



# FOX POINT • BAYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

*A Valuable Education. An Education with Values.*

## **SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS**

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

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### **Important Dates:**

1/19: No school; Professional development day

1/19: Regular School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Stormonth

2/1: Committee of the Whole meeting, 7:00 p.m., District Office

2/5: Ed. Foundation meeting, 9:00 a.m., District Office

2/11: Early Release day

2/11: Parent-Teacher conferences

2/12: Parent-Teacher conferences

2/12: PTO meeting, 9:00 a.m. Stormonth

2/16: No school; Parent-Teacher conferences

2/16: Regular School Board meeting, Stormonth

### **Our Mission**

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



### **Letter From the Superintendent**

Dear Fox Point-Bayside School District Community:

I am very pleased to bring you this first issue of the Fox Point-Bayside School District E-newsletter. This publication will provide parents and other community members with a monthly update on various things taking place, including good news stories about our students, our staff, and our schools.

Speaking of good news, since coming to the district as your superintendent last year, I have been inundated with information on great things happening in the district. I often say, "If only more people could know about this!" This e-newsletter will provide us with an avenue for doing exactly that.

But in the constantly changing world of education, we need to continuously refine our efforts so that we can continue the great tradition of providing students in our schools with a truly world-class education. With that in mind, we will also share information about continuous improvement efforts underway in the district.

As we look forward to a great 2015, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve as your superintendent. With that, I offer you my heartfelt best wishes for a terrific New Year.

With pride and respect,

*Vance Dalzin*

Superintendent

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Follow Dr. Dalzin on Twitter @DocVadd

PS – During the last school year I started a blog where I commented on various aspects of the district. I have not blogged much this school year, however I have made it a New Year's resolution to start it up again.

### **Teaching, Learning, and Special Programs Update**

#### **Gifted and Talented Program Review**

Earlier in the school year, school district parent volunteers were solicited to join the Gifted and Talented Program Review Committee. The committee consists of the gifted/talented differentiation specialists, special education coordinator, school psychologist, principals, parents, a board of education member, and Jennifer Ganske, Director of Teaching, Learning and Special Programs. The committee will be meeting throughout this year and next year.

## Board Strategic Priorities for 2014-2017

### Finance

Strengthen our school district's financial position and strive to achieve a balanced budget by 2017.

### Teaching & Learning Goal

Continue to be a school district that Significantly Exceeds Expectations through 2017 by enhancing our curriculum instruction through innovative practices, personalized learning initiatives and use of current technology.

### Communications

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

## 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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## Curriculum Initiatives: Elementary

The elementary teachers are in their second year of implementing Readers Workshop for literacy instruction. We were fortunate to bring in professional development experts from Columbia University Teachers College during the summer of 2013 to provide four days of training on implementing Readers Workshop in our classrooms from 4-year old kindergarten through 5th grade.

Our reading instruction would not be complete without pairing it with writing instruction. Our elementary teachers are in their 1st year of implementing Writers Workshop. We were fortunate enough to be able to send two of our teachers Columbia University Teachers College during the summer of 2014 to get trained on Writers Workshop with the intent of coming back to train the rest of our elementary classroom teachers. In addition, we are fortunate to have a couple of teachers on staff who have already attended Writers Workshop training at Columbia University. As a result, our elementary classroom teachers engaged in three days of Writers Workshop training under the leadership of our own staff experts Patty Stark, Reading Specialist; Laura Witkov, Literacy Coach; Mary Armstrong, 1st grade teacher; and Kate Schroeder, Interventionist. In addition, these four experts have continued to provide literacy coaching and professional development sessions for our classroom teachers throughout the school year.

In addition to Readers and Writers Workshop trainings and implementation, our elementary classroom teachers are in their first year of a full implementation using new mathematics resources called Math Expressions. Last school year, about half of our elementary teachers were trained in and used the Math Expressions resources with their eye on then being able to train their colleagues on the "ins and outs" of the resources. You may also hear our elementary students talk about Dreambox for math. Dreambox is an online, adaptive computer program used to supplement our math curriculum.

## Curriculum Initiatives: Middle School

The middle school reading teachers are in their first full year of implementing Readers Workshop. A few years ago, one of our teachers attended Columbia University Teachers College Readers Workshop training and also attended the elementary Readers Workshop training as a middle school connection. This past summer, Deb Reed-Brinnington and Gwen Hiir provided Readers Workshop training to all of our middle school teachers who teach reading. We are very fortunate in Fox Point-Bayside to have our own staff members who are excited to be team leaders and internal experts.

The middle school math teachers are in their second full year of implementing new resources for math instruction in order to better meet the rigor associated with our new standards. Students in grade five are using Math Expressions and students in grades six through eight are using Big Ideas Math.

## Professional Development and Partnerships

At the start of our school year, we engaged in a very exciting opportunity where we partnered with Nicolet Union High School District, Maple Dale-Indian Hill School District, and Glendale-River Hills School District to bring in a nationally recognized expert on classroom instruction and assessment practices, Rick Wormeli, for training on best practices in classroom instruction and assessments. In addition, we have taken time this year to begin to develop professional relationships with our colleagues in those school districts in order to share and learn from each other. We are planning to continue to grow and strengthen these relationships in the future.

Earlier in the school year, we brought in an Autism expert to provide training for all teachers on understanding the neurology of autism and why students need both interpersonal and learning supports. We will also receive additional training on practical

applications of these interpersonal and learning supports used to promote student(s) active engagement, independence, and regulation. Our Autism consultant has been providing coaching in our classrooms this year as well.

### **Educator Effectiveness**

You may have heard the term “Educator Effectiveness” and are wondering what exactly does that mean? As part of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction’s educator accountability measures, we will be administering a new state assessment system called the Badger Exam (formerly known as the Smarter Balanced Assessment) in April. The Badger Exam assesses student knowledge and application in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The exam requires students to take a computer adaptive test on the computers where the difficulties of the questions adjust based on how students answer previous questions. In addition, there is a classroom activity or task to complete and then students must complete a “performance task” on the computers related to this activity. Although the classroom activity is done as a class, students will complete the “performance task” independently. When the schools have developed their testing schedules, the testing schedules will be communicated to families. It will be very important that we have good attendance during those times so students do not miss the classroom activities associated with the exam.

### **Board Update/Board Briefs**

Every month the e-newsletter will include information about recent school board meetings as well as an invitation to attend upcoming public school board meetings.

The board, comprised of five members elected to 3-year terms, governs the school district within parameters set by state and federal laws. The many efforts undertaken by the board include creating and overseeing the district’s budget, passing a levy, approving employee hires, and generally setting a future course for the district.

Regular School Board Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Stormonth Elementary School (7301 North Longacre, Fox Point) unless otherwise noted. They are open to the public except for closed sessions as allowed by state statutes. Updated agendas are posted on the district’s website.

The first Monday of each month the board meets as a committee of the whole. Committee meetings will be used for information gathering, discussion, and related purposes, and are held in the District Office Conference Room. Meeting dates change throughout the year and are posted on the district’s website.

Finally, from time to time, the board may call a special meeting. Special meetings will generally involve a special

topic that needs attention in a timely manner.

All agendas and minutes are posted on the district’s website: [http://www.foxbay.k12.wi.us/School Board.cfm](http://www.foxbay.k12.wi.us/School_Board.cfm)

The next regular school board meeting will be held on January 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Agenda topics include an April operational referendum, 2015-16 open enrollment, and Chapter 220 policies and procedures.

### **School Perceptions Survey**

A community survey was conducted in October/November of 2014. The results of the survey can be found on the district website at [www.foxbay.k12.wi.us](http://www.foxbay.k12.wi.us)

### **Update from Stormonth Elementary**

The first part of the school year at Stormonth Elementary has been very busy. We have a few new initiatives that are being implemented.

The first is PBIS, an acronym for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. PBIS is a school wide systems approach to behavioral expectations for our school community. Not only are we all talking common language for these expectations, we are tracking the data to help in meeting one of our school improvement goals for this year.

Secondly, in all classrooms a readers/writers workshop model is happening. Teachers are using the Lucy Calkins model to support our students in both reading and writing. This too brings to our students common language and common practices as they move from grade level to grade level. Teachers are creating classrooms where students are making goals, choosing independent books, and building their reading and writing stamina.

Lastly, the implementation of a new math curriculum, Math Expressions, is being taught in all classrooms with the exception of K4. Using Math Expressions enhances our students’ abilities to critically problem solve as well as communicate how they solve problems in writing.

### **Update from Bayside Middle School**

Bayside Middle School is having a wonderful and busy winter thus far. Here are some highlights:

- **Community Service Efforts.** Student Council, the World Languages Department, and PALS have led school-wide efforts to support the Toys for Tots collection, funding for the Humane Society, and a food drive for the Council for the Spanish Speaking. In January, our Helping Hands Club will team up with Nicolet High School students for a coat drive to help others in need of proper winter attire.



- **Extra-curricular.** Ski Club is booming with 140 students this year, the boys 7th/8th grade basketball season is underway, the Forensics program has begun, and our Quiz Bowl team had three “Top 15 Finishers” in the combined Illinois/Wisconsin Gladiator Quiz Bowl competition! Two additional fun, ongoing clubs are our fabulous Chess Club and our Computer Programming Club.
- **Diversity and Cultural Awareness.** Five staff members and 21 BMS students from grades 6 to 8 attended the Black Male Youth Summit at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee on December 17th. We joined scores of civic leaders, educators, and over 500 middle and high school students from the greater Milwaukee area in gaining knowledge about leadership, education and career paths, and social justice issues.
- **Performing Arts.** The winter concert series is ongoing, with three student concerts in December and one in January. Our orchestra, band, and choir groups have been delighting our students and parents with music from all continents and cultures. Representatives from 8th grade groups also joined Nicolet High School for a “mega-concert” experience in December.

## Regular Board Meeting

December 15, 2014



Dr. Dalzin presented these Middle School students with Pride Awards for finishing in the top 15 of the recent IL/WI Quiz Bowl.

### Presentations

- Mrs. Orth and the District Technology committee presented various initiatives in instructional technology taking place in the district.
- Dr. Galster presented Bayside goals and initiatives for this school year.

- The Board discussed results from the community survey and the possibility of holding an Operational Referendum to exceed the revenue cap. This was also a discussion item on the January 5, 2015, Committee of the Whole agenda.
- Each administrator gave a brief report about happenings in the building and/or department

### Action Items

- The Board approved the November monthly check register.
- The Board approved increasing staff by .40 FTE for reading intervention for the second half of the school year.
- The Board adopted the 2015-2016 Budget Development Calendar.
- The Board approved the recommendation to change to municipal water at Bayside Middle School.
- The Board approved the retirement of a Stormonth elementary School teacher at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

### Good news stories

Kudos to:

- Bayside Middle School Principal Dr. Don Galster recently had an article published in the Association for Middle Level Education Magazine titled Saving Innovation; What Teachers Need From Principals.
- Bayside Science teacher Jocelyn Loehe was one of fifty teachers in the country to be invited to attend the NASA “Welcome to our Universe” themed event in California.
- District Business Manager Janice DeMeuse was recently awarded an Outstanding Service to WASBO award for her contributions to her profession. She was the former president of the organization.
- Amy Melik, our English Language Learner (ELL) coordinator who we share services with Nicolet High School, was selected to present at the National World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA Conference in October. Her presentation was entitled, “Making Content Accessible Through Co-Teaching.”
- Bayside Middle School teacher Julie Leinhardt was awarded the Radio 95.7 Teacher of the Year Award.

2014-2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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PRINCIPAL STORMONTH ELEMENTARY**UPDATE:** 2012-2014 Smarties Campaign Complete!

A SmartBoard is now in every classroom. In 2014 we gifted over **\$42,000** to the schools for SmartBoards, iPads, Laptops, Courage Retreat and New Curriculum Materials. Our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to this campaign.

What's the next project for 2014-2015?

## Health and Wellness

We turn our efforts to creating innovative learning environments. We will support the schools in constructing classrooms of the future, utilizing space for optimal engagement and inspiring creativity. Research tells us that physical activity positively correlates with academic achievement. There is an increase in cognitive performance, classroom behavior, concentration skills, and improved attitude when children are not sedentary. Enrichment in physical education and emotional guidance will contribute to the overall development of our students. Our goal is to provide a variety of opportunities for students to increase their own health and wellness as we also take a step towards becoming recognized as a Green and Healthy School.  
(see back for details)

Help us reach our goal of raising **\$25,000** this year!

Our Annual Appeal is the Educational Foundation's largest Fundraiser for 2014- 2015. All homes in the district and families with children enrolled in the district will receive this Newsletter highlighting our past accomplishments and goals for the future. We ask for your generosity as we continue to support innovation in the classrooms not funded in the schools' budget. With these resources we can keep our children in a district that "Significantly Exceeds Expectations" as deemed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Mail your donation to: Fox Point Bayside Educational Foundation  
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Visit <http://www.foxbay.k12.wi.us/education-foundation.cfm> for Paypal or to download a donation form



SAVE THE DATE!

## BAND TOGETHER

March 7, 2015

Once again we will join with neighboring districts to host this event.

The Famous University of Wisconsin Madison Marching Band will headline this spectacular family friendly fundraiser held at Nicolet High School



**The Educational Foundation is working to make our schools Green and Healthy.**

[Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin](http://www.greenandhealthyschools.org) supports and encourages schools to create safe learning environments and prepare students to understand, analyze and address the major environmental and sustainability challenges now and in the future through providing resources, recognition and certification. Administered through a partnership between the Department of Natural Resources, the [Department of Public Instruction](http://www.dpi.wisconsin.gov) and the [Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education](http://www.wisconsin.edu), this program provides information, resources and announcements for all school staff, community members and others interested in green and healthy initiatives and activities for Wisconsin schools.

Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin recognizes achievement in nine focus areas:

- community involvement
- energy
- environmental and sustainability education
- environmental health (indoor air quality, chemical management, integrated pest management)
- **health and wellness**
- recycling and waste management
- school site
- transportation
- water

For more information on Green and Healthy schools visit these websites

<http://dnr.wi.gov/education/educatorresources/ghs/>

<http://eeinwisconsin.org>

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