s degree at Western Illinois and her master’s at Northern Illinois.
- She is a big Cubs fan. Her favorite (ex-)Cub is Dexter Fowler.
- She has a 6-month-old daughter named Hayley.
- She grew up in Wheaton but lives in Oak Park.

# 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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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](mailto:communications@beyeschoolpto.org).

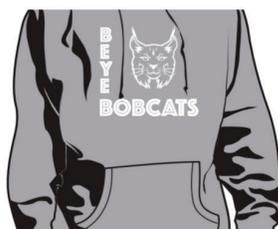
BeyeBytes is a weekly electronic newsletter that highlights upcoming events at Beye School and in the community. If you would like to submit a news item, or if you are not currently receiving BeyeBytes and would like to be added to the distribution list, please send and email to: [communications@beyeschoolpto.org](mailto:communications@beyeschoolpto.org).

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## Beyewear Is Back

Ready for fun new Beyewear? The PTO is proud to offer Beye School apparel this year with its new partner, ShabbyFly! Get fresh new kids' bobcat tees & hoodies while they last. Support our school while boosting a local business. Visit [www.shabbyfly.com/beyewear](http://www.shabbyfly.com/beyewear) to check out the collection of T-shirts and hoodies available in adult and kids sizes.