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Important Dates:

Please see the District or building websites for a more comprehensive list of upcoming events.

- 9/1 First day for students
- 9/7 No School
- 9/8 Committee of the Whole Board meeting, District Office, 7:00pm
- 9/9 PTO Fall Fitness Run, Bayside Middle School Track, 3:30pm
- 9/10 Middle School Parent Orientation, 6:00pm
- 9/14 No school
- 9/16 Stormonth Parent Orientation, 6:00pm
- 9/21 Annual School Board meeting, Stormonth cafeteria, 7:00pm
- 9/21 Regular School Board meeting, Stormonth cafeteria, 8:00pm
- 9/27 Spread Your Wings 5K Walk/Run

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A Message from the School Board President

Dear District Residents,

I hope everyone had a great summer.

This was a very eventful 2014-2015 school year in the Fox Point – Bayside School District.

The School Board met with the District Leadership team in July of 2014 to do strategic planning. We established strategic priorities in three areas: Finance, Teaching & Learning, and Communications.

In the area of Finance, our priority was to strengthen the overall financial position of the School District. With the passing of the operating referendum, we are well positioned to continue to provide the high quality instruction that the community has come to expect. The Board is very appreciative of the community's support of our schools. We take our fiduciary role very seriously. We will continue to look for ways to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible.

In the area of Teaching and Learning, our priority was to continue to be a top-tier performing school district. I am proud to say that for the second consecutive year our district obtained a ranking of Significantly Exceeds Expectations by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. There were nine districts in the state with this ranking, but only five out of 424 received this ranking for two consecutive years. The Board will continue to set high goals for our curriculum instruction.

In the area of Communications, our priority was to enhance the overall level of communications to all our stakeholders. As part of the referendum process, we reached out to the entire community starting in the fall of 2014 with a survey. As we moved into the spring, we held multiple events aimed at engaging community residents in open and constructive discussions about our school district. The Board and District Leadership Team will continue to communicate on a regular basis with district residents about our schools.

Our Board met again this summer to do strategic planning. We reviewed our current strategic priorities, evaluated our progress, and discussed plans for the upcoming 2015-16 school year. I look forward to updating you on the board's activities in our next community newsletter.

Sincerely,

David Smulyan

David Smulyan
Board President

**Fox Point—Bayside School
District School Board
Strategic Priorities**

Finance

Strengthen our school district's financial position and strive to achieve a balanced budget.

Teaching & Learning Goal

Continue to be a school district that significantly exceeds expectations by enhancing our curriculum and instruction through dynamic and innovative practices, and the use of ever evolving technology to promote learning for all students.

Communications

Enhance communication from the school district to all community constituencies for the purpose of encouraging open and constructive discussions.

Our Mission

We inspire our children to be well prepared, compassionate, and productive citizens who will make meaningful contributions to our world.

Our Vision

We provide innovative and academically rigorous learning experiences to meet the unique talents, interests and needs of every child.

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Letter from Vance Dalzin

I am so proud of the individual and collective efforts of the various stakeholders associated with the Fox Point – Bayside School District that contributed to a remarkable 2014-15 school year. The students are performing at a high level and I attribute that to an outstanding faculty and staff, parents who are engaged in their schools and a very supportive community.

We learned a great deal from the community survey we conducted last year. First and foremost, we were pleased that residents have a generally favorable opinion of the school district.

We did, however, discover that we could do a better job of communicating to residents who do not have children in our schools. This 2015-16 school year we will be mailing three community newsletters like this one as well as continuing with our frequent Parent E-Newsletters emailed to parents.

I hope you enjoy reading about the various accomplishments at each school. On September 1, 2015 approximately 950 students will enter the doors of one of two schools. You, as parents and community members, entrust us with what is most important to you; your children. We, in turn, do our best to help mold the minds and hearts of the students we have the honor of educating on a daily basis. We pledge that we will have high expectations for them, care deeply about each one and foster growth in each person in our learning community. I share with you, the students, and our dedicated staff, the enthusiasm for a new school year knowing that each student will have only one 2015-16 school year and it is our charge to make it the best ever.

With pride and respect,

Vance Dalzin

Superintendent

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From Left to right – Carrie Strassburg, Business Office Specialist, Kathleen Wiesner, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board, Rick Dekeyser, Technology Specialist, Dr. Vance Dalzin, Superintendent, Janice DeMeuse, Director of Business Services, Laurie Rosenow, HR/Payroll Specialist, Jennifer Ganske, Director of Teaching, Learning and Special Programs.

Stormonth Achievements—2014-15



Karen Grimm-Nilsen,
Stormonth Principal

1. PBIS (Positive Behavior and Supports), better known as The Stormonth Way to students and parents, was implemented at the universal level. We talk as a school community about being responsible, respectful and safe. The common expectations and language that all staff and students know and understand has been very positive in continuing to create a culture of learning and respect. Our students had the opportunity to earn “BUGS” for being unusually good in helping others without being asked. For the 1st year, the students earned close to 4,000 BUGS collectively. WOW. . . so proud of our students for taking this on and rising to the expectations.
2. In October, we held our first Literacy Night for parents. Staff members offered different sessions on reading and writing with a focus on what and how things are being taught and how to best help their child at home.
3. Before school began, we welcomed into our school community K4 students, families and parents with a spaghetti dinner. We had close to 200 people join us to celebrate the new school year, but most importantly to celebrate them joining the Stormonth family.
4. Our teachers implemented both Writer’s Workshop and Math Expressions in their classrooms. With any new curriculum the time that goes into preparing for a

new and successful implementation is overwhelmingly important so the instruction delivered to students has rigor and depth.

5. We celebrated our third and fourth graders for preparing and doing their best on the new state assessment “Badger Exam.” Not only was this new for our students, but our Badger Exam teacher group also prepared and worked very hard to get students ready for this new state test.
6. We implemented a new lunch/recess schedule. The goal of this new schedule was to minimize the loss of instruction and give that time back to the teachers and students for learning in the classroom.
7. In September with the cooperation of the Fox Point Police and Riteway bus company, we ran another successful lockdown/evacuation/reunification drill for our school and parents. The main purpose for participating in this type of drill is to help alleviate the stress and anxiety for all involved and to successfully reunite parents with their children in the event that we would have to evacuate the building. The safety of our students and staff is always at the forefront of what we do.
8. Our teachers were fully trained in the new state teacher evaluation system...Educator Effectiveness.
9. We continue to grow in the area of technology. We were able to purchase Chromebooks for our third and fourth graders to utilize as another tool in their learning. Towards the end of the school year, we were also able to purchase a set of Chromebooks for our first and second grades.



Stormonth students making a rainbow.

Bayside Achievements—2014-15:

- Math Counts, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, French Pronunciation Contest, Quiz Bowl, WCATY, Young Authors and Young Artists, spotlighted some of our best and brightest students across the region and state.
- Our Forensics program continued to grow this year and spotlight the very important skill of public speaking.
- There were numerous Student Council and Community Service activities throughout the year. Student participation was at an all-time high. Our school supported: Alex's Lemonade Stand, Guest House, Jewish Home, VA Center, Next Door Foundation-Milwaukee, St. Joseph's Stork Nest, St. Jude's Children Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Toys for Tots, Milwaukee Hunger Task Force, Milwaukee Catholic Home, Water for Sudan, just to name a few. Great job!
- Record numbers of students participated in our extra-curricular and enrichment activities, including sports, intramurals, and many, many excellent clubs. Thank you to the teachers and coaches.
- Throughout the school year, PALS raised money and grew in service to others.
- Our World Language Department raised money and collected food for the Nicolet food drive.
- The Recycle-Bulls school recycling club continued to grow.
- WKCE and MAP testing scores showed great improvements this year in our students' learning performance.
- Implementation of Badger testing was successful!



The above photo is Don Galster and David Smulyan receiving a certificate acknowledging the work of students and staff at Bayside Middle School for their work with the Green and Healthy Schools Initiative. They received the certificate for moving up a level from "Seedling" to "Sapling."

- 8th grade world language student placement test results in French and Spanish were exemplary.
- 90% of solo and ensemble entries received a first rating.
- The musical, Peter Pan Jr. was a hit!
- Thanks to the Green & Healthy Schools Club, Bayside Middle School is now recognized by the state DPI and DNR as a Green & Health School.



Dr. Dalzin eating pizza with 5th graders during the World in Motion event.



Fox Point-Bayside School Board. Pictured L to R: Dann Jacobson, David Smulyan - President, Mike Weidner - Vice President, Libby Wick - Clerk, Max Dickman - Treasurer

School Board Structure

The Fox Point-Bayside School Board is a five member, elected governing body. Regular School Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. The Board also meets as a Committee of the Whole on the first Monday of each month.

There are no action items on the Committee of Whole meeting agendas. For a list of meetings, agendas and minutes, please go to the District Website and click the School Board link.

We encourage and welcome all residents to attend open session Board Meetings.



Congratulations to Mark Conforti, Bayside 7th grade teacher, and Mary Armstrong Stormnoth 1st grade teacher for being selected as Kohl Fellowship Award recipients. They were recently honored at a Banquet with thirty other Cesa 1 educators and several students!



4th graders walking through the traditional Stormnoth staff tunnel at the end of the year assembly.



Stormnoth Lunch with Police Officers



Stormnoth Jump Rope For Heart

Teaching, Learning and Special Programs



Jennifer Ganske, District Director of Teaching, Learning and Special Programs

There were new curriculum adoptions/ implementations that continued this past school year. At the

elementary school, our teachers continued to learn best practices in implementing and our middle school teachers began their first year of implementation. At the elementary school, our elementary teachers also learned about Writer's Workshop model and implemented this framework for the first year in order to merge reading and writing best practices. The middle school has a few teachers who were trained in Writer's Workshop and will receive training in future years. This was the first full year of implementing a new math curriculum aligned to the new state standards at the elementary school. The middle school was in their second year of implementing and learning a new curriculum.

All educators learned about the Educator Effectiveness and Accountability Model from the Department of Public Instruction and this model was used to support educator growth, to develop school and student learning objectives, and to develop educator professional practice goals.

Our four year old kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade teachers learned specifics about concepts of word and phonological awareness by participating in professional development related to phonological awareness. In addition, these same people, along with special education and speech/language pathologists engaged in training related to oral language development.

Our full staff received Autism training twice this past year, followed up by coaching provided by an Autism and Social Emotional Stages specialist for specific teachers. Our full staff also learned about best practices in assessment for learning practices by engaging in professional development with nationally renowned speaker Rick Wormeli.

Throughout the year, the Gifted and Talented Program Review Committee met periodically to review current practices, data, and practices displayed in other districts. The work of this committee will continue during the 2015-16 school year.

Finally, students in grades 3-8 engaged in the new state assessment called the Badger Exam. At this time, we are unsure what our state assessment will look like for the 2015-16 school year; however, there will not be a science and social studies test through the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam in grades 4 and 8. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has sent information to vendors to bid on creating a new assessment system.

If you would be interested in serving on a Science Curriculum Review Process, please keep your eyes open for further information through our website and newsletters.

Two Consecutive Years of Significantly Exceeds Expectations!

For the past two years your School District has been rated as Significantly Exceeds Expectations by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. There are only five out of 424 districts in the state to have this distinction. Each public school and district receives an overall accountability score. The score is based in the following areas:

- Student Achievement: measured by proficiency in reading and mathematics on state assessments
- Student Growth: measured by year-to-year improvements in achievement
- Closing the Gaps: measured by performance between specific student groups (comparing English language learners, economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and members of a racial or ethnic group with their peers)
- On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness: measured by using reliable predictors of high school graduation and potential post high school success

A closer look at the data shows Stormonth Elementary School was the 5th highest ranking elementary school in the state out of 1,238 schools. Bayside Middle School was the 2nd highest ranking school out of 50 schools that house 5th through 8th grade and 10th in all 353 middle schools that have other grade configurations.



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