



# FOX POINT • BAYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Parents and Community Members:

As students, parents and staff have certainly come to know, the end of a school year is a special time full of activity, celebration and reflection. This year is no different. As you will read in this edition of our newsletter, there is much going on this month at both Stormonth and Bayside schools

and, certainly, things do not slow down in June. As our teachers are celebrating the hard work of our students and showcasing their efforts through year-end activities such as concerts, musicals, and awards ceremonies, I personally wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped make this year a wonderful one:

- To our students who come to school eager to learn, create, problem-solve and grow.
- To our parents who ensure their kids arrive at school rested, well fed and ready to learn.
- To the teachers and staff at Bayside Middle School and Stormonth Elementary School who are tireless in their work to create an innovative learning environment, enabling our students to reach their fullest potential.
- To our School Board for its leadership, vision and guidance as we continue enhancing the district to ensure our schools are offering the most innovative educational models and practices available.
- To the numerous volunteers in the District, who give so much of their time and talent to our learning

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community. And to those organizations that coordinate our volunteers' efforts. The district would not be what it is today if it weren't for the Fox Point-Bayside PTO and Educational Foundation. I would like to publicly thank Laura Pierri for her leadership within the PTO and Zia Maskara for her work with the Educational Foundation.

- And, lastly, to the residents in the District who value high quality public schools and understand how schools such as ours help create desirable neighborhoods.

While our paths may separate this summer, please know that my light is always on in our District offices within Stormonth Elementary. Planning for the 2017-2018 school year is complete, with a few adjustments to be made throughout the summer months. Please enjoy the summer family time and know we look forward to seeing everyone in fall.

I invite you to reach out to me with your thoughts and any input that may help the District in our work to ensure Fox Point-Bayside Schools continue to Significantly Exceeds Your Expectations.

Robert Kobylski, Ed.D.  
Superintendent, Fox Point-Bayside School District

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# *Bayside News*

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Our 8th graders participated in their annual Day of Service on March 6th. They generously donated 249 books valued at \$857 to the Next Door Foundation's (NDF) "Books for Kids" program. In addition to the children who participated in this program, books will also be distributed to kids in the Milwaukee community through NDF's "Giving Library" program. Great work, 8th graders!

The 5th grade took its annual field trip to the Pettit National Ice Center to skate and raise money for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, an organization that helps fight childhood cancer. They raised an amazing \$3,250! Way to go 5th graders!

It's transition time for 4th graders joining us next year. On May 12th, Susan West and I visited Stormonth to speak to the 4th grade class about all the fun they will have next year at Bayside. On May 17th we hosted incoming 5th grade parents at an Information Night and tour of Bayside Middle School. On May 19th, the PTO sponsored the last Bayside Activity Night for the year for incoming 4th graders and current 5th graders. The 4th graders will be visiting Bayside on June 7th for Buddy Day. During this highly anticipated day, the





incoming 4th graders will meet and eat lunch with their 7th grade buddies, who then take them on a tour of the school.

We believe that as children prepare to transition to middle school it's important to show students what a wonderful learning environment they are about to be a part of. This is a time for additional freedoms and responsibilities.

Thank you to all who worked on Bayside's 2017 Musical, Into the Woods Jr., directed by Dr.

Sloan-Spice and assisted by Ms.

Wacker. It was a great show.

Thank you to our talented 6th, 7th

and 8th grade thespians as they acted out our favorite fairytales

in an unconventional way.



Students climb the rock wall in

P-E with help from Mr. Barry

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7th grade science class conquers the Breakout EDU activities.

prizes, breakfast, lunch and desserts, new organizational baskets for our lounge, and the beautiful matted picture of our entire 2016-17 student body!

Thanks again for all you do for the Fox Point-Bayside School District! High school, here we come! Information has already been sent out about 8th Grade Graduation, but please continue to check the Daily Communication Folder for any information you may have missed.

Best,  
Jodi Hackl

The Helping Hands group came together in mid-May to make blankets for the Humane Society. In all, we were able to finish 10 tie-blankets, and we put a few started-but-unfinished ones in the Makerspace for anyone who wants to help. We will take the finished blankets to the Humane Society soon. Thank you to all who help!

Thank you to the PTO for all of the treats during Teacher

Appreciation Week, May 8th-12th!

We were truly spoiled with the raffle



Helping Hands group works hard tying blankets for the Humane Society.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

# Stormonth News



On Professional Development Day, April 17th, we had a number of teachers present on the topics of Literacy and Technology. We would like to give a special thank you to Laura Witkov, Kate Schroeder, Mary Armstrong, Patty Stark, Tom Story, Ann Grambow, Cindy Auerbach, Amanda Orth, Kathy Wachs, Jenny Ahles, Peter Greig, Emily Koscielniak, and Jamie Hogue. Thank you for sharing your knowledge, talent and leadership.

How fun it was for our K4 and K5 students to have a “date night” with their parents at the school’s first Kinder-Night. The fun-filled evening was sponsored by the PTO and featured dancing, snacks, and a lot of fun!

We also want to thank our PTO for providing some very special treats for us during Staff Appreciation Week, organizing Special Interest Day and working together with our Teacher’s Association who organized a Cake Walk that coincided with the PTO-sponsored Spring Book Fair. It doesn’t get any better than an evening of books and cake!

We celebrated Arbor Day with a tree-planting ceremony on April 28th. Thank you to the Bennett family for donating this year’s tree, an Autumn Fantasy Maple, and to the Village Garden Club and the Village Forester for organizing this community event. A special thanks to our students who read a poem or story for the crowd, including; Trey Rushing, Amelia Gibson, Karina Grayzel, Solveig Feiker, Maggie Costello, Dylan Brooks, Anna Melbye, Janelle O Meara, Alex Frick and Vincent Alderton. Also, we appreciate Cub Scout Troop 391 for the presentation of colors and Pledge of Allegiance, and to Brownie Troop 6262 for helping to pass out tree seedlings.

Our 4th graders competed in the Battle of the Books school competition. They have spent a significant amount of time reading books and working as a team to prepare for the battles. Thanks to Mrs. Wachs for making this such a rewarding experience for our students. The winning team was The Reading Wonders. Congratulations to Margo Meyer, Violet Marx and Chloe Benzel, as well as the other 4th graders who dedicated their time and efforts to this reading competition.

We enjoyed a visit from Lester Laminack on May 11th. Mr. Laminack is a specialist in children's literacy and professor at Western Carolina University. He has written numerous books and articles for educators, and is a familiar speaker at professional meetings and reading associations nationwide. What a great story teller!

The last half of May was very busy as our students learned safety tips from Fox Point and Bayside police officers during Safety Week (May 15th - 19th). Our parents attended music mini concerts and the much-anticipated Critter Crunch sale took place. Proceeds from the sale go to support the Pine View

Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. As the end of the school year approaches, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped make the 2016-2017 school year one of the best years yet at Stormonth. Your involvement and commitment to our youth is so appreciated.

Respectfully,  
Karen Grimm-Nilsen

# PTO Update

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 have enjoyed the various events over the last few weeks. There have been many and there are more to come.



The 8th grade annual Cupcake Run offered something for everyone. Despite the rain, there were carnival games, food and fun for everyone. It was a great time for a great cause: Raising money for our community schools! For more information please visit: [thecupcakerun.com](http://thecupcakerun.com)

April was a fun and busy month. Our K4 and K5 families had their first Kinder Kid Date Night! All our volunteers helped us make this a special night for our little ones and their parents. It was definitely a night to remember!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Spring Book Fair. Special thanks to the great group of volunteers that helped make the fair a success. The Book Fair is a big fundraiser that helps us provide new books and educational/technological items to our schools.

Our 6th and 7th graders attended their last Bayside Activity Night of the year and they all had a blast! Thanks to all our parent volunteers who coordinated and chaperoned this great event.





Have you ever had a teacher who inspired you in your life? The first week in May was the time to show our appreciation for all our Fox Point-Bayside teachers for their remarkable job and their dedication to our kids, who they motivate and inspire. They are helping to shape a new generation!

Thank you to our Programs Committee, which coordinated all the special activities during Teacher Appreciation Week. And a special thanks to the Stormonth Fund Allocation Committee, which led a great project for that special week: a big surprise for our Stormonth teachers—a Teachers' Lounge makeover!

On May 11th, our Stormonth students enjoyed the Artist In Residence program featuring Lester Laminack who talked about turning reading strategies into writing opportunities. He is the author of several notable books, including *The Writing Teacher's Troubleshooting Guide*, *Bullying Hurts*, and six picture books, including *Saturdays and Teacakes*, *Snow Day!*, and *Three Hens and a Peacock*. The PTO is happy to announce that we will, once again, be partnering with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin (CHW) for our events and programs in 2017. CHW has decided to renew its sponsorship with a generous donation of \$5,000 that will be used to fund various projects and programs at Stormonth Elementary and Bayside Middle School.

Finally, having parents involved in our school events is highly motivating, as well as memorable for our children. We really appreciate the great level of parent involvement at our schools.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Laura Pierri

Fox Point – Bayside PTO President



# WANT TO CONTACT THE PTO?

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# Foundation News

The Educational Foundation is pleased to announce that our Annual Fundraiser, Rolling on The River, was a tremendous success and we were able to raise more than \$30,000 for the school district. With our continuous commitment to provide our schools with assistance to stay competitive with other national schools, we have earmarked \$25,000 for the Makerspace team. The Makerspaces at both schools have given the students the opportunity to foster curiosity, tinkering and iterative learning. It creates an environment where students are enthusiastic to learn and explore. To read more about the benefits of Makerspaces, please visit: [curiositycommons.wordpress.com/makerspaces-the-benefits/](http://curiositycommons.wordpress.com/makerspaces-the-benefits/)

Please feel free to contact any of us with any questions or to find out how you can become involved; or visit us at: [foxbay.k12.wi.us/education-foundation.cfm](http://foxbay.k12.wi.us/education-foundation.cfm)

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Find information about upcoming events, reminders about important dates, health and wellness tips, and, of course, photos of the various goings-on in and around our schools.

# Important Dates

6/8 - Last Day of School for Students/Report Cards go Home – BMS & PSS

6/8 - 8th Grade Graduation 6:30 pm @ Bayside

6/13 - Summer School Session One Begins 8:00 am @ PSS

7/31 - Summer School Session Two Begins 8:00 am @ PSS



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**

## Volunteer Opportunities

### DISTRICT

#### Multicultural Advisory Team

Multicultural Advisory Team exists to:

- Create an environment that embraces student individuality through the development of social, emotional, and cultural competence
- Advocate for equal access to a career and college-ready curriculum for all students
- Increase parental engagement, knowledge, and involvement to ensure success of our diverse student population.

### CONTACT

Bayside Middle School | 414-247-4201  
Please contact Jodi Hackl or Heather Ristauif you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

### BAYSIDE

#### Green and Healthy Schools Committee

Bayside Middle School has a Green and Healthy School Committee which is always looking for volunteers.



#### Other Bayside Volunteer Opportunities:

- Art Room Volunteer
- Library Volunteer

### CONTACT

Bayside Middle School | 414-247-4201  
Please contact if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

### STORMONTH

#### Read with Children

We are looking for a special group of volunteers who will be trained to assist students with reading. The commitment is one day a week for one hour.

#### Other Stormonth Volunteer

#### Opportunities:

- Lunch Room Volunteer
- Playground volunteer

### CONTACT

Stormonth Elementary School  
414-247-4102 Please contact if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.



# Meet the Staff

## SUZETTE BROENNIMANN

Meet Suzette Broennimann, a Clerical Assistant at Stormonth Elementary. Suzette joined the Stormonth staff as the Health Room Assistant in December 2015, and became a clerical assistant this school year.

She wears another hat, that of Mom – to two children in the district. Her daughter Lola is a 7th grader at Bayside Middle School and her son Sawyer is a 4th grader at Stormonth. We had a chance to catch up with Suzette to ask her a few questions.



### **What is the best part of having your kids so close to your work?**

"I love having one of my kids at Stormonth, and I will miss Sawyer when he transfers to Bayside next year. I was able to eat lunch with him on a regular basis, help him when he got hurt, or get an extra hug when I pass him in the hallway. We often carpooled to school and were able ride bikes on nice days. Also a perk, now that I'm in the office, I never forget to turn in his permission slips!"

### **What do you like best about your job?**

"I knew I would love working in the school environment, but I underestimated how much. I find so much joy in working with the kids and helping them do just about everything. There are things I never thought I would be doing! The things I love most about my job were not listed in the job description. It is never a dull moment around here. These kids make me laugh out loud on a daily basis. And the assemblies, musicals and programs often bring me to tears. The staff here is amazing. As a parent, I already knew it was a special place. We moved from Bay View 5 years ago and fell in love with Stormonth five minutes into our school tour. Working here gives me a whole new perspective on the time and dedication our teachers put into their classrooms. I can appreciate their commitment on a different level. They are truly the best. Overall, it really has been a perfect fit for me both personally and for my family. Working with kids who love being in school and who are generally so full of positive energy is very fulfilling. To say my day goes by quickly is no exaggeration. One of my favorite benefits though, I never thought I would have a job where I had summers off!"

### **Tell us one thing very few people know about you.**

I was a Flight Attendant in my former life. I flew for Midwest Airlines (Midwest Express when I started) for about 14 years. I started right after I graduated from UW- Eau Claire in 1996. I also trained Flight Attendants

for eight of those years. It probably is a good reason why I can remain calm in stressful situations. I have travelled a good deal around the country and to some far away places including Thailand, Ireland, Hungary, Italy and Belize. It is also where I met my husband 20 years ago!



*Have a great summer!*

Wishing you a safe and  
fun summer from the  
Fox Point-Bayside School District



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