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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 19

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING

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

AUGUST 16

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

AUGUST 18

STORMONTH FORMS AND FEES DAY

7:30 - 11:30 AM and 12:30 - 5:30 PM at Stormonth Elementary School

BAYSIDE REGISTRATION DAY

7:30 - 11:30 AM and 12:30 - 5:30 PM at Bayside Middle School

AUGUST 21

THE CUPCAKE COLOR RUN

Registration Details at thecupcakerun.com

SEPTEMBER 1

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

More dates are available at
www.foxbay.org

FOX POINT-BAYSIDE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2021



MESSAGE FROM
SUPERINTENDENT

DR. DELLUTRI

Dear Fox Point-Bayside families:

I have seen many "last days of school" in my years as a school leader and administrator, but none feels as triumphant as the 2020-21 school year. I want to begin by offering my sincere thanks to you and your students for your patience, flexibility and resolve in adapting to the necessary changes implemented this year, and finishing the year strong. It was indeed a tremendous feat, and I am especially proud of the accomplishments of each and every Fox Point-Bayside student, teacher and staff member this year. Please take a moment to celebrate these accomplishments in your homes as well.

Another accomplishment worth celebrating is our district's designation as a **Top Workplace** by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in May. This celebrated award is earned by receiving top marks from employees during an external survey process. To be identified as a **Top Workplace** during an especially tumultuous year reflects not only the culture of excellence within our district, but also our employees' commitment and passion for education.

I realize it may feel too soon to be providing updates about next year, but we do want to be sure to share one fall update ASAP so that you know, can plan and prepare your student(s): we will be returning to school five days a week next fall and with an adjusted start and end times to our school day. *(Please see page two for more information.)*

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DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Letter Continued

Though we will take moments to celebrate, there are many learnings from this past school year on which to capitalize and move forward. Our administration team will be busy at work during the summer months, taking advantage of the opportunity to advance two significant, long-term opportunities for the district: considerations around **facilities planning** and **strategic planning** for the district.

As classes wrapped up the week of June 7, the district received its final facilities update from Eppstein Uhen Architects. Though facilities planning is a regular part of our work in the district (especially given our 65+ year old buildings!) we have an important opportunity at the present to look at how our buildings meet the new level of expectations we have for public school facilities after we've endured this pandemic year. *(For more information about this process, please see the full facilities article on page four in this newsletter.)*

In addition to facilities, now also seems to be the right time to examine the operations, culture and curriculum within our buildings and our district, since our perspectives have been impacted by COVID-19 and a heightened and ongoing

level of emphasis on equity and social justice issues. We have begun to move forward in setting the **"Framework for our Future"** through a strategic planning exercise. This exercise was launched with the support of leaders and administrators from throughout the district, along with a diverse design team of 18 key stakeholders. *(To learn more about the goals of the process, and how to become involved, please see page three.)*

Again, as the school year comes to a close, I find myself filled with gratitude for the amazing students, families and educators that comprise the Fox Point-Bayside School District. We will be out and about in the district this summer at the **Fox Point Farmers' Market** and would love to see you! Feel free to stop by to say hello, ask questions or talk about the future of the district from 8 am to noon on **July 10** and **July 17**.

I am inspired by the hard work of students, families and staff of our district, and committed to helping shape a future to be excited about!

Treat yourselves to a fun and restorative summer.

Yours in education,

Dr. Jeff Dellutri

ADJUSTED SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

While separate, the Fox Point-Bayside, Glendale-River Hills, Maple Dale-Indian Hills and Nicolet School Districts often work in partnership for the benefit of our students, including through a shared services agreement for student transportation services. This agreement, known as the Nicolet Area Transportation Cooperative (NATC), creates convenience for families through shared busing and benefits the districts and taxpayers by sharing the cost of the contract with Go-Riteway.

Two years ago, Nicolet parents, staff and administrators began a study on a later start time at the high school to align with research regarding high school start times and consider potential cost savings. This past year, our districts collectively reviewed the impact from the K-8 perspective, discussed the educational benefits of changes to the busing schedules, as well as how to optimize fiscal responsibility while maintaining efficiency and balancing convenience for families.

The districts approved new schedules for the 2021-22 school year that impacts start times, but aims to maximize instructional minutes.

SCHOOL	2021-2022 START TIME	2021-2022 END TIME
Nicolet High School	7:50 AM	3:02 PM
Bayside Middle School	8:20 AM	3:30 PM
Stormonth Elementary	7:45 AM	2:35 PM

The adjusted schedule allows for Fox Point-Bayside School District to meet its desired start time in the 7:45-8:15 AM window and keep bus ride times under 45 minutes for students. Since most Fox Point-Bayside students eventually attend Nicolet, our board supported a later high school start time which our students will benefit from in the future.

We realize this will require adjustments, but overall, are pleased with the outcome of the new schedules and look forward to seeing students again in the fall.

FRAMEWORK FOR OUR FUTURE

FOX POINT-BAYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

As we look back and search for valuable learnings from the upheaval we experienced in the 2020-21 school year, the District has determined now would be the opportune time to take a step back from day-to-day operations, ask questions about where we're headed, set intentional goals for the next three to five years and develop a plan to achieve them.

The District has engaged consultant Drew Howick to help walk us through an established strategic planning process, through which we will draw a Framework for our Future.

The process kicked off in April, structured around initial input from our School Board, District administration, leaders and principals. In May, a diverse group of community stakeholders, including district parents, board members, teachers, students, residents, village officials, education leaders, graduates and medical and mental health professionals met to form the effort's design team and help guide the process through to completion.

With the help of our facilitator and the diverse input of the design team, we have developed a list of desired outcomes for the "Framework for our Future" process. They include:

- ▶ Identify issues and trends that impact our district
- ▶ Identify necessary attributes and skills that enable students to meet their potential.
- ▶ Identify ways to expand and strengthen community partnerships
- ▶ Create a community of belonging where students can be themselves.
- ▶ Create a vision that is responsive to the evolving needs and aspirations of all students.
- ▶ Create an environment that celebrates diversity, heritage, traditions and legacy.

Members of the community are invited to participate in a series of community events, taking place at 5:30 pm the evenings of September 23, 30 and October 7.

PLEASE MARK YOUR
CALENDARS NOW TO HELP
**SHAPE THE
FUTURE**
OF YOUR FOX POINT-
BAYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT!

Following these community events, the District will be producing a summary report of the process and providing regular dashboard updates ensuring that the district will stay on track to meet its goals and actively work with the community to be accountable for actions and progress.

SAVE THE DATE

EVENINGS OF

9.23 | 9.30 | 10.07

AT 5:30 PM

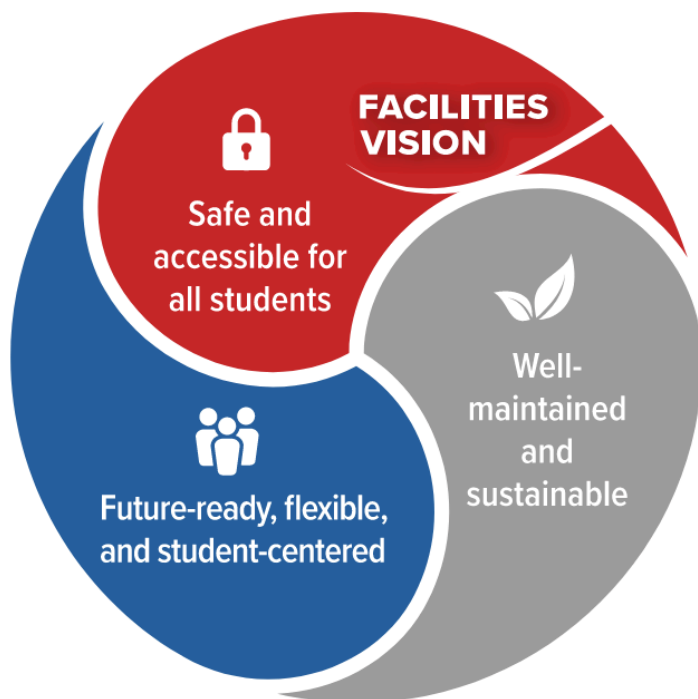


DISTRICT TAKING A FRESH LOOK AT LONG-RANGE FACILITY OPTIONS

The Fox Point-Bayside School District began an extensive long-range facility planning process in the fall of 2019. To guide this important work, our School Board crafted a Facilities Vision Statement with input from all district staff:

The Fox Point-Bayside School District, in our continued efforts to Elevate Everyone to Excellence, is committed to facilities that are:

- ▶ *Safe and accessible for all students*
- ▶ *Future-ready, flexible, and student-centered to support a variety of teaching and learning styles*
- ▶ *Well maintained and sustainable*



In early 2020, the district received the findings of a comprehensive facilities assessment conducted by EUA (Eppstein Uhen Architects) and Miron Construction that identified significant facility needs in both Stormonth Elementary School and Bayside Middle School. 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

The preliminary cost estimates associated with capital improvement needs only (not renovating or expanding learning spaces) is approximately \$34.9 million. The types of improvement projects included in this estimate include roofs, windows, building exterior, heating/cooling/ventilation, plumbing, electrical, flooring, restrooms, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility, and site work like parking lots and storm water management.

The district hosted several staff and community workshops in the winter of 2020 to share these findings and gather input from our stakeholders about key challenges, opportunities and priorities related to our facilities. Using this information, we worked closely with our professional partners to develop “big ideas” and potential solutions for our facilities using our Facilities Vision Statement for direction.

These preliminary ideas being explored in 2020 ranged from addressing only our most critical capital improvement needs at both buildings to constructing one new 4K-8 school to replace the current buildings. The initial cost estimates for these preliminary options ranged from \$34 - \$77 million.

2021 RESTART: MAINTAIN STORMONTH AND BAYSIDE SCHOOLS

While further facilities planning was paused during the summer of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the School Board restarted this process in January 2021 with a request for the team to reassess the original options that maintained both Stormonth and Bayside school sites. The district leadership team carefully reviewed the previous plans, considering implications and perspective gleaned from the recent pandemic.

Based on this direction and feedback, three potential options for each building have been further developed along with updated preliminary cost estimates. Potential debt service tax impacts (per \$1,000 of property valuation) associated with these options range from approximately \$1.27 to \$2.56.

STORMONTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Option 1: Capital Improvements Only -
approximately \$17.2M

Option 2: Renovation with Kitchen Addition -
approximately \$19.3M

Option 3: Renovation with Gym Addition -
approximately \$23.3M

BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Option 1: Capital Improvements Only -
approximately \$17.7M

Option 2: Renovation & Additions -
approximately \$38.9M

Option 3: Replacement School on Existing Site -
approximately \$42.2M

The School Board recognizes that the preliminary options are complex, extensive and would require a significant investment from taxpayers to move forward. It's the Board's goal to balance long-range, fiscally responsible facilities decision-making with creating the best instructional, social, and emotional learning environments for generations of Fox Point-Bayside students and families.

These ideas will be further refined and prioritized over the summer and district stakeholders will be able to learn more and offer feedback in a community-wide survey process this fall. This input will directly inform the School Board's decision about potentially presenting a proposed facility project referendum to voters in April of 2022.





STORMONTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NOTE



Students performing for families in front of Stormonth.

Our theme for the 2020-2021 school year was “We can do hard things,” and we certainly have! I am beyond proud of the hard work all of our students have accomplished this year. Whether students were learning from school, learning from home, or a little bit of both, they have persevered and completed the school year with positivity and flexibility. I am impressed with the way our school community has come together with mask-wearing, hand-washing and social distancing. We’ve grown both academically and socially.

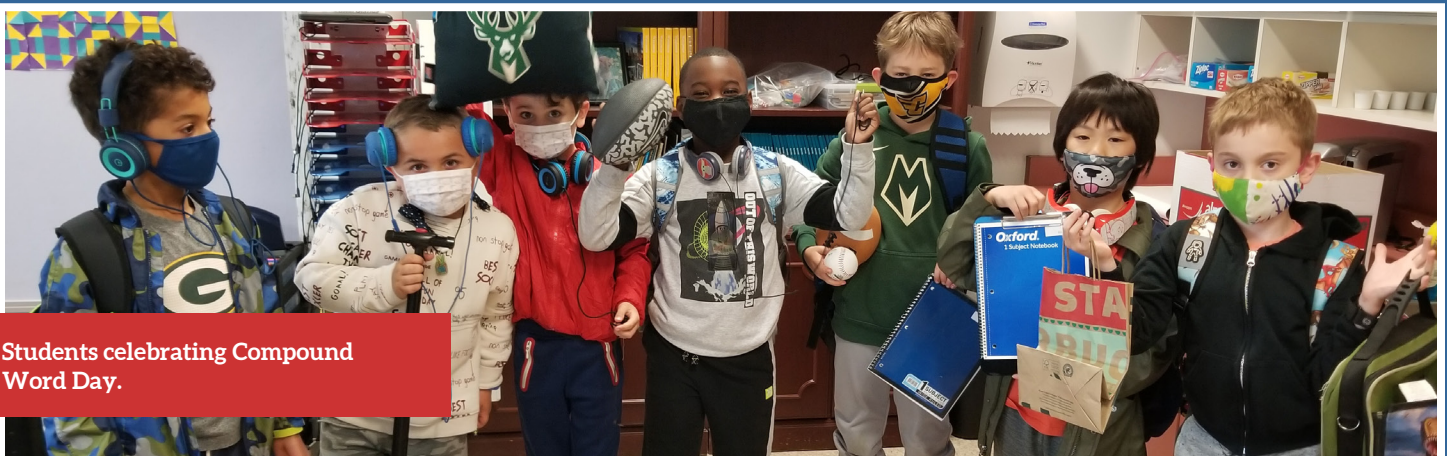
We finished the school year with a return to some normalcy. We held a first grade family picnic where students shared their writing portfolios and recent

poems they had written while eating under the grove of trees out on our front lawn. K4 families joined us for “Lemonade with Loved Ones” where students sang songs and enjoyed an end of year celebration.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) helped to host an end of the year Field Day, with a bounce house and various outdoor activities, and Ms. O’Sullivan and our specialist teachers hosted a talent show for any students who wanted to participate. Students performed on a stage outdoors, with music and acting, and family members were invited to watch.

Fourth grade families held a farewell celebration with an evening event in the Longacre Pavilion, and fourth graders visited Bayside Middle School for “Buddy Day.” Each year fourth grade students write to seventh grade pen pals at the Middle School and then go on a tour to meet them and see the school, prior to transitioning to middle school.

As we look to the summer of 2021, we are looking forward to offering Summer Pathways as a way of engaging students in fun and academic learning in unique ways at Stormonth. Our Educational Foundation is busy preparing for a new inclusive playground to be built at Stormonth in July 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.



Students celebrating Compound Word Day.

We are excited to welcome students back in person five days per week for the 2021-2022 school year. With planning in full swing for next year, we are looking forward to several important August dates for our students and families. On Monday and Tuesday, August 16 and 17, we will host K4 screening appointments for new incoming K4 students. Teachers will conduct a screening with students to help plan appropriate lessons and activities for the beginning of the year, and ensure they are comfortable on the first days of school. On Wednesday, August 18, we will host "Forms and Fees" Day at Stormonth, where students will be able to find out who their new classroom teachers will be. On Wednesday, August 25, we will host a "Meet and Greet" for all students to meet their new classroom teachers, see their classrooms and drop off supplies. In the evening of Wednesday, August 25, new and

incoming students will be able to join us for a New Family Dinner to welcome them to the Stormonth family. More information will be sent out to new and incoming families over the summer. We officially begin school on Wednesday, September 1.

We will look back on this school year and think about all that we learned and the life skills our students have acquired. Although this year has certainly had its challenges, it has been a year of resilience, flexibility 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 the 2021-2022 school year.

Respectfully,

Laura Witkov
Stormonth Principal



Stormonth students enjoying Physical Education unit.



Students sharing their talents during the Field Day Talent Show.



Students reading outside during Outdoor Classroom Day.



BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

The end of the 2020-21 school year brought the return of many exciting, long-awaited events and activities, following a year-long pandemic!

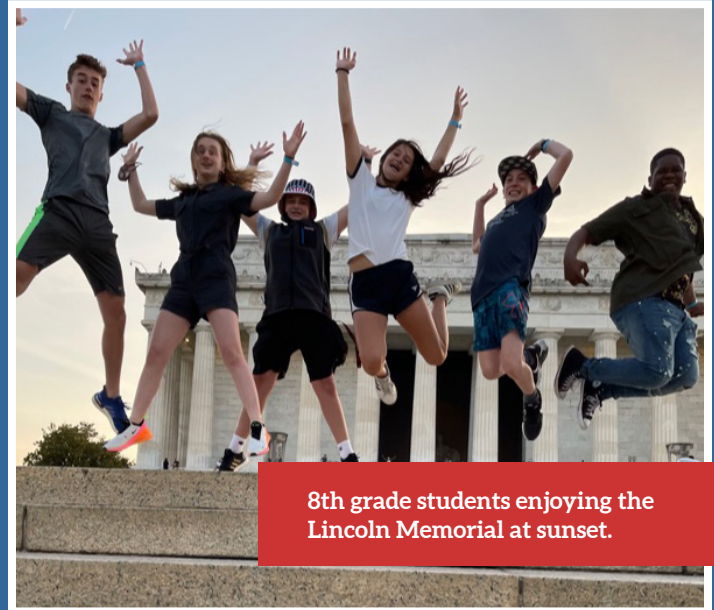
Our 8th graders once again visited Washington, D.C. in May. These three action-packed days were filled with visits to the many incredible museums and historical monuments that grace our nation's capital. This unique educational experience truly brings our US History curriculum to life for our 8th grade students. We are grateful for the generous funding provided by the PTO which benefited the D.C. Scholarship Fund.

Spring sports were offered in April and May, drawing the interest of many students. This year's Run Club, which met twice weekly, was well represented with over 50 participants from all the grade levels. Participants had options of running or walking routes of 2-4 miles. Mrs. Brinnington and Mr. Sells enjoyed the opportunity to provide an outdoor activity for students to not only exercise but have fun being with their friends in an organized activity.



Students from 5th through 8th grade participating in Run Club.

The Bayside tennis team had 48 7th & 8th grade participants this year. This was the first sport that Bayside was able to play against other schools this school year. The Bayside A and B team took on schools such as Shorewood, Brown Deer, Cedarburg, Mequon, and Whitefish Bay. The overall record for the team was 10-1!! Several players made great improvement and everyone had a great season!



8th grade students enjoying the Lincoln Memorial at sunset.

Several Bayside students participated in the Contrapt Wisconsin Competition this spring. This competition was presented by the STEM Forward organization and included 36 teams from 13 schools across the state. The teams were asked to create a contraption with everyday items that could turn on a light in eight or more steps. We had two teams representing Bayside, one of which won a special award for Most Innovative Step for the use of an EV3. We're proud of our students' work and hope to recruit more STEAM engineers for next year's competition!



Students competing in the Contrapt Wisconsin Competition.

In April, several Band, Choir and Orchestra students participated in the WSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival. This event was held virtually this year, but nonetheless, our Bayside musicians did very well in the competition! Two of our Orchestra students qualified for the State Competition by receiving a starred first rating! Congratulations to Yiwen M, 7th grade, on his Class A violin solo, and Lukas V, 8th grade, on his Class A Cello solo! In addition to the Solo & Ensemble Competition, all students in 5th - 8th grade Orchestra presented Spring Concerts in May, which were the first live music concerts performed in-person since the pandemic!

The Bayside Middle School Artist-in-Residence committee presented hula hoop artist, Mrs. Kristi Tarantino, as part of this year's PTO Artist-in-Residence. Hula hoop performing combines dance moves and hoop manipulation into a flowing art form, ranging from elaborate routines to music to practice routines for exercise. Students enjoyed learning basic hula hoop techniques during their PE classes. We thank the Fox Point-Bayside PTO for generously funding this unique opportunity for our students!



5th grade students learning how to hula hoop.

In addition, the Artist-in-Residence program also sponsored a PTO cookbook, created to celebrate cultural heritage through culinary arts. We are thankful to all those who contributed recipes, photos and stories. Funded by the PTO, this amazing collection of culinary culture was provided to all district families and staff.



Dedication ceremony for Philip's Supreme Court; a newly designed basketball court and viewing area, in honor and memory of our deceased Bayside student, Philip L. Gutter.

Finally, we are extremely grateful to the Fox Point-Bayside PTO for all they did to make Teacher Appreciation Week so special for our entire Bayside staff. Each day was filled with thoughtful tokens of appreciation for each staff member, including raffle prizes, flowers, snacks, beverages, a Wednesday coffee truck, mailbox gifts and more!

As spring approached and the 2020-21 school year drew to a close, we were very fortunate to have more and more students return to in-person learning and re-connect with their teachers and classmates. Students also had the opportunity to enjoy the traditional end-of-year activities, including 4th/7th Grade Buddy Day, field trips to Camp Anokijig, Milwaukee County Zoo, Kohler Andrae State Park, Marcus Theatres, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center and more! We are grateful to the FPBS PTO and a grant from the Kohl's Foundation for sponsoring many of these field trips. Finally, a big thank you to the 8th Grade Promotion Committee, as they carefully and thoughtfully planned a safe ceremony and celebration for the 8th Grade Class of 2021, creating fond memories for our students to cherish for years to come!



During the month of April, students and staff raised \$1,500 to benefit the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans. This fundraiser was introduced by 6th grader Tierney E. along with Mrs. Morrow.

FOX POINT-BAYSIDE COMMUNITY

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Hooray for summer! We made it through this wild year and I think we can all agree the future is looking a bit brighter nowadays.

I am so very thankful to all of our district families for being such an integral part of this school community over the past year. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is just one facet of this amazing district, and honestly, we could not do what we do without the support from all the families, teachers, staff, administration, PTO volunteers, local businesses, and the community. I especially want to extend my gratitude to this year's PTO Executive Board, who truly made such an "unprecedented" year so successful. I also want to say a huge thanks to our brand-new premier sponsor, Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital. We look forward to partnering with them during this upcoming school year's programs and events, beginning with the August 21st Cupcake Color Run. For more information on their doctors and services, please visit mymosh.com.



We finished this year out with a flurry of activity... which was so welcome after a more simplified year on the PTO front. Teacher Appreciation Week was the first week in May and it was fantastic! We had a small gift for our teachers each day, a gift card raffle that sent everyone home a winner, a pop-up iced coffee truck one morning, and lovingly decorated teachers lounges stocked full of snacks and beverages for the week. Our spring book fair was the same week and brought in \$5,000 in Scholastic Dollars,

which will go towards restocking our classrooms with books and other supplies. At the end of May, we had Stormonth Safety Week, where each grade level learned some aspect of safety, from how to call 911 to proper bike safety. We also distributed our PTO-funded district cookbook, a labor of love full of recipes, photos, and culinary stories from many of our school families. The last couple weeks of school ended with yearbook distribution, Stormonth Field Day, and PTO funds utilized for various field trips and supplementing both the 8th grade and 4th grade Promotions.



Teachers enjoying the pop-up iced coffee truck.



Stormonth students learning about bike safety.

I hope your summer break is full of many more bright days ahead, with family and friends, enjoying the Wisconsin sunshine and maybe even a vacation or two!

Megan Smith
PTO President

THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Educational Foundation rounded out its year by presenting the Fox Point - Bayside School District with a check of \$210,000. These funds cover nearly half of the total cost, establishing the community's first ADA-accessible playgrounds at both Stormonth and Bayside schools.



photo by Wendy Pawlak

The Educational Foundation Board, joined by special donors, presented a check for \$210,000 for ADA-accessible playgrounds at Stormonth and Bayside. Groundbreaking is scheduled to take place in July.

The success of the Reimagining Recess (2019-2020) and Leveling the Playing Field (2020-2021) campaigns was possible due to tremendous community support and generous donations and sponsorships.

Stay tuned for news about the next campaign to support the District's needs and enduring projects. Please visit www.fpbedfoundation.org.

Additionally, the Foundation supplemented the growth of its previous endeavors, Makerspace at Bayside and the S.T.O.R.M. at Stormonth, by providing funding to purchase items on the growing educator wish lists for these spaces.

While efforts to support District projects and commitments continued, the Foundation was able to invest in its own long-term success as well.

This spring, the Foundation invested enough reserves to fully fund a \$100,000 endowment that was established in 2015. The Foundation will use endowment earnings for a new District educator grant program beginning this fall.



photo by Wendy Pawlak

Board members (l-r) Katie Glaisner, Christine Duback, Amy Bazelon, Chrissy Kruger-Gruendyke, Helena Laven, Juanita Probst, Nicole Cook and Rachel Weinberg proudly show off the playground renderings.

Email questions or interest in Foundation involvement to fpbedfound@gmail.com



**FRAMEWORK
FOR OUR
FUTURE**  **SAVE THE DATE**
Community Strategic
Planning Sessions
FOX POINT-BAYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Join the Fox Point and Bayside communities as we plan for the future of the school district and set intentional district priorities.

Please mark your calendars now to help shape the future of your Fox Point-Bayside School District!

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2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
FOX POINT-BAYSIDE!



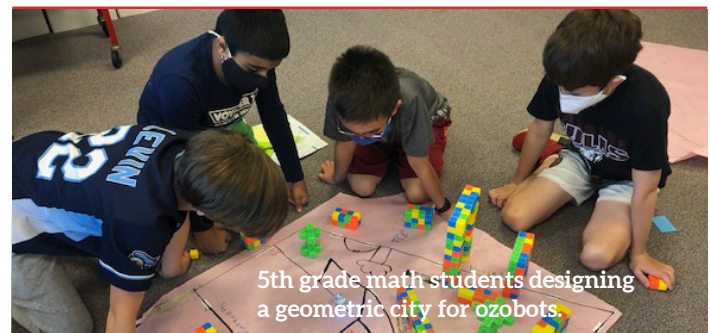
7th grade science students creating Alka-Seltzer Rockets.



Students wearing matching face masks



First grade authors sharing their realistic fiction boxed set book series



5th grade math students designing a geometric city for ozobots.