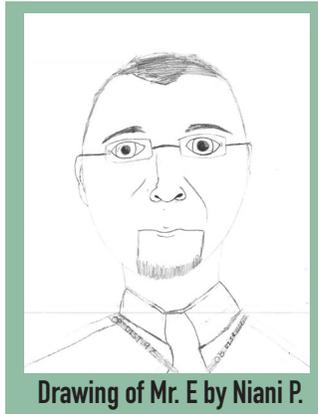


BEYE DISCOVERY ARTISTS AND THEIR ARTWORK!



1. Dakin Cardinal Painting 2. Maeve Hawk Painting 3. David Lego Ornament 4. Sonia Small Business Wednesday
5. Zachary & William Animal Paintings 6. Ascencion Bluebird Painting 7. Lucinda Pig Painting 8. Dylan Lego Ornament
9. Dog Toys for ACL 10. Portraiture with Kate Powell 11. Mekhi, Elise & Maya Animal Paintings 12. Holiday Ornaments for Oak Leaf
13. Elise & Mekhi Making Dog Toy Knots 14. Miguel & Rafa Small Business Wednesday 15. Holiday Ornament Dough Making

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



December is a season of wonder if you're a kid, and it's hard to **imagine** a better preamble for the twelfth month than a snow day that extends your Thanksgiving break by a day! The school board will have to act to change the last day of school, but we expect that if there are no additional snow days, we'll now conclude the school year on Wednesday, June 5th. Keep your eyes peeled for the official notice in an upcoming district update.

National Board Certification is designed to develop, retain and recognize accomplished teachers across the country. Seeking certification is a very rigorous, multi-year process. Recently we had four teachers complete their certification. We celebrate with Mrs. Buckley, Sra. Colmenero, Mrs. Rosenblum and Ms. Smith, who all achieved this distinction. They join Mrs. Mabry and Mrs. Milburn, who are already nationally board certified. Congratulations one and all!

Our school board is in the process of finalizing an **equity policy** they have been working on for over a year. If you haven't already, I hope you'll take some time to go and see the draft policy, which is linked on the D97 web site at op97.org/equity. On that same page you'll find links to allow you to share your feedback via a questionnaire or an email.

After months of our **lunchroom dishwasher** being out of service, we are quite pleased that, with the help of the PTO, the green team and the district, we are back in business! A dedicated water heater now

feeds the dishwasher and gets our rinse water piping hot, meaning we no longer need compostable trays or plastic sporks. Thanks to everyone who helped us get this done!

The **Five Essentials Survey** is an annual opportunity for families and faculty members to weigh in on how we're doing as a school. The survey is now open, and parents and guardians have until Feb. 15th to log in and complete the survey. For the first time this year, fourth and fifth graders will also take the survey, as middle schoolers have all along. While the results have always helped guide our school improvement process, beginning with this year's state school report card, the scores also now are figured in to the calculation of a school's designation as Exemplary, Commendable, Under Performing or Lowest Performing. I hope you'll take a few minutes to complete the survey and let your voice be heard!

At the **January PTO meeting** we'll have a special presentation by our own teachers about some ways we support students with special needs in our co-taught classroom and our instructional rooms. If you've ever wondered what an IEP is, or how students are included whenever and wherever possible, I hope you'll come to listen and learn. Also remember the Inclusion Committee is sponsoring a two-part **parent empowerment workshop on Saturday, Jan 12th**, with a morning and afternoon presentation with lunch in between. A link to more details may be found on the Beye web site, or look back at my invitation email sent on Nov. 27th.

As the calendar year draws to a close, it is a good time to look back and to realize how incredibly rich and wonderful 2018 has been! As we head into 2019, I hope that your days will be merry and bright, that your time together with family and friends will be fun and festive, and that the New Year will bring hope and happiness to you and yours. As always, please email, call or make an appointment to stop by with questions, concerns, observations, ideas and causes for celebration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ellwanger, Principal

BEYE PTO



<http://www.beyeschoolpto.org>

Dear Beye Families,

“The earth tucked herself in for the year with winter’s cold, white scarf of snow.”
~ Terri Guillemets

Welcome to December! We hope you have a wonderful time going into winter break and feel refreshed and ready to tackle 2019 when we return in January. The new year will bring parent-teacher conferences, the annual pancake breakfast, spelling bee and talent show along with parent empower and math meetup workshops.

Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season!
Deborah Levine and Denise Franta, Co-Presidents Beye PTO

YEARBOOK

Hello Beye community!

This year we are using a new yearbook publisher called TreeRing. In addition to letting everyone contribute photos to the yearbook, it gives everyone the option to create two personalized, custom pages for their kid’s yearbook.

iPhone users: Go to www.treering.com/iphone to download; Android users: Go directly to www.treering.com on the Chrome web browser (must be Chrome). Then sign up using our school’s secure password which is 10 15276 18 1452624.

Many thanks in helping us make the yearbook great! Please let me know if you have any questions or want help navigating TreeRing. I look forward to seeing your photos and creating a great yearbook this year.

Kim Becker, (becker.kim@gmail.com) yearbook editor and mom to 3rd grader Ben Levine

(flyer on page 4)



YEARBOOK PURCHASE & CUSTOMIZATION

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An Astronaut Cat

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To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
1015276181452624

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Deadline: Mar 29

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Oak Park Senior Services
Beye & Lincoln Schools
Riveredge Hospital

**Donations will support
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Housing Forward &
Way Back Inn**



GET INVOLVED! UPCOMING BEYE SCHOOL EVENTS!

Connect with others in the Beye Community at a Beye-In Party!
There are a number of fabulous Beye-In Party opportunities coming up in the new year. Don't miss your opportunity to connect with others in the Beye community while supporting the PTO at the same time! Learn more at www.beye.eventbrite.com

Support Beye School while dining out! On January 8th eat at Portillo's and support Beye School. Just mention the school when you check out.

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BEYE DISCOVERY



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-November through Mid-December... 'Tis the season...

Beye Discovery has been busy gift making this holiday season! On "Giving Tuesday," our students made braided dog toys for donation to the Animal Care League in Oak Park. The best part was playing "tug of war" with each other to secure the knots in the dog toys!

Students were also excited to create Lego holiday ornaments as part the #BuildToGive Lego Campaign. With each ornament posted to social media or to Lego.com, Lego donates a building set to a child in need (up to 500,000 sets!).

Currently, we are making salt dough holiday ornaments as gifts for the preschoolers at Oak Leaf Academy, who often visit the Beye playground. Students made additional ornaments to give to family and friends :)

We recently hosted our annual Small Business Wednesday event, where the children sell their handmade items to classmates. All details are considered, from production to display, pricing and selling. We explained that small businesses help to keep money within the community of which they are a part and provided examples of successful small businesses in Oak Park.

On December 6th, we were extremely pleased to host Visiting Artist Kate Powell, who shared her love of portraiture, especially from the Renaissance and Baroque periods. Kate also shared some of her own animal portrait paintings and invited the children to create an Animal Portrait Gallery, currently on display outside the Beye Office. A huge thank you to Kate for her awesome visit with us!

Also on display this December and January are photographs of Beye Discovery students. For the project, Ms. Gibson asked the children to zoom in and to consider interesting angles and perspectives. Students also designed decorative frames around their photos, using silver, gold, and bronze gel pens on black paper. The display is beautiful and we hope that you will stop by to have a look!

We wish the Beye Community a warm and festive Holiday Season and winter break!

[Beye Discovery 2018/19 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*

Valen, Lego Ornament

DECEMBER 2018 **BEYELINES**

DRAMA CLUB 2018-19, MARY POPPINS JR

Calling all Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious 4th and 5th grade thespians!

We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic 4th and 5th graders to participate in this year's Drama Club production of Mary Poppins Jr.!!!

Whether you are interested in being a stage crew member or an on-stage performer, you must attend the Wednesday, January 9th auditions and you must have a completed application. On that day bring a snack, water bottle and wear shoes and clothes you can move comfortably in.

If you are interested in stage crew or non-lead role, you will be at the audition from 3:00-4:00. If you are interested in a lead role, you will be at the audition from 3:00-5:30.

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 will also 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 onstage 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 and Mr. Patrick S. McAndrew and Mrs. Holly Saunders



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 _____

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.

Thanks, Karen E. Fogg, Patrick S. McAndrew, Holly Saunders

Your attendance at the rehearsals is mandatory.

Please check all the dates and times to make sure your child is able to make this commitment.

DRAMA CLUB AUDITION AND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

AUDITION: Monday, January 7, 2019 3:00–5:30

(If for some reason you cannot be at this audition, but wish to participate, please contact me ASAP To make another arrangement.)

REHEARSALS:

Thursday, January 10, 2019 3:00–5:30 (cast and stage mgrs.)
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 3:00–4:30 Leads TBD
Thursday, January 17, 2019 3:00–5:30 (cast and stage mgrs.)
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 3:00–4:30 Leads TBD
Thursday, January 24, 2019 3:00–5:30 (cast and stage mgrs.)
Tuesday, January 29, 2019 3:00–4:30 Leads TBD
Thursday, January 31, 2019 12:00–3:00 Bring a lunch. (cast and stage mgrs.)
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 3:00–4:30 Leads TBD
Thursday, February 7, 2019 3:00–5:30 (cast and stage mgrs.)
Saturday, February 9, 2019 9:00 AM–12:00 (crew and stage mgrs.) .
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 3:00–4:30 Leads TBD
Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:00–5:30 (cast and stage mgrs.)
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 3:00–4:30 Leads TBD
Thursday, February 21, 2019 3:00–5:30 (cast and stage mgrs.)
Saturday, February 23, 2019 9:00 AM–12:00 (cast and stage mgrs.)
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 3:00–4:30 Leads TBD
Thursday, February 28, 2019 3:00–5:30 (cast and stage mgrs.)
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 3:00–4:30 Leads TBD
Thursday, March 7, 2019 3:00–5:30 (cast and stage mgrs.)
Saturday, March 9, 2019 9:00 AM–12:00 (Cast & Crew/Dress Rehearsal)
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:00–4:30 Leads TBD



PERFORMANCES

Thursday, March 14, 2019 1:00–2:00 Dress Rehearsal
Leads and Stage Mgrs. 6:00 / All other cast members 6:20/ Stage Crew 6:30
Performance 7:00–8:00PM

Friday, March 15, 2019 1:00–2:00 Dress Rehearsal
Leads and Stage Mgrs. 6:00 / All other cast members 6:20/ Stage Crew 6:30
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GREEN TEAM SPORK PROJECT

Last month, Green Team members and lunch sorters committed to battling the plastic spork invasion that started when the school dishwasher was out of service. Hundreds of white plastic sporks used for meals in the Commons were collected instead of being thrown into landfill waste. The sporks have been washed and are ready for creative craft projects.

For example, the Browder family created a huge spork garland and a spork star to decorate a live tree at the Brookfield Zoo Tree Trim fundraiser. Along with their neighbors, including Beye students Vivian, Chris, and Zach, they created over 120 tree decorations from yogurt tubs, used paper, yarn, and other items that would have otherwise gone to landfill or recycling centers.

You can visit their spork creations at tree number 278 at Brookfield Zoo until January 14, 2019.

Free sporks available for your craft projects!

Green Team has hundreds of washed, white, plastic sporks available for anyone to use for craft projects or recycle art.

Please contact Cynthia Greenberg at greenberg_c@hotmail.com to claim your free sporks.



LEGO STUFF

Save the Date, Beye students!
Your Lego skills needed for service project
with local senior citizens!
12:30 to 2:30 pm, Tuesday, April 2, 2019
(There is no school on April 2 for an Institute Day.)
Oak Park Township Senior Services
130 S. Oak Park Ave

Beye students are invited to make decorative and functional Lego creations with local senior citizens. The Lego creations will be given to the seniors, and parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate with their children. Please look for registration information in Spring 2019 or contact Lauren MacGregor and Cynthia Greenberg at beyelego@gmail.com.



Thank you to Lego Volunteers for Hephzibah

Beye student volunteers, their parents, and Beye Discovery partnered with Green Team on Saturday, November 17th, to create Lego decorations and ornaments and to package picture frame kits for the children of Hephzibah House. Hephzibah Children's Association is an Oak Park social service agency dedicated to children; it provides short-term and long-term care, group homes, social services, school programs, day care, and more. Find out more information at <https://www.hephzibahhome.org/who-we-are/>



Photo far right: Jose, Charlie, William, Vivian, Avery, Ray, Chris, Spencer, Zachary, Henry, and Smith dedicated their Saturday afternoon to packaging Lego kits and creating Lego decorations and ornaments for the children of Hephzibah House and foster care.

Lego donations, made possible by generous OPRF community and Beye family members, were given to Hephzibah Children's Association.



SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM BEYE PTO GREEN TEAM



Beye's BeGift/ReGift Holiday Workshop Was a Hit!

On Dec. 10th at all lunch periods, Beye Green Team offered a winter craft workshop focused on being a gift to someone and on regifting to someone this holiday season. The "Be Gift" portion of the workshop called for students to create coupon books to give to a friend or family member, with coupons like "Let's go ice skating together, Dad!" or "I will clear the table after a meal," or anything fun they could think of, and which they are open to doing/giving as a gift of themselves. The "ReGift" portion of the workshop was to receive a map of local resale/reuse shops in the Oak Park area, for holiday gift-giving ideas. Read on in this issue of Beyelines for instructions on making your own "BeGift" coupon books at home. The "ReGift" map of local resale shops is also included in this issue.

Be the Gift! DIY Holiday Coupon Book Project

Project: Create coupon books made from recycled materials, to give to friends/family at the holidays.

Materials:

Recycled paper (can be used/printed on one side), Hole Puncher, Recycled yarn, twine, shoelaces, thick string.

Instructions:

1. Cut recycled paper to 3x5 inches, or whatever size you'd like the pages to be.
2. Stack enough pages to make a booklet (suggest starting with 8 or 10 pages), and line them up neatly so they are lined up on all sides.
3. Punch 1-2 holes one side of the stack of papers (this stack will become your coupon book).
4. Thread string, yarn, twine or other recycled string-like material through the holes to bind your book. Cut any excess string, making sure the book is tied/bound tightly.
5. Design a cool, decorative cover on the first page of the coupon book. Give the book a title, maybe something like "A Winter Coupon Book for _____" (add the name of the person you're giving the coupon book to).
6. Flip past the cover, and write on one or both sides of the inside pages to create coupons where YOU are the gift! Think about including coupons like:
 - Have hot cocoa with me, Grandma
 - Let's read a story together!
 - Can we take a walk together?
 - Anything fun you can think up!
7. Give it to your friend or family member, and watch them smile! Tell them to turn in each coupon to you when they want to use it.



UNIQUE HOLIDAY RE-GIFTING

Unique Holiday Re-Gifting

See the map (on next page), showing local reuse/recycled/upcycled stores in our area for holiday giving ideas. To obtain a digital copy of the map, go to bit.ly/BeyeGreenResaleShops

Entertaining This Season (or Any Season)?! Tips for a Zero-Waste Event

Here are some tips for running a “zero waste” event that aims to divert 90% or more of the waste from landfill (and instead compost or recycle it).

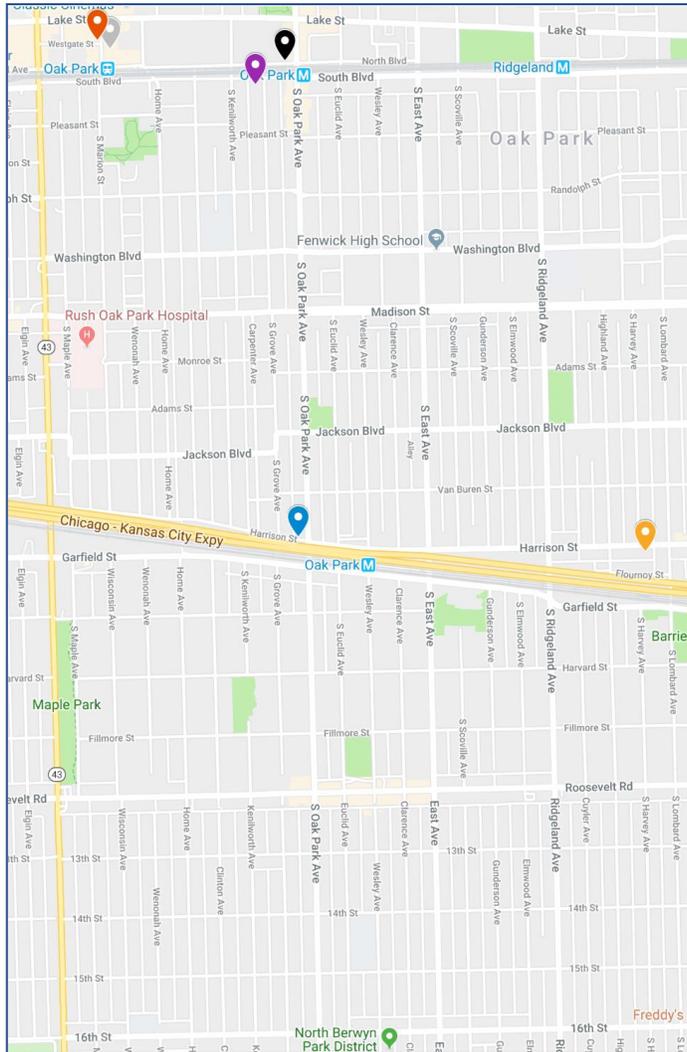
1. Try to use all reusable serveware: plates, cups, utensils, serving dishes, etc. and wash them after the event.
2. If you can't use cloth napkins that you can wash and reuse, dirty paper napkins can be composted through the Oak Park municipal composting program (<https://www.oak-park.us/village-services/refuse-recycling/compostable-program>)
3. Try to have well-marked bins, from left to right, where guests will see and use them:
 - **Compost.** Compost can be disposed of in the alley through OP Village composting program.
 - **Recycling.** Can be disposed of in the alley through the normal OP recycling program
 - **Landfill** (put landfill last so it will only be used if items can't go in either of the first 2 bins)
4. Try to think about serving finger food that won't require the use of any utensils at all – or for which toothpicks can be used and later composted. Toothpicks can only be composted if they are fully made of wood, and do NOT have a decorative plastic topper.
5. Here are some additional tips for running a zero waste party or event. If the links below aren't working or you are viewing this in paper form, simply Google the words below.
 - [12 Tips for Throwing a Zero Waste Party by EcoCycle](#)
 - [Detailed Zero Waste Event Planning Guide by Seven Generations Ahead](#)
6. **DID YOU KNOW?**
 - Each classroom at Beye has a set of **reusable Greenware to serve 20+ students** for class parties and events. Check with your teacher and/or room parent for info about using this to divert waste at all your classroom events.
 - **Beye has an all-school set of Greenware** that can be checked out for larger events at school. The set can serve about 100 people with cups, plates, and utensils. To reserve the set at least 10 days before your event, please visit <http://bit.ly/BeyeGreenTeam> and scroll to the Zero Waste Events section at the bottom!

For more info about the Beye Green Team, its history, its programs, how you can get involved, and how we can support you, please see <http://bit.ly/BeyeGreenTeam> or email: beyegreen@gmail.com.

MAP OF REUSE/RECYCLED/UPCYCLED STORES

Oak Park-Area Resale & Secondhand Shops

Visit these local secondhand retail shops for holiday gift-giving ideas including children's clothing, women's clothing, interior design accents, books, music, and furniture.



-  Animal Care League
-  Brown Elephant Resale Shop
-  Divine Consign
-  Economy Shop
-  Sugarcup Trading
-  Ten Thousand Villages
-  Trends

Animal Care League 2nd Chance Shop: 808 Harrison St, Oak Park, IL 60304.

2ndchanceshop.org

Thrift store selling used items to raise funds for the Animal Care League

Brown Elephant Resale Shop: 217 Harrison St, Oak Park, IL 60304. howardbrown.org/brown-elephant

A resale shop with furniture, books, records, DVDs, jewelry, clothing. Proceeds benefit the Howard Brown Clinic.

Divine Consign: 1800 S Harlem Ave, North Riverside, IL 60546. divineconsign.com

Furniture, lamp, home décor, and rug consignment store with an array of gift items

The Economy Shop: 103 S Grove Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302. economyshop.org

An Oak Park resale shop with a broad array of clothing, toys, gifts. Proceeds benefit local organizations.

Sugar Cup Trading's Trade Bar: 110 N Marion St, Oak Park, IL 60301. sugarcuptrading.com/trade-bar

Oak Park's local children's clothing for new and repurposed clothing. Clothes can be traded in, and consignment options are available in the lower level.

Ten Thousand Villages: 121 N Marion St, Oak Park, IL 60301. tenthousandvillages.com/oakpark

Fair-trade gifts, crafts and jewelry, some products use recycled materials.

Trends: 810 North Blvd, Oak Park, IL 60301. trendsoakpark.com

Consignment clothing, accessories, coats, and shoes for men and women.

**Other local well-known reuse stores include Goodwill and Salvation Army.*

FOR A DIGITAL COPY OF THIS MAP, PLEASE SEE bit.ly/BeyeGreenResaleShops

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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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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