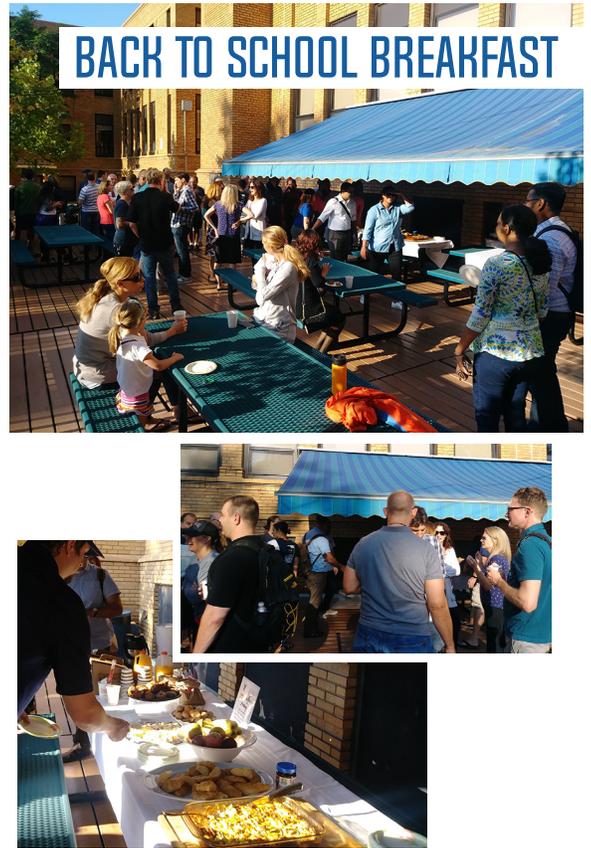


## BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC



## BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST



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

<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org>

**WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL YEAR FROM THE BEYE PTO!**

"By all these lovely tokens, September days are here; with summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer." –H.H. Jackson

Dear Beye Families,

We are thrilled to welcome you all to the 2018–2019 school year at Beye! We hope you are starting to feel settled into the school routine and ready to make some memories, and maybe even learn a few Fortnite dances! Thank you all for coming to the parent breakfast the first day of school and then braving the chilly, misty weather we had during the back-to-school picnic. We hope you enjoyed your child(ren)'s curriculum night and that you feel informed on what your child(ren) will be learning and connected to their teachers.

If you haven't already signed up for Konstella, our new communication tool for the school, please try it. It is a convenient place for all things school related like classroom directories, calendar of events, news and messaging features. If you have any questions about it, please let us know. Next month we look forward to cheering on our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in the Frank Lloyd Wright Youth Mile and 5K race as well as kindergarten teacher, Kristen Fox in her first time running the Chicago Marathon. We wish you all (and those who are also training for marathons and races) healthy training in these final weeks.

We also want to extend our best wishes to 5th grade teacher, Ms. Bauman, on her recent medical leave. We hope that she receives all the support she needs and that her treatments go well. We will miss her and hope to see her soon.

Wishing you all a happy fall and fantastic school year!

Warmly,

Denise Franta and Deborah Levine, Co-Presidents Beye PTO

# NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mr. E drawing by:  
Max M.

**September** means back to school. Whether you grew up going back after Labor Day, or just wait for some nice sales that dependably drop about now, a late August start has not changed the natural back to school biorhythm most of us still have—it's September and that means summer is quickly becoming a memory as fall is waiting in the wings. We load a lot into the start of our school year, because when we've asked, we've heard that families appreciate the new family welcome, our supply drop off/open house, the first day coffee, back-to-school picnic and curriculum nights happening up front, right as school is beginning. It does make for a lot of activities crammed into those first few weeks, but it also means many great chances to connect, be informed and start with the end in mind. Thanks to everyone who contributed to a fantastic start, and to you for coming out again and again to be a visible and integral part of our Bobcat family!

At the September PTO meeting, I shared an overview of the **2018-19 School Improvement Plan**. We have three big areas of focus: reading, math and a positive learning environment. Those three "big pictures" each have a summary that will be available on the school web site, but a common thread is looking for a 10 percent improvement in each area. In reading and math we want to see 10 percent of students at a given performance level move up to the next level—from "not yet" proficient to "approaching" proficiency, or from "approaching" to "proficient." For those who are already "proficient" we want to see them strive to be a student who "excels," and for those who "excel," we want them to grow over time and maintain that

same high level of performance. When it comes to a positive learning environment, we have identified the five least positive questions from the PLESS climate survey students take in the fall and spring as the places we want to improve. We believe that excellence and equity are not mutually exclusive and that they are in fact inextricably linked. Providing opportunities for all and especially for those who may have had fewer opportunities over time is our calling and blueprint for sustained success.

Our **Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol Kelley** is about to launch another **book club**. This time, she's chosen *Whistling Vivaldi*, a book by Stanford social psychologist Claude Steele that examines stereotypes and the threat they pose. He uses personal narratives and research to help the reader understand how preconceived notions impact performance and how simple, concrete actions to mitigate those effects can have measurable and immediate results. Please consider joining Dr. Kelley and working through this thought-provoking text together.

With a little luck, this newsletter may land just before our **Reading Roundup, Sat. September 29th from 9:00-11:00am**. We'll be helping families leave with some new ways they can support their readers at home. We have two more **upcoming family workshops** we hope you'll mark now on your calendars:

- **Saturday, October 13 at 9:00-11:00am:** Equip for Equality joins us to help us explore what being inclusive really means
- **Saturday, February 9 at 9:00-11:00am:** Morning Math Meetup. After a very successful launch last year, we'll be back to help families learn essential math topics at their grade level, and to get a sneak peak of where the learning will be heading.

After a very unfortunate accident recently involving a Julian student injured crossing a very busy street to get to school, we have doubled down on our attention to our **safety plan**, especially at **arrival and dismissal**. With Officer Murphy's help, we have been reminding families to ALWAYS drop off on the school side of the street. Our drop off zone is the north side of our property, along the fence on the south side of Erie Street that runs along the blacktop and field and opens right onto our property. It sometimes takes a little planning and an extra minute to get there, but it eliminates a hazardous crossing and helps the traffic flow smoothly at the same time. If you are parking and coming on to the property with your child, please always use the crosswalks as drivers at those busy times are often not anticipating pedestrians in the middle of a block. No one tries to be unsafe, but we all are tempted to be distracted, hurried and soon thereafter, unsafe. Please make a plan to be safe each time you come to school.

As we begin this year together we know that there are all kinds of great things waiting for us, just beyond our reach, and mostly requiring our willingness and ability to work together.

## BEYE GREEN TEAM NEWS

# Beye Green Team *Needs Adult Volunteers!*



### **Join our next meeting in the Commons (after drop off)**

*Successive meetings will be:*

- Wed 10/24 @6:30 -7:45P; location TBD
- Mon 11/19 @8 -9:15A in the Commons
- Wed 12/12 @6:30 -7:45P, location TBD

Be a part of fun, change-making work! Help to:

- Guide efforts to reduce Beye's environmental footprint
- Create and coordinate engaging programs that raise environmental awareness and action
- Inspire students towards appreciation for and commitment to our planet.

*Questions? Email [beyegreen@gmail.com](mailto:beyegreen@gmail.com)*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Save the Date

### Beye Book Fair!

The book fair will take place on Wednesday, October 24 through Friday, October 26. Please come by – before or after your parent-teacher conference – to support the PTO and stock up on your child’s home library!

The book fair runs on parent volunteers, so if you are able to donate an hour or two, we would love to see you there! Look for a volunteer sign up to be emailed out in early October.

### Beye Dine-Around Fundraiser

Come to Bricks Wood Fired Pizza (128 N Oak Park Ave.) on Thursday, October 18 from 4–8 pm for a Beye PTO fundraiser. Dine in or carryout -- and 15 percent of the proceeds will benefit Beye’s PTO. Valid at the Oak Park location only.

### Life is a Party!

Beye-In parties\* are back for the 2018–19 school year! Check out the Beye-In party list below! More details, including invites to purchase tickets will be shared via email/Konstella soon!

\*Beye-In parties are a great way to support the school, meet other parents and families, and have fun! We have parties for adults only, kids only and families. They’re a great way to connect with other families and support the PTO at the same time.

| OCTOBER   | NOVEMBER  | DEC & JAN  | FEBRUARY  |
|---|---|--|---|
| <p>October 6<br/>College Kegger</p> <p>October 21<br/>Beye Par-Tea</p> <p>October 28<br/>Halloween Extravaganza</p> | <p>November 3<br/>Slime Competition</p> <p>November 10<br/>Indian Cooking</p> | <p>December 1<br/>Bowling</p> <p>December 8<br/>Cookie Exchange</p> <p>January 26<br/>Sleep over at school</p> | <p>February 1<br/>Hamilton Sing Along</p> <p>February 3<br/>Super Bowl Party</p> <p>February 9<br/>Billiards Against Humanity</p> <p>February 23<br/>Wine tasting</p> |
| MARCH   | APRIL   | MAY & JUNE   | JULY & AUGUST   |
| <p>March 2<br/>Maker Night</p> <p>March 9<br/>Progressive Dinner</p>  | <p>April 6<br/>Asian Fusion Tasting Event</p> <p>April 13<br/>Bollywood</p>   | <p>May 4<br/>Kentucky Derby Party</p> <p>May 11<br/>School Dance</p> <p>June 8<br/>SNL Party</p>               | <p>July 4<br/>4th of July Parade</p> <p>August 25<br/>Cool off at Beye<br/>Beye Par-Tea</p>   |

# BEYE DISCOVERY



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

<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org/beye-discovery.html>  
[beye.discovery@gmail.com](mailto:beye.discovery@gmail.com)

## Beye Discovery Kicks Off New Year!

Beye Discovery was thrilled to welcome our new and returning students with the start of the 2018/19 school year! In addition to making new friends, catching up with buddies and enjoying lots of outdoor fun, our students have explored a variety of art mediums with fantastic results! From ephemeral projects such as clay faces created on Beye trees, to abstract painting with unconventional materials and clever collages to cover our newly donated sketchbooks\*, there is much for our students to feel accomplished about!

Also, our weekly themes are now underway, and the first of these is "Under the Sea." We learned about the amazing career of Jacques Cousteau and highlighted sea animals such as octopuses, seahorses, and corals. These animals take center stage in the students' cartooning, printmaking and sculpture projects. Stay tuned for our display in Beye's main hallway to view work mentioned here and more!

\*a sincere thank you to Lindy Novotny, mom to Dakin and Valen, for giving us the opportunity to repurpose these gently used items!

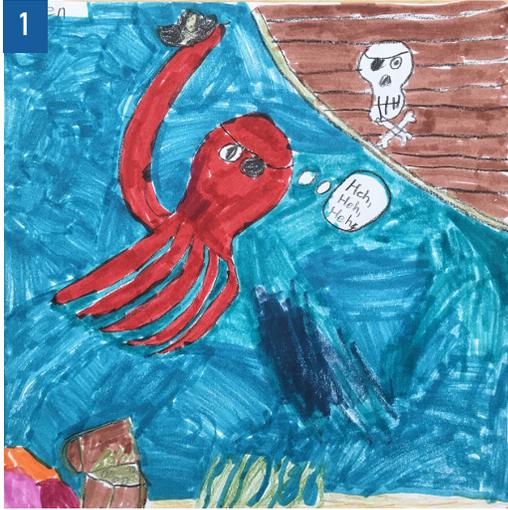
Beye Discovery is an enrichment program of the Beye PTO that offers children opportunities for exploration and growth through creative project-based learning in art and science. It is facilitated by Jocelyne Adkins, Program Director, and Gerri Gibson, Teaching Assistant.

If you have questions about Beye Discovery, please contact: Jocelyne at [beye.discovery@gmail.com](mailto:beye.discovery@gmail.com)



Beye Discovery Students enjoying outdoor floor painting on the playground

# BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



1. Valen, Octopus; 2. Zachary, Coral; 3. Clay Critters; 4. Jenna, Sweet Treat; 5. Aaliyah, Collage; 6. Morgan, Sweet Treat; 7. Viviana, Miniature Coral; 8. Dakin, Ascencion, Elise; 9. Maya, Clay Tree; 10. Rafa, Coral; 11. Miguel, Collage; 12. Mira, Clay Tree Face; 13. Outdoor Flour Painting; 14. Lucy, Collage; 15. Charlotte, Clay Coral; 16. Ascencion, Collage



# BEYE DISCOVERY CONTINUED...



## 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).

## CONNECT WITH US



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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.

All articles should be submitted to [beyelines@beyeschoolpto.org](mailto:beyelines@beyeschoolpto.org).

BeyeBytes Newsletter: If you are not currently receiving BeyeBytes email newsletter and would like to be added to the list, please send an email to [beyebytes@gmail.com](mailto:beyebytes@gmail.com).

### Mr. E letter continued from page 2:

Most of us can do some good things on our own, but almost invariably, the best things demand that we come together. We are blessed to be a part of a community that recognizes the value of what we are and can do collectively and looks for ways to leverage that more and more for the benefit of all. Please stop and consider someone in your classroom or on your block that may be at the fringes, waiting for one special word of invitation or welcome to become even more a part of Beye School. Everyone has the same credentials—you are sending your very best kids and expecting the very best for them and from them. Together we can ensure that this is our best year yet! As always, I welcome your thoughts, ideas, questions, concerns and causes for celebration. Please email, call, make an appointment to see me or use the “Let’s Talk” button on the district and Beye web sites to reach out.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Ellwanger, Principal

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