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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 1

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION BOARD MEETING

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at Bayside Middle School

JUNE 4

CUPCAKE COLOR RUN

9:00 AM at Stormonth Elementary School

JUNE 6

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

JUNE 8

8TH GRADE PROMOTION

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM at Bayside Middle School

JUNE 28

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

More dates are available at www.foxbay.org

FOX POINT-BAYSIDE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER SPRING 2022



MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT **DR. DELLUTRI**

With only a few short weeks left in the school year, summer is inching closer after a full spring! Sunshine brings a renewed sense of joy to the classroom and it's always a pleasure to get caught up in the excitement of spring. Students celebrated Arbor Day on April 29 with the planting of a Catalpa tree off of the circle drive at Stormonth Elementary School.

This school year, Fox Point-Bayside has been hard at work planning for the future.

Notably, we were thrilled the referendum question for the Fox Point-Bayside School District was approved by area voters during the April 5 election. The district is now able to build a new Bayside Middle School and renovate Stormonth Elementary! I deeply appreciate the community's continued support of our students, staff, and families. As we move through the design and construction phases, we will continue to keep the community informed through the district website, newsletters, and social media accounts. Please read page four for more information and next steps.

As you know, this year the district has also been focusing on building a comprehensive strategic plan to serve as a guide for the next three to five years. In the fall, we held multiple sessions with community members to help identify district priorities. Since then, administrators have worked closely with staff and the board to determine goals and finalize tactics. We anticipate the full strategic plan will be shared with the community later this year and then implemented in fall 2022!

Thank you for your support this year; there has never been a more exciting time to be part of the Fox Point-Bayside community! I encourage you to continue reading for many more student updates, photos, and activities throughout this newsletter.

**Yours in education,
Dr. Jeff Dellutri**

DISTRICT NEWS

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH FESTIVALS

Stormonth specialists — art, guidance, makerspace, music, physical education, and Spanish — started a new tradition of celebrating creativity through grade level festivals that occur throughout the year.

The year began with the second and third grade Fall Folk Festival where over 150 families toured the artwork-covered Stormonth lawn. Families enjoyed refreshments and live music by local folk band, Frogwater, while gathering as a community after too long apart. The festival ended with lively folk dances performed by students, and parents even joined in on the dancing magic!

In the winter, fourth graders and their families enjoyed the Snow Show, where we were pleasantly surprised with enough ice to use the village skating rink! Families warmed up with hot cocoa while enjoying student artwork and live music by local jazz musician, Alex Wilson. At the end of the event, fourth graders were called in from the rink to take up their instruments and perform alongside the guest musician, ending the night with a Beatles sing-a-long.

Springtime brought two more events featuring creations from specialist classes. First graders took to the stage for the very first time in the musical, *Pajama Party*, and kindergarteners invited their families to the spring festival, *Planting a Rainbow*. Both events showcased student artwork and invited families back into our Stormonth community after being separated for almost two years.

After the success of this year's art, guidance, makerspace, music, physical education, and Spanish collaborative festivals, we cannot wait to continue the tradition in future school years! The joy and sense of community that is created during these special events is what learning and growing as a Stormonth student is all about.



Students sharing creative art projects at Fall Folk Festival.



Families dancing together and enjoying the Fall Folk Festival.



Students and families enjoying the Snow Show.



BAYSIDE BAND, CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA MUSIC INFORMANCE AT STORMONTH

After almost two years without live performances due to the pandemic, on Friday, April 22, the seventh and eighth grade band, choir and orchestra students from Bayside Middle School traveled to Stormonth Elementary School to perform live for our K4 through fourth grade friends. Bayside students described this day as one of their favorites during the school year. They performed, visited with previous teachers, hugged siblings, and were reminded that they were very small students not too long ago.

The performance was more than just a nostalgic visit to our district elementary school: it gave third and fourth grade students information about what is possible in middle school. As they prepare to transition to fifth grade, fourth graders were encouraged to register for elective specials classes like band, choir and orchestra. Students then participated in instrumental trials the following week in which they held the instruments and heard them up close.



Students ready to perform at Stormonth.

WHAT BENEFITS DO STUDENTS GAIN FROM STUDYING MUSIC IN SCHOOL?

Besides learning to appreciate beauty and develop their own musical skills, music study can:

🎵 ENHANCE TEAMWORK & DISCIPLINE

In order for an ensemble to sound good, all players must work together harmoniously toward a single goal – the performance – and must commit to learning music, attending rehearsals, and practicing.

🎵 DEVELOP SKILLS THAT ARE NECESSARY IN THE WORKPLACE

It focuses on “doing” and teaches students how to perform. Employers are looking for multi-dimensional workers with the flexibility and intellect that music education helps to create. In the music classroom, students can also learn to better communicate and cooperate with one another.

🎵 PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH A MEANS OF SELF-EXPRESSION

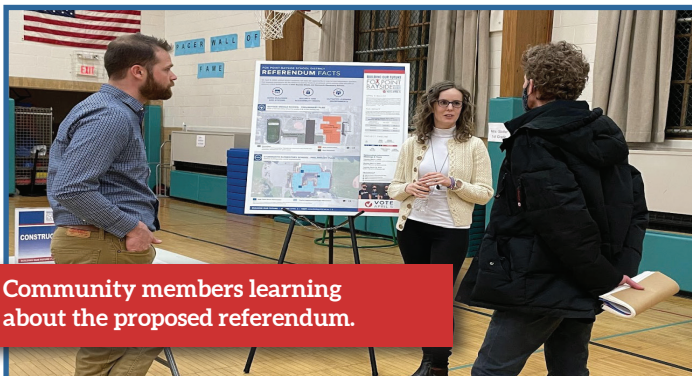
Self-esteem is a byproduct of this self-expression.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Thank You

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, voters approved the Fox Point-Bayside referendum question to significantly improve our schools. Thank you! We are deeply grateful for our community's continued support of Fox Point-Bayside students, staff, and families. We appreciate the questions and comments that came in, and appreciate that many residents took the time to attend one of our Referendum Open House events.

Approval of the referendum project allows the district to invest in the critical facility needs identified through facilities master planning and community engagement sessions: addressing aging buildings and systems; improving safety, security, and ADA accessibility; and improving outdated learning environments. The planned improvements at Stormonth and the new Bayside Middle School will positively impact all students in our district and those in the generations to come.



Community members learning about the proposed referendum.

What Happens Next?

The design process fully kicked off in mid-April with our architectural (EUA) and construction (Miron) partners. The District is forming a Visioning Committee of district staff that will work closely with EUA and Miron over the next few months to establish the design for Bayside. We will share updates and preliminary options to best configure the new middle school on the existing site by early summer. The design process will continue through early 2023 before the project is ready for bidding and construction throughout next year.

Design & Construction Updates

Design and construction updates will be posted to the district website (www.foxbay.k12.wi.us) as they become available. If you have questions or concerns, please email the school district superintendent, Dr. Jeff Dellutri, at jdellutri@foxbay.org.

**FIND MORE UPDATES AT
WWW.FOXBAY.K12.WI.US**

NEXT STEPS

**Referendum
Approved**
April 5, 2022

**Competitive
Bidding**
Spring 2023

**Stormonth
Renovations**
Spring 2023–Fall 2024



Design
Spring 2022–
Spring 2023

Bayside Construction
Spring 2023–
Fall 2024

**Existing
Bayside Demo**
Summer–Fall 2024

- ▶ Design is underway and will last through early 2023.
- ▶ All components of the project will be competitively bid, beginning in early 2023.
- ▶ Stormonth renovations are anticipated to start in Spring 2023 with estimated completion by Fall 2024.
- ▶ Bayside construction is also anticipated to start in Spring 2023 with completion of the new building by late summer 2024.
- ▶ The District will provide regular updates to our school board, staff, families, and the public on our progress as the projects move forward.





STORMONTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

As we end the third trimester of the 2021-2022 school year, I find myself reflecting on what it is that makes Stormonth truly stand out. Parents often ask me questions like: Why Stormonth? Why should I choose to move into the Fox Point-Bayside School District? What sets Stormonth above all other area schools?

My response is that our school functions as a public school with a private school mentality.

We spend the time and money to ensure that our teachers are highly trained in best practices aligned with current research. We hire specialists in all areas to support students, including but not limited to: reading and math, talent development, English learning, speech pathology, and occupational and physical therapy. We offer top notch fine arts including a music program with integrated singing and dancing, art class with clay making and creation, Spanish class beginning in K4, a physical education program that utilizes our unique partnership with the Fox Point ice rink in the wintertime, and a robust library and makerspace with coding, robotics and green screen capabilities. Students experience these speciality areas on a weekly basis at Stormonth, and we are proud to promote a well-rounded education.

Yet, it is not only the auxiliary staff members and wide amenities that set Stormonth apart. Our classroom teachers are the best of the best. We

work to attract and maintain the most highly-trained teachers and support staff. Our teachers utilize methods that adjust to your child's specific needs. Long gone are the days when students were taught to read from a basal reader with everybody reading from the same textbook in a one-size-fits-all model (most likely the way you and I were taught to read). Instead, we teach reading with a mini-lesson addressing the large group, and then spend most of the lesson working in small groups and one-on-one to meet your child exactly where they are in reading, and push to move them forward.



Students working in small group.



Students participating in the spring musical, *The Grunch*.

Similarly in math, students utilize hands-on Number Corner which includes problem solving around the calendar, and the Bridges Math curriculum, a highly differentiated and adaptable program that focuses on investigations in mathematics and critical thinking skills. Also gone are the days where everyone learned math in the same way. Instead, students are taught multiple techniques for problem solving and learn “why” mathematics function as it does.



Students creating art work as part of an exploration of an Eric Carle book.

Our focus on high levels of academics is finely balanced with our focus on the “whole child.” Our teachers and staff spend time and focus getting to know every child for the unique person they are. We value student-first language and always strive to ensure that every child feels safe, comfortable, and happy at school. Our counselor spends time in each classroom teaching social emotional lessons, such as friendship skills, emotional regulation skills, and problem solving strategies. Our youngest students engage in play-based learning, where they learn to cooperate, share, and take turns with each other. Our older students have the opportunity to participate in a spring musical, talent shows, and extracurricular offerings at school. Our students engage in service learning projects to give back to our community and our teachers focus heavily on good citizenship and what it means to be a part of a group.

I would be remiss to not mention the incredibly supportive and highly involved Parent Teacher

Organization (PTO) and Educational Foundation that help to support and fund unique opportunities at our school. We are fortunate to bring in Artists-in-Residence, Book Fairs, assemblies, and host family events each year that boost our sense of community and fundraise for our in-school programming. In the last few years, our Educational Foundation has supported Stormonth’s newly built inclusive ADA accessible playground and renovation of our library and makerspace. We continue to partner with our parent community to ensure the best opportunities for our students.

We focus on welcoming our newest students through guided tours in the spring (call our Stormonth office at 414-247-4102 to schedule one today!), and with new family orientation in August. We connect new families with returning families in their class ahead of time, so students feel comfortable on their first day at a new school. Although we welcome nearly 500 students through the doors at Stormonth each day, we know that each and every child is known, focused on, and celebrated.

Please feel free to reach out to schedule a tour to see firsthand some of the amazing things happening every day at Stormonth. Our teachers and students will welcome you with warmth and smiles.

Respectfully,
Laura Witkov



Students taking part in the motor lab.



BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NOTE



One of the many acts that entertained visitors at the Coffee House Night.

A spectacular spring highlight during the month of April was the return of the Bayside Coffee House Night on April 7! This open house event showcased a wide variety of student projects and performances and culminated with our Artist in Residence program, Gongtopia, sponsored by the PTO. Among the highlights were student performances by band, choir, orchestra, Forensics, and Scholastic Writing on three different stages. Guests were invited to stroll down the halls to view artwork, National History Day, Science Fair and STEAM projects, and take part in interactive STEM opportunities. They could even take a tour of the collected works led by one of our many helpful student docents. Artist in Residence Michael Bettine of Gongtopia, an internationally recognized percussionist, led participants through guided meditation sessions by creating complex soundscapes. Guests enjoyed coffee, hot chocolate, and tasty treats along with food truck offerings throughout this highly entertaining event.

Thanks to the generosity of the PTO, Bayside Middle School enjoyed not one but two Artists in Residence this year! Students were introduced to Michael Bettine of Gongtopia during the week of April 4. Our second Artist in Residence, Frogwater, the acoustic pairing of John & Susan Nicholson on violin and guitar, interacted with students the week of May 2. Renowned for their musical virtuosity and exuberant live performances, they like to think of themselves as musical ambassadors, and describe their style as "eclectic acoustic peoples' music." From Celtic to Delta blues, from classical to pop

with a healthy dose of unique original material, their performance inspired our school community! In addition to working with students during the school day, Frogwater performed on Thursday evening, May 5, with student musicians accompanying.

On Monday, March 28, the fifth graders took part in a very special field trip to Junior Achievement Biztown. JA BizTown combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town. They put their financial literacy skills to good use during this event. At Biztown, fifth graders learned what it takes to run a business and manage money. They also saw how people and businesses form a community. This popular learning experience shows students how to connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world.

Bayside Forensics had a record total of nearly 30 participants this year and earned 30 medals throughout the six-week competition window.



Artist in Residence, Frogwater, performing with students.



Fifth grade students enjoying field trip to JA BizTown.



Students having a blast at the Forensics party in Oak Creek.

Highlights include a third place win at Oak Creek, a first place win at Whitefish Bay, and a tied second place win at Wisconsin Hills. Twenty-two participants made it to the State Meet, where we won a gold medal in poetry. The entire team showed tenacity, progress, and camaraderie throughout the season. The heart of Forensics is building confidence, persevering through obstacles, and using one's voice to make the world a better place.

For STEAM class, an eighth grade elective, students developed a question and conducted background research in scientific literature. They then designed, ran an experiment, and developed a presentation of the research. On March 7, students viewed Science Fair projects alongside National History Day projects. It's exciting to see students doing original, independent research on topics of personal interest to them. We had four students take their projects to compete at the Nicolet Regional Middle School Fair.

This year we had a record number of students participate in the regional National History Day competition. Zev V. had his paper recognized in the papers category and competed at the state level. Hannah G. had her documentary selected as an alternate in the junior individual documentary category. Congratulations to all who took on the challenges of competing in National History Day.

During the week of March 14, seventh and eighth graders took part in CPR training. Representatives

of the North Shore Fire Department taught students how to survey the scene, check for breathing, and perform chest compressions. Students then had a chance to perform chest compressions on mannequins. They received electronic feedback regarding their their depth and rate of compressions. The students finished up the training by watching a demonstration on how to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machine.

The seventh and eighth grade boys and girls volleyball teams practiced their skills and played several games during the early spring. There were about 60 kids involved in the program. It was exciting to watch the individual growth and improvement within each team. The season wrapped up the first week of April and students are now participating in softball, track, and tennis.

Bayside Middle School is very proud to announce



Boys volleyball team competing against nearby district.

that Aleena A. had her poetry recognized with a Gold Medal at the national level of the Scholastic Writing and Arts Awards. Aleena's writing was considered alongside the writing of hundreds of thousands of other students ranging in age from 13 to 18. This is quite an accomplishment. Congratulations Aleena!

FOX POINT-BAYSIDE COMMUNITY

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

It's hard to believe that we are closing in on the end of the school year. We hope that students, parents, teachers, and staff enjoyed their time off during spring break and are looking forward to the PTO events coming up in the next couple of months.

We were thrilled to support this year's Bayside Artist in Residence programs! The first event this year was held during the week of April 4. Michael Bettine, founder of Gongtopia, is an internationally recognized percussionist who leads participants through meditation by creating complex soundscapes. Students who learn basic meditation have benefitted from improved mental health and self-expression. Gongtopia also performed during the Coffee House event on Thursday, April 7. The second event was held during the week of May 2. Frogwater is the acoustic musical pairing of John "Jack" and Susan Nicholson, renowned for their virtuosity and exuberant live performances. Students had the opportunity to meet them and learn ukulele, guitar, and hand percussion instruments. We wrapped up this program with a concert the evening of May 5, at 6:00 PM at Bayside Middle School.

The first week of May kicked off with our much-loved Teacher Appreciation Week which gave the PTO the opportunity to spoil our teachers! During that week, our spring book fair ran concurrently at Longacre Pavilion. In addition to selling books to our school community, the book fair raised funds that we use to replenish our classroom libraries.

Over the last couple of months, we were able to surprise our teachers with a coffee and snack cart on Random Act of Kindness Day as well as treat them to a parent/teacher conference night dinner, courtesy of Corner Bakery Shorewood. We always want to ensure our teachers and staff feel appreciated, are well-fed and taken care of!

Both the Bayside Middle and Stormonth Elementary Schools' Fund Allocation Committees



(FACs) have been busy approving a wide variety of grants aimed at spending \$16,200 in extra funds brought in by the PTO last school year. Besides all of the amazing grants the two FACs approved this year, the PTO was also able to stock up all our Stormonth classroom libraries and each ELA classroom at BMS with much needed new books through the Scholastic Dollars earned from our recent book fairs! We started the school year with over \$6,900 in Scholastic Dollars and earned an additional \$5,900 from our fall book fair, for a grand total of over \$12,900 to spend. WOW! Thank you to everyone who participates in our Book Fairs – as you can see, it really does make a huge difference!

As a reminder, be sure to register for the 13th annual Cupcake Color Run on June 4! Registration opened on April 8 – so sign up today to secure your spot! We are still looking for sponsors, raffle prizes, day-of volunteers. If you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering for this awesome event, please email us at cupcakecolorrun@gmail.com.

Jayne Cain

2021-2022 Fox Point-Bayside PTO President

FOUNDATION UPDATE

YOU'RE INVITED...

In lieu of hosting Rolling on the Green in 2022, the Fox Point-Bayside Educational Foundation is extending a different kind of invitation to our neighbors and supporters. This year we are inviting local businesses and families to directly fund ambitious new programs that are on the horizon in our district as sponsor of our current initiative Encouraging Inclusive Programming.

The key word is programming! We were all inspired by our project to create a more inclusive playground. Expanding on that ideal, we are focusing on encouraging interesting, innovative, and inclusive programming. We believe supporting programming is always a rewarding effort to mobilize significant change among our student body, future leaders, and community. Through

collective generosity, we can all help fulfill any unmet needs.

BUT, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

All donated funds will directly support programs and strategies that encourage new ways of thinking, growing, and thriving at both the elementary and middle school levels, such as motor labs for early education, STEAM clubs aimed at inspiring our students, advancing the makerspaces at both schools with additional high tech equipment, and new programs and partnerships.

Please consider partnering with us as a sponsor.

In exchange for your support, you will receive recognition on our website, social media platforms, and through information shared with our school community. Special thanks to those that have already committed as sponsors.

Thank You Sponsors!

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THE CUPCAKE COLOR RUN

Join us for the sweetest run you've ever done and raise funds for our amazing Fox Point-Bayside schools!

The thirteenth annual **Cupcake Color Run** will be a 1-mile run/walk divided into heats to include families, kids, and adults of all ages and skill levels.

The fun doesn't end at the finish line! Stay for some food, fun, prizes, and of course CUPCAKES!

Visit our website for details: thecupcakerun.com
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