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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 26**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

6:00 PM — 8:00 PM at Stormonth Elementary School

**OCTOBER 27**

**MONSTER BASH (IN A BAG!!)**

Bags will be delivered to student's classrooms

**NOVEMBER 1**

**FALL BOOK FAIR**

At Longacre Pavilion

**NOVEMBER 3**

**PTO BOARD MEETING**

9:00 AM — 10:30 AM at Stormonth Elementary School

**NOVEMBER 12**

**7TH & 8TH GRADE BAYSIDE ACTIVITY NIGHT**

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM at Bayside Middle School

**NOVEMBER 15**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

6:00 PM — 8:00 PM at Stormonth Elementary School

More dates are available at  
[www.foxbay.org](http://www.foxbay.org)

## FOX POINT-BAYSIDE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER FALL 2021



### MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT

## DR. DELLUTRI

Fall is here and school is back in full swing!

I want to start by saying that I'm so thankful for the Fox Point-Bayside parents, staff and students for continuing to bring positive attitudes, patience and flexibility to this new school year. We have had a fantastic first few weeks of the semester, filled with both changes and opportunities to engage with the district while we plan for the future.

The new school year kicked off with a brand new schedule, including new start and end times at Stormonth and Bayside, due to a new busing schedule with our partner districts. Last year, we worked with our partner districts to reevaluate busing to allow for later start times at Nicolet High School while optimizing cost savings and maximizing instructional minutes. At Fox Point-Bayside, we ensured our bus ride times are reasonable and kept school start times within our desired window. Thank you all for your support and understanding as our transportation team and drivers continue to adapt to the new bus schedule.

This school year has also included masked, in-person instruction five days a week with optional, proactive COVID-19 testing. I'm encouraged by our students' continued display of thoughtfulness and respect for each other throughout this entire process and the number of people who are opting in to this testing to help keep our students and families healthy.

And while things are going well on the day-to-day, we're also busy planning for the future. Early on this semester the District hosted the three-part Framework for Our Future strategic planning sessions. Thank you to all who attended! It was a pleasure to see stakeholders across the community engage with the district and share their valuable feedback. From the feedback of these sessions, the District will develop a strategic plan in the coming months. Learn more about Framework for Our Future on page two.

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## Superintendent Letter Continued

In addition to future strategy, we are also planning for the future of our bricks-and-mortar buildings. As a reminder, there is still time to take the facilities planning survey. We encourage all district residents to share their feedback with us online or by paper copy before November 3, 2021. Learn how to take the survey and find out more about the facilities planning process on page three.

I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of a district in which the members of our community respect each other and meet challenges with a positive mindset. While we don't know what surprises are in store for the rest of the year, it is my promise that through any success or challenge, our district will continue to put students first and communicate quickly and clearly with the community.

Yours in education,

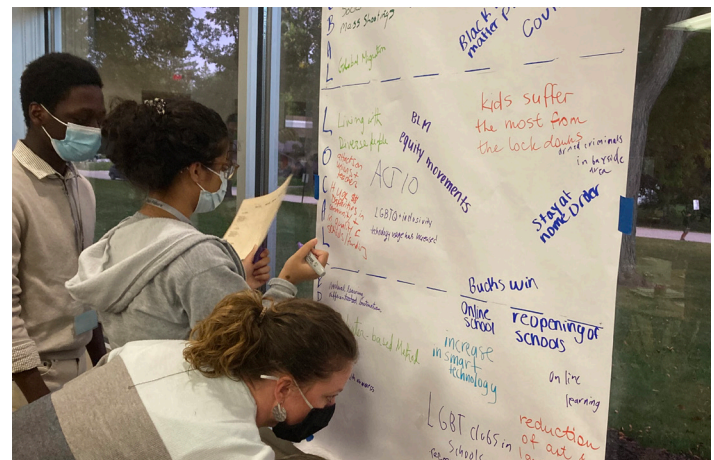
Dr. Jeff Dellutri



The District's strategic planning process, Framework for Our Future, kicked off in late September, hosting more than 100 district stakeholders to participate in the process. The process included a series of three interactive events, led by school consulting professional Drew Howick, in which members of the Fox Point and Bayside communities and other stakeholders gathered to plan and discuss priorities for the future of the Fox Point-Bayside School District.

The first session explored our district's past and worked to create a context and understanding of global and local events that influenced the evolution of the Fox Point-Bayside School District as we know it today, as well as explore what district sentiments are shared among key stakeholders. It was kicked off by a musical selection from former district students who are now members of the Nicolet Orchestra, led by teacher Jamin Hoffman, and a greeting from former Stormonth Principal Karen Grimm-Nilsen.

After being welcomed by Bayside music teacher, Joe Campbell, and Bayside music students, and a greeting from Kari Sisson, the Executive Director for the Association of Children's Residential & Community Services, the second session focused on identifying the necessary attributes and skills to enable our district's students to meet their full potential. Participants discussed what the District is currently doing to support students in this way and the effectiveness of these current strategies. This concept was further explored by asking participants to put themselves five years into the future and describe the path the District followed to



achieve this success.

Attendees to the final session were greeted by Stormonth music teacher, Shaina O'Sullivan, and current music students from Stormonth Elementary School, and Adam Thiel, Nicolet High School engineering, technology, design instructor (and lead mentor of the Nicolet FEAR Robotics Team). The greeting set the tone for the future focused discussion, where participants continued to work together to brainstorm ideas — big and small — that will guide the District as it formulates a strategic plan to achieve its future goals for students, families, faculty and staff.

Dr. Dellutri and the School Board want to offer sincere thanks and gratitude to all who attended. The group was brimming with energy, bold with ideas, and generous with their time over the course of the three Thursday evenings.

Following this tremendous feedback from our community, the District will work with faculty, staff and key stakeholders to refine and produce a written Strategic Plan to guide its activities over the next 3-5 years. The District will also provide regular dashboard updates highlighting metrics and progress towards goals to ensure that the district is accountable for actions and progress.



# FACILITIES PLANNING UPDATE

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT - TAKE OUR FACILITIES SURVEY TODAY!

Deadline is November 3, 2021.

The District and School Board need staff and community input on long-range facilities planning. For more than two years, we have been exploring options to address critical facility needs identified in both our aging school buildings. The key takeaways from the report summarize our major challenges as the following:

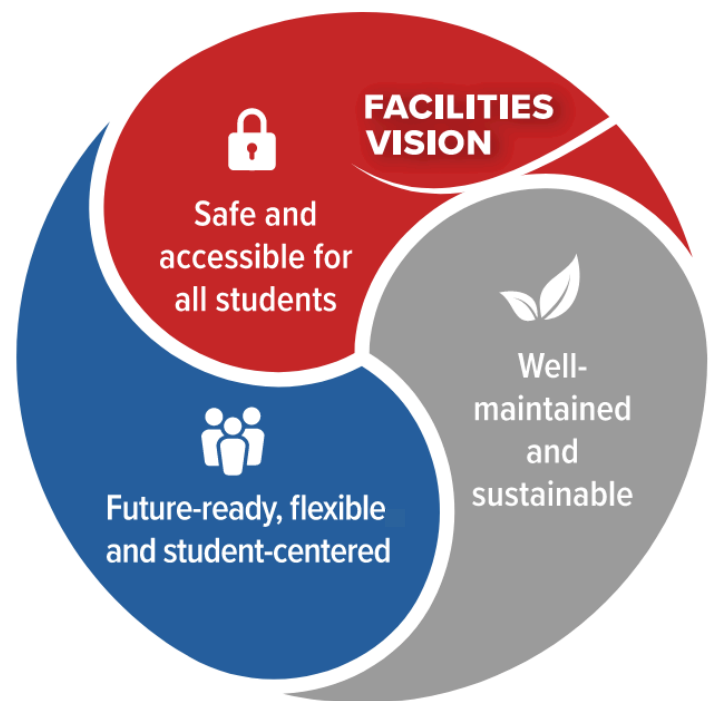
- Aging Buildings and Building Systems
- Security and Accessibility Issues
- Outdated, Inflexible Learning Environments



One of the major decisions we face is deciding what to do with Bayside Middle School, as portions of the school are nearly 70 years old. Many of the school's major building systems (e.g., heating, electrical, plumbing, etc.) are beyond their service life, resulting in inefficiencies and ongoing costly repairs.

Some community members feel the school should be renovated to address these needs, while others don't believe it makes sense to continue to invest in the existing building. Therefore, we are at a crossroads: should Bayside Middle School be renovated or replaced? In addition, significant investment will be needed to maintain and update Stormonth Elementary School.

Before we can finalize a proposed plan, we need to hear from YOU through an important community survey that was recently mailed to all Fox Point-Bayside School District residents/households. This survey is being facilitated by an independent, Wisconsin-based firm with expertise in conducting school district surveys and all survey responses are confidential.



There are two easy ways to take the survey:

- Option 1: Go online to [www.Feedback2000.com](http://www.Feedback2000.com) and enter the survey access code as shown on the paper survey you received in the mail.
- Option 2: Complete the paper copy and mail in the enclosed, return envelope directly to School Perceptions, PO Box 607, Slinger, WI 53086.

Additional Surveys: The survey access code can be used only once. To obtain additional surveys for other adults in your household, please call 414-247-4167.

Please respond by November 3rd!

Facility planning background information is available on the district's website at <https://www.foxbay.k12.wi.us/district/facility-planning>.





# STORMONTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

With new beginnings come new and exciting staffing changes! As a top performing school district in Wisconsin, we aim to attract and maintain high-quality teachers and staff. This year, we welcome the following new teachers and staff members to our Stormonth family:

**Ms. Kelly Buchholz**, 2nd grade teacher. During the 2020-2021 school year, Kelly served as our building substitute teacher at Stormonth, and as a long-term substitute teacher in 4th grade. Kelly received her bachelor's degree from Concordia University in elementary education, with a minor in psychology, and has 24 years of teaching experience at the elementary level.

**Mrs. Jennifer Cosgrove**, talent development teacher. Jennifer holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Cardinal Stritch University, and most recently served as the advanced learning teacher/coordinator in the Shorewood School District. Jennifer has also served as the gifted and talented coordinator in the South Milwaukee School District for four years.

**Mr. Jonathan Jaworski**, physical education teacher. Jonathan holds a degree in physical education from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He is licensed PK-12 in physical education, adaptive physical education and health. Jonathan is a first-year educator who most recently served as a long-term substitute teacher in the Franklin Public School District. Jonathan brings his love of leading a healthy lifestyle to the Stormonth community.

**Ms. Samantha (Sami) Koppa**, 2nd grade teacher. Sami earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a focus in Spanish from UW-Oshkosh. She taught first grade in Oshkosh during the 2020-2021 school year. Sami currently serves as the director of tennis in the Nicolet Recreation Department.

**Dr. Danny Westfahl**, 1st grade teacher. Danny is starting his 17th year of teaching first grade. He graduated with a degree in elementary education from Carroll College in 1993, and received his master's degree from UWM in 2000 and his doctorate in leadership from Cardinal Stritch



K5 students start the year off exploring counting with math manipulatives.

University in 2009. He has served as an elementary school principal at Stormonth and in Brookfield. This spring, he made the decision to return to what he loves, and is thrilled to have been welcomed back to Stormonth to teach.

**Mrs. Amy Ziegler**, K5 teacher. Amy joins us from Indian Hill School, where she taught K5 for the past four years. Amy also taught K5 and 1st grade in Elmbrook. Amy brings her passion for incorporating movement into instruction in K5. She plans to bring "Motor Lab" and outdoor education experiences to our school.

**Mrs. Jamie Sperling**, 4th grade teacher. Jamie holds a master's degree in teaching from National Louis University, and has 10 years of prior teaching experience. Jamie taught 7th Grade in West Allis and taught 5th grade in the Elmbrook School District for six years before leaving to move closer to home. She most recently taught 2nd Grade at Indian Hill School in the Maple Dale-Indian Hill School District.

**Mrs. Nicole (Niki) Higgins**, school psychologist. Niki has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Marquette University, a master's degree in clinical psychology from Cardinal Stritch University, and a school psychology degree from UW-Milwaukee. Niki was most currently a school psychologist in the Wauwatosa School District. Prior to being a school psychologist, she was a child and family therapist, as well as a counselor at Roger's Memorial Hospital in West Allis.

Please join us in wishing a warm welcome to these new teachers and staff members at Stormonth. Wishing you and your family a wonderful start to the 2021-2022 school year!

Respectfully,

Laura Witkov, Stormonth Principal



Welcome to our new district staff!



# BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Bayside Middle School enjoyed a strong start to the school year, with students and staff happy to be back to in-person learning, five days a week! As part of our PBIS program, funded by the PTO, students celebrated their first day back with an all-school outdoor gathering on September 1, complete with refreshing popsicles.

On September 14 and 15, respectively, our 7th grade and 8th grade students participated in the annual Courage Retreat, hosted by Youth Frontiers. This powerful experience inspires students to follow their hearts instead of the crowd, use courage and make responsible decisions despite their fears. We are especially grateful to the FPBS Educational Foundation for valuing the importance of the Courage Retreat and fully funding this opportunity for both our 7th and 8th grade students this year as our 8th graders missed out last year due to the pandemic.

The 8th grade traveled to South Beach in Port Washington to kick off the new school year. The students participated in team building activities including a puzzle relay and collaborative rock/paper/scissors game. The day ended with an advisor tug-of-war competition. Thank you to the PTO for covering the bus costs.



7th Graders participating in the Courage Retreat.

**Mr. David Oaks**, 5-8 art teacher. David brings 13 years of teaching experience and comes to us from the Burlington School District. David received his art degree from UW-Stevens Point, then obtained his art education degree at UW-Milwaukee. His training and experiences include photography, ceramics, 2-D and 3-D art methods, graphic design and video art. We are so fortunate to have David on staff and I look forward to his experience taking our art programming to new heights!

**Ms. Monica Cain**, K-8 district nurse. Monica Cain joined our district with over 18 years of experience in pediatric care and women's health services as a registered nurse. Monica will split her time between Bayside and Stormonth Elementary. Ms. Cain has proved her worth very early on by helping to coordinate COVID protocols and our testing program. It's wonderful to have a trained professional as a resource for medical and health issues at our buildings!

**LaToya James**, 6th grade special education teacher. LaToya joins us from Racine Unified School District where she was a middle school special education teacher for four years. LaToya obtained her bachelor's degree in psychology from Shawnee State University and her master's degree in education from Grand Canyon University. Ms. James is looking forward to coaching basketball this year and will make a wonderful female role model for the students she coaches!

Please join me in wishing a warm welcome to all our new staff members at Bayside and districtwide.

**Respectfully,**

**Jodi Hackl**, Bayside Principal



8th Graders enjoying team building activities on their field trip to Port Washington.

The hiring season is always full of opportunities to add to our high functioning team! We have clearly attracted some of the best in the field with the following new teachers and staff:

**Mrs. Beth Lambie**, K-8 literacy coach. Beth Lambie holds a master's degree in education in the area of reading and language arts from Cardinal Stritch University, a reading specialist license, and a cross-categorical special education license. Beth served as the district literacy specialist and literacy coach in the Grafton School District for the past seven years. I am looking forward to learning from and working alongside Ms. Lambie!



# FOX POINT-BAYSIDE COMMUNITY

## PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

As we begin to settle into our new (and old) routines, our 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start! I would like to begin by extending a big THANK YOU to all of the families and school staff who participated in our PTO Membership Drive! In the very near future, we will be rolling out a platform called Membership Toolkit. It has loads of features that can streamline most of our PTO business, which will include a contact database, digital directory, volunteer scheduling, newsletter and email tools, a custom website, accounting tools and a mobile app! We will share the information as soon as it goes live.

THANK YOU to our parent volunteers who have already contributed time and energy in the planning stages of many past and upcoming events such as: Cupcake Color Run & Block Party, Stormonth & Bayside Staff Luncheon hosted by the PTO, Bus Rider Program, Back-to-School Picnic, Spirit Wear & Club's Choice Campaigns, Restaurant Night, Ped 'n' Pedal Safety Event, Fall Book Fair, and School Picture Days. As parents and teachers, we continue to set a good example for our kids of the importance of volunteering.

New this year: We are excited to welcome Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital (MOSH) as our Premier PTO Sponsor for the 2021-2022 school year. The playgrounds at Stormonth & Bayside have been unveiled, thanks to the generous donations from our community, through the Fox Point-Bayside Educational Foundation.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ALL OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/27** - MONSTER BASH (IN A BAG!!)
- 11/1** - FALL BOOK FAIR
- 11/3** - PTO BOARD MEETING
- 11/9** - CLUB'S CHOICE PICKUP
- 11/12** - 7TH & 8TH GRADE BAN
- 12/1** - PTO BOARD MEETING

Please be sure to follow the PTO on Facebook ([facebook.com/groups/FPBSPTO](https://www.facebook.com/groups/FPBSPTO)) and Instagram (@fpbspto). We want you to know what's going on, feel welcome to provide feedback, and engage in dialogue that will make our schools better. You can also find our updates in Friday Folders and the Daily Communication Folder.

Even if you haven't been involved in the past, it's never too late to start. We hope you consider volunteering. Please join us at our school events and/or PTO meetings whenever possible. A few hours a month during the year can really make a difference! Last year, we generated over \$55,000 for our schools! If you are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities or have any questions about the PTO, please feel free to contact me at 414-232-8886 or [foxpoint.bayside.pto.team@gmail.com](mailto:foxpoint.bayside.pto.team@gmail.com).

The PTO meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9 AM either at Stormonth or Bayside, or via Zoom. The minutes from our meetings are posted on our website. Once again, welcome back to another great school year!

#### Jayme Cain

Fox Point-Bayside PTO President



The image shows a collage of 10 portraits of the PTO Executive Board members for the 2021-2022 school year. The portraits are arranged in two rows of five. Above the portraits is a circular logo for the Fox Point-Bayside PTO with the text 'students · teachers' at the top and 'families · community' at the bottom. To the right of the logo, the text 'PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD' is written in large white letters, with '2021 - 2022' below it.

Member Name	Role
JAYME CAIN	President
MEGAN SMITH	Post President
KARI SISSON	President Elect
XIAOTING HAO	Treasurer
MAGGIE CAIN	Secretary
NICOLE STICKLER	VP Ways & Means
ANNE EARHEART	VP Administrative Services
JESSE HILLSTROM	VP School Services
BRITTEN BRENNER STENSON	VP Programs
KITTY BRIN	VP Cultural Arts & Sciences

# FOUNDATION UPDATE

## FROM THE FOX-POINT BAYSIDE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The two-year campaign to build new playgrounds at Stormonth and Bayside exceeded all expectations by raising \$210,000, surpassing fundraising goals by nearly 100%. We were thankful to be able to fund more than half the cost of both ADA-accessible playgrounds, but the real success of the campaign was felt at the September 2021 ribbon cuttings where children of all abilities played together like never before in our community.



**The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground at Stormonth Elementary was held in September 2021.**

The district and our board of parent volunteers were inspired by our playground project to work toward providing a more inclusive and equitable community. While we haven't finalized which projects will help achieve those ideals, we believe seed money is critical to breathing life into ambitious new programs that the administration and, especially, teachers are eager to introduce.

During a recent presentation to the Educational Foundation about some of these ideas, Principal Jodi Hackl made a statement that struck us and has helped form our developing campaign. She said, "all things for all students."



**Children enjoy the ADA-accessible merry-go-round at the playground ribbon cutting.**

### "ALL THINGS FOR ALL STUDENTS"

Principal Jodi Hackl

This simple statement, if used to guide and structure initiatives for our district, could mobilize significant change among our student body, future leaders and community.

The ideas we've heard, while still in their infancy, focus on programs and strategies to usher in a more egalitarian learning process that encourages new ways of thinking, growing and thriving at both the elementary and middle school levels.

### JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THIS NEW CAMPAIGN.

**DONATE:** Return the annual appeal donation card (arriving in mailboxes soon) with a check made out to Fox Point-Bayside Educational Foundation. You can also make a credit card donation via PayPal to [fpbedfound@gmail.com](mailto:fpbedfound@gmail.com). For a direct link, visit our website <https://fpbedfoundation.org> and click donate.

**ATTEND:** The annual Rolling on the Green event planning is underway. Stay tuned for dates, details and other ways to support the event.



Check out page 3 of this newsletter for more information on the community survey.

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**Please take the Facilities Survey!** ✓

Before we can finalize a proposed plan, we need to hear from YOU. All responses are confidential and returned to an independent survey company.



**PLEASE TAKE THE SURVEY BY NOV.03.2021**

**We Need Your Input**

## FOX POINT-BAYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN PICTURES



1st grade students exploring new books.



5th grade students working together to accomplish a shared goal.



Fox Point-Bayside community participating in the Cupcake Color Run.



K5 Students participating in a Motor Lab.