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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 3-6

BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTIST IN RESIDENCE - HULA HOOPING

MAY 5

PTO MEETING - ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

MAY 12

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

JUNE 2

PTO MEETING - ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

JUNE 10

8TH GRADE PROMOTION

JUNE 10

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

More dates are available at
www.foxbay.org

FOX POINT-BAYSIDE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021



MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL
BOARD PRESIDENT

DR. MELBYE

"Where am I going to find a piece of metal, here, in space, at this hour?" – Ted Striker while trying to fix the malfunctioning shuttle (Airplane II: The Sequel).

It has certainly been an interesting year to be the president of a school board. The quote above pretty much sums up how I felt taking the role in April at the onset of a global pandemic. The good news was, I was not alone; the other school board members, administration, teachers, staff, and the entire school community were there with me. I am grateful for and proud of the way we all came together to handle an impossibly difficult situation. The level of community involvement at the school board meetings has been at an all time high.

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, we have several other projects on the horizon, including our capital referendum and update to our strategic plan. We will need the ongoing support of our community for these projects as well.

Spring is on its way, and I am hopeful for a return to normalcy while continuing some of the innovations developed in the last year. I don't imagine Zoom School Board meetings going away. Eventually, I will go a whole meeting remembering to unmute myself.

Best wishes, stay healthy and safe.

Dr. David E. Melbye

School Board President

DISTRICT NEWS



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: INDICATORS FOR SUCCESS!

by Jennifer Ganske
Assistant Superintendent
Educational Services

The Fox Point-Bayside School District uses the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment as a universal screener of student achievement. Given two or three times a year, the reading screener is given to students in grades two* through eight and the math screener is given to students in grades one through eight.

Due to the global pandemic forcing our school to go fully virtual in March 2020, we were not able to administer the spring session testing. It is standard practice not to test all students during the winter session, however, this winter, we decided to test all students in reading and mathematics in order to assess progress from the fall of 2019 to the fall of 2020 and from the fall of 2020 to the winter of 2021. Students learning virtually were given the option to come in on multiple Fridays to take the assessment as all tests were given in person to limit confounding variables.

Nationally, over the past five years, student achievement has declined in both reading and mathematics. The decline in student achievement noted by NWEA MAP has also been verified by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing, often called "The Nation's Report Card." The average score associated with a particular grade and subject tends to be lower in 2020 than in 2015.

Despite this national trend, the district is pleased with the results of the fall of 2020 MAP testing, **in which Fox Point-Bayside students outperformed the national averages in each grade level.** The district traditionally (from years 2009-2019) has at least 70% or more students achieve at or above the national average and this was true in the fall of 2020 as well.

The following is a list of what percentage of students at each grade level in mathematics performed above the national average in the fall of 2020:

1st Grade	94.4%
2nd Grade	87.0%
3rd Grade	72.5%
4th Grade	79.1%

5th Grade	81.9%
6th Grade	71.8%
7th Grade	83.9%
8th Grade	82.9%

When comparing student growth in mathematics from the fall of 2020 to the winter of 2021, on average 59.5% of second grade students met national norms and 59.5% of sixth grade students met national norms. This is slightly below Fox Point-Bayside's typical performance (from years 2009-2019) of at least 70% or more students at or above the national level.**

The fall of 2020 MAP reading testing in grades two through eight revealed the average score for each grade level outperformed the national averages. The district traditionally (from years 2009-2019) has at least 70% or more students achieve at or above the national average and this was true in the fall of 2020 as well.

The following is a list of what percentage of students at each grade level in reading performed above the national average in the fall of 2020:

2nd Grade	77.0%
3rd Grade	85.3%
4th Grade	80.6%
5th Grade	90.1%
6th Grade	81.1%
7th Grade	83.7%
8th Grade	86.6%

When comparing student growth in reading from the fall of 2020 to the winter of 2021, on average students in all grades met Fox Point-Bayside's typical performance of 70% or more of students achieving at or above the national average.

Thank you to all of our teachers who have worked so diligently to meet the needs of our diverse student population in very different learning models. Thank you to all staff for helping to keep our schools safe learning environments for our students.

*First grade students are assessed with universal screeners such as the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) assessment and the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessments; therefore, they do not also take the MAP reading assessment.

**It is important to note, we did have a decrease in the number of students who tested this year than in previous years, which makes these numbers more sensitive to fluctuations than when you have a larger number of students.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Two years ago, we began to reimagine our school playgrounds. Now, with the assistance of the Fox Point-Bayside Educational Foundation and its successful fundraising campaign, **the new playgrounds** at Stormonth and Bayside will be constructed this summer.

We are proud to offer the first inclusive playgrounds in Fox Point and Bayside serving the school district and broader community. An inclusive playground equally challenges and accommodates the needs of all children. When children of all abilities experience the value of play, it can bring a

community together in remarkable and enduring ways. There is an outpouring of energy and enthusiasm that becomes contagious and can lead to additional efforts to enhance accessibility and inclusive initiatives.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE! Join us as we create this destination space for our community. Various donation options and recognition opportunities exist. Contact Superintendent Dr. Jeff Dellutri for more information at jdellutri@foxbay.org.



STORMONTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NOTE



Stormonth students playing together at recess

Recently I was asked while giving a prospective family a tour, "What sets Stormonth apart from all of the neighboring schools?" My immediate response was the kindness displayed within our school walls. Let me explain. Our teachers and staff work hard to instill not only a strong academic background and a love of learning within our students, but they work equally as hard at fostering good citizenship and kindness toward others that will support students as they become college and career ready.

Students are taught from the moment that they enter Stormonth as four-year-olds that we are all family and part of a unique learning community. We treat everyone with the same respect and kindness you would expect in your family. Students learn "The Stormonth Way," which includes being "safe, respectful and responsible." Students learn behavior expectations in the classroom, hallways, bathrooms, on the playground and in the cafeteria. We teach what it means to be "safe, respectful and responsible" in all areas of our lives. However, it goes beyond behavior expectations.

Weekly social-emotional lessons are taught in each classroom by our school counselor, Ms. Sara French. Ms. French crafts lessons around "social thinking language" and restorative practices to support students in navigating the often difficult social situations that come with being a child in the 21st century. Our social-emotional lessons focus on recognizing and labeling our emotions and the impact they have on our actions and on others. Examples of lessons include teaching students the "size" of the problem, and identifying whether the problem is a small problem or a large problem, and recognizing "expected" versus "unexpected" behaviors. Social thinking curriculum teaches strategies for different age groups in how to regulate and navigate in the social world and make sense of ourselves and others.

To see this incredibly powerful teaching on display, all one needs to do is step outside onto the playground at recess time. Students utilize a "Buddy Bench" where they can sit if they are feeling alone or in need of a friend. Almost immediately, you will notice other students approaching a child who is seated there to ask them to play. THIS is what

sets the Stormonth community apart from other communities and schools. This subtle display of kindness, acceptance and empathy is what we teach day in and day out and THIS is what makes our learning community truly unique.

The 2020-2021 school year has been a true testament to the adaptability and perseverance of our students and staff. Together we have persevered through wearing masks in school and maintaining social distancing and learning virtually from home. Our teachers and staff have found unique ways to teach and connect with students. Ms. O'Sullivan and Mrs. Ahles directed and produced an entirely virtual Musical in March, bringing together learners at school and those at home. The premier of *Super Happy Awesome News* was a huge success, and fourth graders enjoyed acting, singing and dancing on screen.

Our PTO and Educational Foundation have been instrumental in supporting our school this year. We are grateful to our incredible PTO for purchasing a new kiln for our art classes this year! After over 40 years of use, our kiln was in need of an upgrade. Mrs. Miner cannot wait to utilize the new kiln with her students! Our teachers and staff have felt supported by the PTO this year with individually packaged conference dinners from Corner Bakery, and sweet treats and balloons when our staff received vaccinations. Our Education Foundation is busy preparing for a new inclusive playground to be built at Stormonth in the summer of 2021! Students participated in the planning process, and we cannot wait for students of all ages and abilities to be able to play on the new playground.

Although this year has certainly had its challenges, it has been a year of much kindness, perseverance and growth. I am proud to lead this incredible community of students, teachers, staff and families. We look forward to seeing you back in the fall for a (hopefully!) more normal 2021-2022 school year.

Respectfully,

Laura Witkov
Stormonth Principal



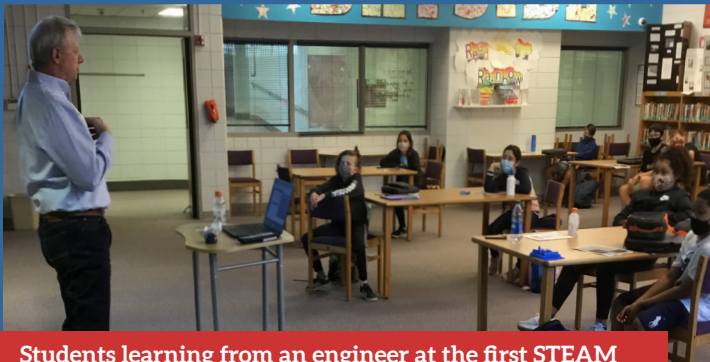
Stormonth students celebrating the premier of *Super Happy Awesome News*

BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NOTE



Spring of 2021 welcomed the long-awaited return of some school athletics for Bayside students. Volleyball clinics, coached by Mr. Barry and Ms. Fularczyk, drew over 60 7th & 8th grade boys and girls for after school practices and games, along with an exciting end of season volleyball tournament. Beginning in mid-April, 7th and 8th grade co-ed Tennis will be coached by Mr. Barry, followed by the after-school Run Club for any students in grades 5 through 8 who simply love to run outdoors! Mr. Sells and Ms. Brinnington will coach this fun after-school program.

Spring also brought to light the fruits of our students' labor over the winter months. Thirteen members of the Bayside Virtual Forensics team qualified for the State Meet, bringing home a 5th place trophy after competing against over 50 other Wisconsin middle schools! Several other students were also recognized and awarded for their outstanding accomplishments in Scholastic Art and Writing competitions, Logo Art/Design, NHS Science Fair and National History Day.



Students learning from an engineer at the first STEAM club meeting this spring

While all 8th graders and some 7th graders completed National History Day (NHD) projects, 14 students chose to participate in the NHD Regional Competition. Tyler G. placed in the regional competition for his historical paper. He will represent Bayside Middle School at the state competition in May. Good luck, Tyler!

Eight Bayside students competed in the Nicolet Middle School Science Fair virtually. Bayside proudly brought home the 2nd and 3rd place ribbons overall! Congratulations to Tyler G. (The Effect of Anagrams on the Stroop Effect) and Sam S. (Comparing Different Batting Angles) respectively. Bayside's 5th Grade Writing Group recently published a writing website: foxbaystories.com. These students worked on their writing and also served as mentors to 3rd grade writers from Stormonth. They then designed and edited

a website to share their writing and the writing of the 3rd graders with the world. Please visit foxbaystories.com to read some great writing!

Bayside performing arts programs flourished this spring with 5th through 8th grade Orchestra students meeting in person under the direction of Mrs. Asch for the first time since March of 2020! Music once again filled the halls of our music department. In addition, Music and Choir Director Joe Campbell directed and produced a wonderful Virtual Talent Show that was released in March, showcasing Bayside's amazing student talent!

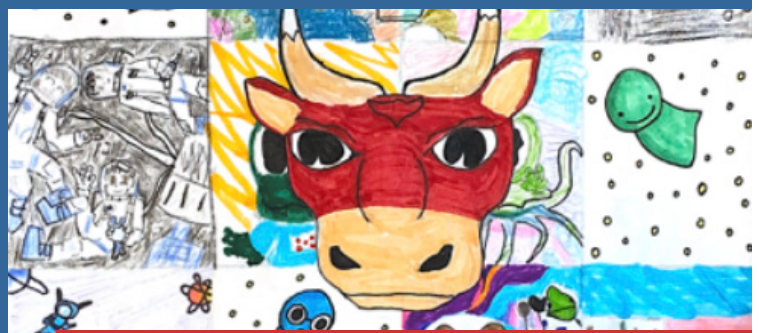


Orchestral music returns to in person instruction at Bayside

Bayside students will enjoy a deluxe, newly-designed yearbook for the 2020-21 school year! The theme "From a Distance" will be reflected throughout the book, providing an authentic view of what students and staff experienced during this history-making school year! It will also feature the winning student art entries by Alana S., Mackenzie W., Ella P., Nyelah H., and Eliza S. on the inside cover and a beautiful yearbook cover art design by Bayside Art teacher, Ms. Forsythe.

Respectfully,

Jodi Hackl
Bayside Middle School Principal



Winning Yearbook Student Art

FOX POINT-BAYSIDE COMMUNITY

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Here we are in the third trimester of school! The weather is getting warmer, plants are sprouting, and the sun is shining. All of us in the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) are feeling the sense of happiness and hopefulness during this season of growth, and are looking forward to our plans for the remaining months of school.

May is a busy month for the PTO! It starts with our spring book fair on May 4 and 5 at Longacre Pavilion. We had a successful fall book fair there in November, and are excited to stock it full of books again this spring. With reserved shopping appointments, and a set number of walk-ins, we are able to ensure a safe shopping environment for all. In addition to selling books to our school community, the book fair raises funds that we use to replenish our classroom libraries. We also run a used book donation drive during the fair, with all donations going to the Next Door Foundation.

In mid-May comes our much-loved Teacher Appreciation week. We value this week every year as a fun opportunity to spoil our teachers, but this year especially we want to show

our love and support after such a difficult year. We were also able to treat our teachers to a surprise snack cart back on February 17 - also known as Random Act of Kindness Day. It was such a fun thing to do, especially since it was the first week most of the kids were back in school four days a week, and the buildings were buzzing with excitement. At the beginning of March, we treated our teachers to a parent-teacher conference night dinner, courtesy of Corner Bakery Shorewood. We always want to ensure our teachers and staff are well-fed and taken care of!

Another event on the horizon is the publication of our district-wide cookbook, in celebration of cultural heritage through the culinary arts! Because we could not have a traditional Artist-in-Residence program this year, we solicited our families to contribute a favorite family recipe or two to our community cookbook. Besides 100+ recipes, the book also contains a Q&A with Milwaukee Food Writer, Lori Friedrich. With PTO funds, we are providing a copy of this special cookbook to all district families and staff. We hope it will become a cherished household item for all!



**RANDOM
ACTS OF
Kindness**



Finally, be sure to "Save The Date" for the cupcakes! The 12th annual Cupcake Color Run is coming up on August 21, and we are in the process of planning some exciting new add-ons to the event, encompassing more of the Fox Point-Bayside community. If you are interested in helping us plan this awesome event, please email us at cupcakecolorrun@gmail.com.

Megan Smith

**2020-2021 Fox Point-Bayside
PTO President**

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Fox Point-Bayside Educational Foundation



By all accounts, Rolling on the Green—HOME EDITION on March 13, 2021 was a smash hit!

Families and community members came together for a night of magic, virtual fun, and community building like never before.

With your help, over the 2-year campaign, we were able to raise **\$210,000** to help our school district build new playgrounds at both Stormonth Elementary and Bayside Middle Schools.

In case you missed it, just as we were wrapping up the event an anonymous donor committed \$100,000 toward our campaign! This tremendous amount is something the Educational Foundation has never experienced before and will go a long way toward this initiative.

These upgrades will create the first ADA-accessible playgrounds in our community and will enrich outdoor playing time for all our children.



Visit www.FPBEFoundation.org to

- **Watch our campaign video** to learn more about why new playgrounds are needed and to take a peek at how the playgrounds will transform.
- Read a **full recap of our event** on the blog.
- **Make a tax-deductible donation.** All donations \$500 and above are eligible to be listed on our donor recognition signage. (*Donations must be received by June 1, 2021*). Gift of \$15,000 and above are eligible for equipment naming recognition.
- **Help us thank** our generous family and business sponsors.

If you are interested in joining this focused and engaged board, please visit <https://fpbedfoundation.org/get-involved>



Student learning to weave in previous Summer Pathways session

SUMMER PATHWAYS 2021

As we look to the spring and summer of 2021, we have plans to expand our work in both academic and social-emotional learning. We are looking forward to offering Summer Pathways as a way of engaging students in non-traditional settings and spaces to expand their interests.

Courses such as "Chess for Champs," "Civil Engineering," "Mindfulness," "Culinary Kids," and "Pickleball" allow students to explore areas they are passionate about.

Summer Pathways is held at Stormonth Elementary during the weeks of June 21-July 1, 2021 and July 5-16, 2021 for district students.

FACILITIES PLANNING UPDATE: SPRING 2021

We began a long-range planning process for our district facilities in the fall of 2019. Since then we've extensively evaluated the current condition of our buildings, gathered input from our stakeholders about the highest priorities and explored a variety of potential options to address our facilities challenges.

The School Board feels strongly that a significant investment is needed to repair and improve both of our school facilities. However, given the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board decided to pause the facilities planning effort until the Spring of 2021. We are excited to have restarted this important work and will be exploring options to address our facility needs in the coming months. We will continue to actively engage district stakeholders in this process throughout 2021. Stay tuned for updates!

Information about the work done to-date including the facilities assessment findings and preliminary options are available on the district's website at (foxbay.org).

Joining the Fox Point- Bayside School District?

Have a student who will be starting K4 at Stormonth in the 2021-2022 school year or will you be a new family in our district next year? Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is open. Please call 414-247-4102 to learn how to begin the registration process.

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR FOX POINT-BAYSIDE!



1st Grade Celebrating 100 Days of School



Using LittleBits to explore circuitry in 5th Grade Science



Bayside students participating in Virtual Talent Show



2nd Graders participating in a Market Day activity