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From the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Community Members:

The new school year is well under way. As we take note of the familiar signs of autumn, I am pleased to share with you an update from the Fox Point–Bayside School District.

In this era of technological advancements and globalization, the one constant in our lives, it seems, is the increasing pace of change. It is in this context that one of the challenges of education is preparing our young people for lives which will seem much different from ours. To be sure, our current students will someday work in careers and industries that have not yet been created.

The question is, then, how do we ensure our students are future ready? In the Fox Point–Bayside School District, we have embraced this challenge and are motivated by it.

It is a safe assumption that the one constant, moving forward, is that a solid academic foundation will continue to be a good basis on which to build new knowledge. Moreover, the ability to employ that knowledge through the application of skills and creative problem solving will be critically important. Finally, we can rightly be assured that the ability to learn and re-learn—hopefully based on a love of inquiry—will continue to be our core work; work that is future-proof.

As a school district community, our efforts to ensure our students are prepared for the next stages in their lives excite us. This work is the basis of the district's ongoing improvement efforts, both inside and outside the classroom.

In this issue of our newsletter, we will provide information about our various efforts, all of which are focused on taking our already great district and becoming even greater. While we have excellent news to share, we must never rest on our accomplishments.

That said, one area outside the classroom we seek to improve is our communications with you. In upcoming weeks, the district will engage in a full and thoughtful review of our communications practices, to include a survey. The survey's results will enable us to engage in planning that will ultimately lead to a broad communications renaissance. We look forward to sharing more in the future.

As I have said many times since becoming Superintendent of the Fox Point–Bayside School District, it is a great school district in large part because of the commitment of parents and other community members. Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment to our schools and our students.

Yours in Education,

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

Important Dates:

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

11/4: BMS Washington D.C. Dodgeball Fundraiser & Bake Sale 3:30-4:30 p.m.

11/8: PSS Picture Retake Day 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

11/9: Early Release 2:30 p.m.

11/10: PTO meeting at Stormonth 9:00 a.m.

11/22: PSS Whole School Concert 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

11/23: Early Release 2:30 p.m.

11/24 & 11/25: No School

12/2: "Bayside's Got Talent" talent show 7:00 p.m. (sponsored by the PTO)

12/8: PTO meeting Bayside 7:00 p.m.

12/9: BMS Band, Choir & Orchestra Concert

12/14: Early Release 2:30 p.m.

12/23-30: No School

BMS = Bayside Middle School
PSS = Peter Stormonth School

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.

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Business Services



It is with gratitude I thank the staff and community for your support during my transition to the Fox Point-Bayside School District. You have been very kind and I feel welcomed. I have spent the last twenty years as the Business Administrator for the Nicolet High School District and there are many service providers in common and/or shared service arrangements between the two districts that have helped smooth the transition. On the other hand, every school district is unique in their approach and processes, and that creates learning opportunities. It's all good! It broadens one's perspective and allows for reflection on ensuring best business practices for both school districts. In the district office, Carrie Strassburg, Laurie Rosenow, and Kathleen Wiesner have been more than patient and understanding with the transition. Our community is extremely fortunate to have them with their knowledge and skills working for us every day.

Dr. Jeff Dellutri

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services



Teaching, Learning and Special Programs Update: And, We're Off!

In July, we had many staff members participate in different professional learning opportunities. There were ten staff members who participated in Integrated Comprehensive Systems for Equity (ICS) training where Drs. Elise Frattura and Colleen Capper discussed how to eliminate inequalities for all students through a systems approach and provided research based explanations of practices to eliminate inequalities. This work will continue by engaging in professional development activities at staff meetings and working with the Closing the Achievement Gap Consortium. In addition, we will have the opportunity to send another cohort of staff members to this same professional learning opportunity next summer, while also extending the learning of our first cohort of teachers.

One week prior to our teachers coming back for our August Professional Learning days, we had twenty staff members attend the national Professional Learning Communities at Work conference in Milwaukee. Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) are an *"ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve."* So, what does this really mean? Our staff are committed to ascertaining all students are learning. They are focusing their collaborative team time on discussing what we want students to learn, how will we know they have learned it, how will we respond when a student experiences difficulty, and how will we respond when a student already knows it? Our teams are using that time to look more strategically at student assessment data in order to better meet the learning needs of our students. We are looking forward to sending another group of staff members to this same training next summer!

September has come and gone and we are in full swing! Our teachers are busy implementing new science units in both the elementary school and the middle school. Inquiry based instruction has brought our instruction to a higher level of cognitive rigor. You might hear your student talk about the process of science and even the Socratic dialogue!

This year, our curriculum review process is focusing on Social Studies. There is an elementary team and a middle school team of teachers conducting a gap analysis between our current resources and instruction versus what the standards require. From there, our

teams will be looking at new resources and best practices for learning. We are engaging in this review process with Nicolet High School District, Maple Dale-Indian Hill School District, and Glendale-River Hills School District. We'd like community input. If you are interested in volunteering to participate on our Social Studies Advisory Committee, please visit the website for information.

Jennifer Ganske



Director of Teaching, Learning and Special Programs

Update for Stormonth Elementary

We have had a wonderful start to our school year. I want to thank the staff, students and parents for helping to make that happen. It has already been very busy at Stormonth. Read on for some of the highlights from the new school year.

We have some **new staff** that has joined our school community. Those staff members are:

- Mrs. Sara French – School Counselor
- Ms. Nicole Goldapske – 4th Grade Teacher
- Ms. Molly Peterson – Special Education Teacher
- Mr. Booker Gutter – Health Room Assistant
- Ms. Isabelle Stratte – K5 Assistant
- Mrs. Mandy Schreiber – Reading Assistant

We would like to thank the **PTO** for:

- Organizing parents to ride the school buses the first week of school
- Providing treats for the Welcome Dinner and for Meet and Greet



Back to school at Stormonth.

- Providing lunch for district staff the first week back to school
- Organizing two mingler opportunities for parents to meet each other as well as meet the two principals



Thank you, Fox Point Police Department!

We would like to thank the Fox Point Police Department, the Fox Point DPW, and Riteway Bus Company for helping to ensure

our **reunification drill** was safe and successful. I would also like to thank a group of parent volunteers for helping to assemble **Classroom Care kits**. These medical kits are hung in every classroom. The staff has been trained in using the various medical supplies. I also want to thank the Orthopedic Hospital in Glendale for donating many of the supplies.

We had a very well attended **Parent Information Night** in which all grade levels and specialists were able to share what will be happening throughout the year with parents. Thank you to all parent volunteers who have given your time to help in the classrooms, lunchroom, and recess. If you are planning to **volunteer** please be sure to submit the required paperwork to the district office in advance so that it can be cleared in a timely fashion.

Finally, I want to thank Mrs. Murn and Ms. Otto for helping to organize an assembly to thank our local police officers for all they do for our school community. I also want to thank Cub Scout Pack 391 for presenting the flag and the students who spoke from the heart with words of encouragement and thanks.

Karen Grimm-Nilsen
Stormonth Principal



Volunteers assemble Classroom Care Kits.

Update for Bayside Middle School



We have had a great start to the year at Bayside Middle School with many exciting events! On the second day of school, Bayside teachers and students celebrated our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) kickoff with the Milwaukee Flyers. The Flyers are a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide a positive outlet for youth. Their message was filled with inspiration and wonder as we watched their hard work and commitment to training come to life through their amazing tumbling routines. Our gym was bursting with excitement as we celebrated our new school-wide behavioral program.



Milwaukee Flyers visit BMS.

We would like to welcome our new staff members here at Bayside, who will surely continue the tradition of high quality instruction and engagement at BMS. They include: Jason Thurow (Math), Zak Heimerl (English), Chad Lehman (Library Media Specialist), Susan West (School Counselor), Lizzie Fons (French), Brandon Blahnik (Social Studies), Mark Baitinger (Math Interventionist), and Jill Miller (Administrative Assistant, Special Ed.).

New this year, Bayside Middle School has created a Twitter account; so please follow us @BaysideFPBS. I, along with Mr. Lehman (LMS), will be tweeting events, celebrations, and



5th grade at Doctors Park.

everyday happenings to this page. I have also created a hashtag (#FPBSpride) for Bayside if you want to see what teachers and staff are saying about our school.

Bayside students have experienced some great trips this month. We started with the 5th grade walk to Doctors Park, raising \$600 for the Hunger Task Force! The 8th graders enjoyed a trip to Harrington Beach for Team Building and the 6th grade went to the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming soon and in an attempt to make it easier for parents and guardians to schedule their conference, we are piloting the use of the online program called Signup.com. Within minutes of our release, we had two dozen parents/guardians signing up for the conference time of their choice! We hope this will continue as we prepare for our first conference date of October 20.

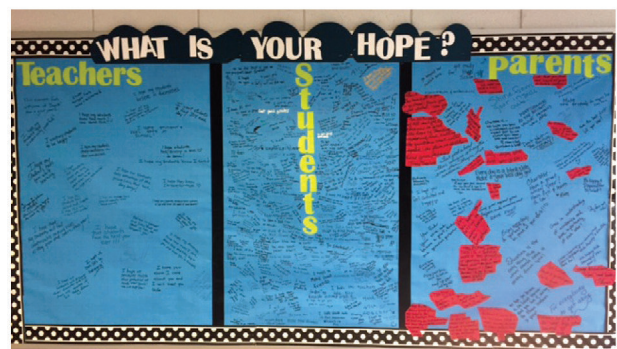


They both guessed 480 pieces!

Many of you remember my plea for parents to sign our "Hope Board" at BMS during Parent Information Night. I am happy to inform everyone it is now finished. If you are in the building, please stop and read some of the hopes and dreams of our students, staff and parents that are written on the board. This activity really illustrates the connections we have when thinking of our common goal; helping all students feel successful, productive, challenged and well-prepared for tomorrow.

We all HOPE that students feel free and safe to learn, grow, and dream!

*Jodi Hackl
Bayside Principal*



What is Your Hope?



PTO Update

As we begin to settle into fall, our 2016-17 school year is off to a great start! I would like to begin by extending a big THANK YOU to all of the families and school staff who participated in our PTO Membership Drive; we have approximately 390 PTO members! Just by being a member of the PTO, you show your commitment to the school and the community.

THANK YOU to our parent volunteers who have already contributed time and energy in the planning stages of many past and upcoming events such as: Stormonth & Bayside Staff luncheon hosted by the PTO, Bus Rider Program, Spirit Wear & Club's Choice campaigns, PTO Minglers, Fall Book Fair, Picture Day and Bayside Talent Show. We have a NEW Concessions Committee who you will see at different sport & social events, not only from our school district, but from our Nicolet Recreational Department too! We really appreciate all the time and effort put into planning the details for these successful events.

As parents and teachers, we continue to set a good example for our kids of the importance of volunteering. As you may know, one of our biggest fundraiser events, Monster Bash, is coming up on Oct. 21 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Stormonth. For the first time, an awesome and enthusiastic group of 8th graders from Bayside Middle School will be helping us as volunteers!

Our PTO has a logo! A very talented parent, PTO volunteer and graphic designer, came up with the creative design that reflects the bond between students, teachers and families of our School Community. Our PTO by-laws were updated after a big collective effort, and they will be approved at our October meeting.

Our Paypal link is also up and running! We welcome any and all contributions to support PTO efforts this year. If you are considering making a direct donation, you can do so using our new Paypal account: paypal.me/foxpointbaysidepto. Since the Fox Point-Bayside PTO is a 501c3 non-profit, all donations are tax-deductible. In addition, we are eligible for matching gift programs. If you are able to donate, please check with your employer to see if they offer this incentive. Many thanks for your support!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming PTO events: Our first BAN (Bayside Activity Night) is scheduled for Friday, October 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for all 5th and 6th graders; look for our table of donuts and coffee at the Fox Point Farmer's Market on Saturday, October 15. Finally, our next Restaurant Night will be October 18 at Qdoba. It's another night off from cooking dinner while supporting our PTO!

Even if you haven't been involved in the past, it's never too late to start. We hope you consider volunteering. Please join us at our school events and/or PTO meetings whenever possible. A few hours a month during the year can really make a difference — last year, we generated over \$53,000 for our schools!

If you are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 414-540-9590 or laura.pierri@gmail.com. Once again, welcome back to another great school year. We hope you enjoy this beautiful time of the year, when nature is aglow!

Laura Pierri
Fox Point-Bayside PTO President



PTO members.

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you want to know how you can help at the Fox Point-Bayside School District? Please see below for a list of Committee and Volunteer Opportunities.

District Volunteer Opportunities:

Social Studies Curriculum Review Advisory Committee

The Fox Point-Bayside, Glendale-River Hills, Maple Dale-Indian Hill, and Nicolet Union School Districts are collaborating to review each district's social studies curriculum. We are seeking volunteers to serve as representatives on the Social Studies Curriculum Review Advisory Committee. Please see the district website's front page for more information: www.foxbay.k12.wi.us

Multicultural Advisory Team

The Fox Point-Bayside 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.

Please contact Jodi Hackl or Heather Ristau through Bayside Middle School for more information, 414-247-4201.

Other District Volunteer Opportunities:

The Fox Point-Bayside Education Foundation @ ZiaMaskara@gmail.com

The Fox Point-Bayside Parent Teacher Organization @ laura.pierri@gmail.com

Bayside Middle School Volunteer Opportunities:

Green and Healthy Schools Committee

Bayside Middle School has a Green and Healthy School Committee which is always looking for volunteers. Contact the Bayside Middle School Office for more information.

Other Bayside Volunteer Opportunities:

Art Room Volunteer

Library Volunteer

Lunch Room Volunteer

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

Stormonth Elementary School Volunteer Opportunities:

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. Please contact Principal Grimm-Nilsen for more information at 414-247-4100.

Other Stormonth Volunteer Opportunities:

Lunch Room Volunteer

Playground Volunteer

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

**All volunteers must pass a criminal background check prior to volunteering.
Please apply at Bayside, Stormonth or the District Office.**

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UPDATE: Our 2015-2016 Health and Wellness initiative was very well received by our students and our teachers. With your generosity were able to provide the Stormonth Elementary School classrooms with age specific innovative adaptable learning environments in every grade level, instilling optimal engagement and inspiring creativity. The Educational Foundation was also able to transform the multi-use data/health/careers classroom at Bayside Middle School into a creative learning environment.

We're excited to report that we raised over \$30,000 during our Rolling On the River casino night fundraiser and 10,000 during our Annual Appeal!

Q & A with our president Zia Maskara:

Q. Does the Fox Point-Bayside Educational Foundation do the same thing as the PTO?

A. We're different as our organization is a Foundation which works towards raising money for capital improvements and innovations for the class rooms for Stormonth and Bayside Schools.

Q. What opportunities are there for me to contribute?

A. We have an Annual Appeal Letter highlighting our latest initiative in the fall and the Rolling On The River, a casino night fundraiser, each spring.

Q. How do you decide how to spend the money?

A. The allocation of our funds is based on the needs of the district per the recommendations of the principals, staff, and the superintendent.

Do you have your own questions? Ask Zia at ZiaMaskara@gmail.com

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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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