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JUNE 12
Last Day of School

JUNE 26
School Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. at District Office

JULY 21
School Board Annual Meeting
6:00 p.m. at District Office

AUGUST 18
School Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. at District Office

SEPTEMBER 2
First Day of School

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FOX POINT-BAYSIDE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
SPRING 2025



LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Fox Point-Bayside Families:

As we wind down another fantastic school year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to our families and look ahead to the future of our school district. It was wonderful to see many of you at Stormonth's 90th birthday celebration, where we honored nine decades of academic excellence, celebrated our facility renovations and looked forward to the exciting years ahead. See photos from this fantastic event on page 4 of this newsletter. I look forward to many more opportunities for our community to come together in celebration of our students and schools.

One recent example of student achievement worth celebrating comes from the Contrapt Wisconsin competition at MSOE, where Bayside students showcased their creativity and problem-solving skills. Competing in teams, they designed and built Rube Goldberg-style machines with the goal of feeding a pet using a series of simple machines and chain reactions. Their innovative designs impressed the judges, with one of the Bayside teams earning a "Most Creative Use of Materials" award and finishing fifth overall. See a photo of the students in action on the back page of this newsletter.

On behalf of the board, I want to thank our staff, families, and community members for your engagement and support throughout the superintendent search process. Your voices and insights have helped inform a shared vision for the future, aligning us on the leadership qualities and priorities that matter most to our community. We are thrilled to announce Mr. Michael Weaver as our next superintendent! Read more about him on page 2.

The future is bright for the Fox Point-Bayside School District, and I can't wait to see our students in action in the years ahead.

Dr. David E. Melbye,
School Board President

INTRODUCING

MR. WEAVER

WELCOME, MR. MICHAEL WEAVER, THE NEXT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FOX POINT-BAYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT!



After a thorough nationwide search that began in January 2025, followed by community surveys and focus groups that informed the creation of a candidate profile, and community and staff listening sessions with finalists, the board is delighted to welcome Mr. Michael Weaver as our next superintendent.

Mr. Weaver joins us from the Maple Dale-Indian Hill School District, where he served as assistant superintendent for the past five years and previously as director of business services. His leadership experience also includes roles in West Allis-West Milwaukee School District and Milwaukee Public Schools. Mr. Weaver holds a Masters of Science in educational leadership and is wrapping up his doctorate in educational leadership at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Thanks to your support, the board is confident that we have found a candidate who reflects the priorities and vision of our school community, and we are excited to give Mr. Weaver a warm welcome to our community.

Mr. Weaver has begun visiting our campuses as he prepares to officially start his role in July. We look forward to hosting opportunities for our community to meet him ahead of the new school year and will share more information in the coming weeks.

THANK YOU, DR. DELLUTRI!



From the COVID-19 pandemic to building the Framework for Our Future and celebrating our new and remodeled buildings, **Dr. Dellutri's efforts have strengthened our district and contributed to long-lasting impacts on student learning.** Thank you, Dr. Dellutri, for your hard work, perseverance and dedication to our district. We hope you cherish the memories of your tenure with Fox Point-Bayside – we certainly will. Congratulations on your well-earned retirement!



NATIONAL HISTORY DAY TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Mr. Blahnik, seventh and eighth grade social studies teacher at Bayside, has been nominated for the 2025 National History Day Teacher of the Year Award for his commitment to engaging students in historical learning and active participation in the National History Day Contest.

Mr. Blahnik has consistently inspired our students with his passion for history and dedication to fostering critical thinking skills. This nomination is a testament to his hard work and the positive impact he's had on our students' educational journeys!

STRENGTHENING LITERACY, BUILDING FUTURES



Every day in our classrooms, students are becoming stronger readers and writers.

Literacy is a complex and dynamic process. It begins long before children pick up their first book and continues to evolve as they grow. **Guided by the Framework for Our Future to continuously engage academic curiosity across grade levels, our teachers use proven, research-based methods to help all students learn to read and understand what they're reading.** Here's what that looks like across our schools from kindergarten through eighth grade:

STARTING WITH SOUNDS



In our younger grades, students build **phonological awareness** by playing with the sounds in words. They clap out syllables, recognize rhymes and come up with silly phrases using the same sounds. This early work with sounds is fun, but it's also very important, as it lays the foundation for reading.

As they grow, students practice **phonemic awareness** – breaking words into individual sounds and blending sounds to make words. This helps them learn to sound out and spell new words.

LEARNING TO READ AND SPELL

Next comes **phonics**! Using structured and sequenced phonics programs, students learn how letters and sounds work together, which lays the groundwork for learning to read. Students learn how to read words by sounding them out and recognizing patterns. They also practice **encoding**, which means spelling words by writing down the sounds they hear. These skills grow their confidence and reading ability.



PRACTICING FLUENCY

Finally, we help students build **fluency.** As students become more automatic in their reading, they can focus on the ability to read smoothly, accurately and with expression. Fluency bridges decoding and comprehension; it allows students to focus on understanding the meaning of what they read, rather than getting stuck on each word.

TALKING, LISTENING AND BUILDING VOCABULARY



Our teachers build **oral language** through conversation, storytelling and discussion, fostering students' ability to express their thoughts clearly and confidently. By intentionally growing students' **vocabulary and morphological knowledge**, they are prepared to understand word parts like prefixes, suffixes and root words, which help them tackle unfamiliar words and expand their comprehension.

Lessons are embedded in science, social studies, literature and current events to build **background knowledge** and connect learning to real-world experiences. This helps students make sense of what they read.

READING FOR MEANING AND WRITING WITH PURPOSE

Reading is more than sounding out words; it's about understanding and thinking critically about what we read. Throughout the school day, students work independently, in small groups, and with partners to discuss texts and to learn to support their ideas with evidence. Writing instruction is woven into every subject. Students write narrative stories, opinion pieces, research projects and journal responses, learning how to organize their thoughts, use strong vocabulary, and communicate clearly.



We are committed to supporting students in building a strong foundation in reading and writing so they can grow into confident, curious, and capable lifelong learners. Thank you for supporting our schools as we nurture the next generation of readers, thinkers and leaders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, STORMONTH!

STORMONTH ELEMENTARY THREW A BIRTHDAY PARTY!



In celebration of 90 years of engaging academic curiosity – and in anticipation of the many more years to come with its new facility upgrades – Stormonth Elementary hosted a festive birthday celebration with students, families, and community members. The school's hallways were filled with energy from community members, especially from multi-generational alumni who returned to their alma mater to celebrate.

"Tonight is more than just a celebration of these renovations," shared Stormonth Elementary Principal Andrew Joseph during his program remarks. "It's a celebration of our community's legacy of providing a transformative education for our children for the past 90 years, and the community support to ensure we are equipped to lead our students to follow their academic curiosity for many generations to come."

Guests enjoyed a self-guided tour of the newly upgraded facilities and saw how much Stormonth has evolved since its founding in 1935. While families explored and learned, students participated in fun activities and enjoyed sweet treats, just as any great birthday party should have.









90 TREES FOR 90 YEARS OF STORMONTH ELEMENTARY

In celebration of Stormonth Elementary's 90th anniversary, Principal Andrew Joseph announced that 90 trees will be planted on campus to further beautify the grounds and enhance outdoor educational opportunities for students.

This project is made possible through the generous support and expertise of Fox Point-Bayside School District neighbors, Marlee and Matthew Franey. Additional details on the tree-planting process will be shared later this year.



Preliminary map of where trees will be planted.

THE HISTORY OF
Stormonth Elementary

Stormonth Elementary School has a rich history dating back to 1935. From new buildings and name changes to remodels, our success today stems from our school's early establishment.



1935

The Fox Point School opened its doors at 7301 Longacre Road on February 26, 1935, serving 100 students.

FUN FACT: The original Fox Point-School cost $80,000 to construct. With four subsequent additions, the total investment comes to $971,300, equivalent to $22 million today.

The Fox Point School was officially renamed the Peter Stormonth School to honor 29 years of service by the school's first teacher and principal.

FUN FACT: Peter Stormonth was a teacher and superintendent at the school until he retired in 1964.



1964



1977

Stormonth School temporarily closed as learning shifted to Dunwood and Bayside Schools. The school became a hub for community engagement, housing adult enrichment programs, art classes, college courses, and even the Fox Point-Bayside Library.

Stormonth School was added to Milwaukee County's directory of historic places.

1980



1992

Following a $4.5 million renovation, the district reorganized, converting Stormonth into a K4 through fourth-grade school while Bayside School taught fifth through eighth grade.

The children of Peter and Margaret Stormonth attended the reopening of Stormonth after the 1992 renovation.

A $58.5 million capital referendum was approved by community voters to build a new Bayside Middle School and make significant renovations to Stormonth Elementary School.

2022



2025

Renovations at Stormonth Elementary School are completed. Stormonth now serves approximately 500 students in K4 through fourth grade.



STORMONTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Andrew Joseph, Principal, Stormonth Elementary School

This spring, our learning is in full bloom. We are excited to share the many wonderful ways our students are growing and showcasing their skills, interests and talents. Much like the arrival of spring and the blooming of flowers, we're seeing their unique abilities blossom. This is a time to appreciate the individual progress and diverse strengths each student brings to our school community as they explore their potential.



Spring Musical

In March, **our third and fourth grade students took to the stage to present the musical, "Newsies Jr."** We had a record number of students participate. We are grateful to our music teacher Shaina O'Sullivan and all our staff directors and parent volunteers.



Snuggle Up to a Good Book

We welcomed learners and families to the library for our Books and Blankets series. Kids brought a stuffed animal and a loved one to start their day reading a good book in the library.



Author Visit

Our students were in for a special treat as "Daphne Draws Data" helped them develop their own data drawing superpowers! **Author and data enthusiast Cole Nussbaumer Knaflic visited to read her book and guide both students and teachers through an interactive graphing activity using data from a student conducted survey.** This engaging event inspired the students to continue exploring graphing by using data that was meaningful to them, fostering lifelong problem-solving skills! Many checked out the graphing activities and videos beforehand to get a sneak peek of the data drawing adventure.





100 Days of Learning

We celebrated all things 100 through counting, celebrating and imagining what life as centenarians could be like.

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BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Jodi Hackl, Principal, Bayside Middle School

The spring season brought exciting opportunities for Bayside students, including participation in various groups and clubs such as STEAM, co-ed tennis, co-ed track and field, and girls softball. We are especially proud of our choir and orchestra students who competed in the WSMA Solo and Ensemble competition with some entries qualifying for the state competition. We enjoyed Bayside's performing arts group's presentation of "Mary Poppins," as well as the spring band, choir and orchestra concerts – each showcasing incredible student talent! It's still exciting to experience these events for the first time in our brand new venue, enjoying the use of our new stage and gymnasium! Some highlights from these wonderful programs are featured below:

Stormonth Performing Arts Informance

Bayside's Jazz Band, seventh and eighth grade choir, and sixth, seventh and eighth grade orchestra went over to Stormonth for an informance performance. This visit is to inform the elementary students of the opportunity to be involved in the performing arts at Bayside Middle School. Pictured below: Ms. Lauren Harvath plays with her orchestra students and Mr. Ken Fabis plays his saxophone with his jazz band students while their Stormonth audience listens.

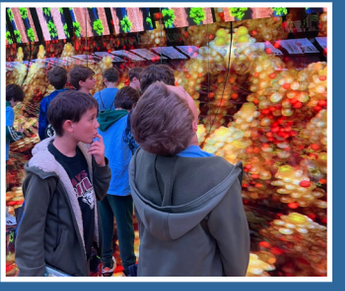




STEAM Club Field Trip

On April 15, STEAM Club took a group to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, where they explored, participated in a Moving with Newton learning lab and experienced other impactful exhibits, such as The Blue Paradox. This trip would not have been possible without the FPBS Education Foundation's support and funding!









Girls Softball

The girls softball team has eased into their season and the athletes are working hard at practice and showing much improvement over last year. The team is made up of sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls representing Bayside Middle School.

Tennis Team

The seventh/eighth grade co-ed tennis team began their spring season under the coaching of Mrs. Sami Holdren. The team consists of players from all different skill backgrounds. Each player gets a chance to practice, learn new skills, play against other schools and have fun! This season, we had matches all over southeastern Wisconsin.





Track Team

This spring season, our co-ed track team is made up of 38 seventh and eighth graders. The team practices two to three times a week and will participate in up to five meets this season. GO BULLS!

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BAYSIDE RECOGNIZED FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

BAYSIDE RECEIVES 2024 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION AWARD

This national honor celebrates schools and districts for their outstanding support of music education and their commitment to ensuring that every student has access to high-quality music learning as part of a well-rounded education.

For more than 25 years, the BCME program has put a spotlight on more than 1,000 schools and districts across the country that demonstrate a deep dedication to music education. Bayside Middle School's selection for this award **reflects the hard work of its talented music educators, the enthusiasm of its student musicians, and the unwavering support from families and the community.**

"This recognition is a **testament to the power of music in our schools and the impact it has on students' academic, social and emotional growth,**" said Laura Dahm, Director of Teaching and Learning. "We are honored to be part of a community that values the arts and continues to champion music education for all learners."

Congratulations to Bayside Middle School for this well-deserved honor, and **thank you to everyone who makes music a vital part of our students' educational experience!**









WSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival

Our **choir students** earned a top score in a vocal event for their collaborative performance with the Nicolet High School choir. More than 30 students sang together in this powerful joint piece! Our **orchestra students** had an outstanding showing, with several performers earning a very high score of one. Additionally, three orchestra performances received the highest possible score – a one-star – qualifying them for the state level! We are so proud of all who participated. Their hard work and dedication continue to inspire us.

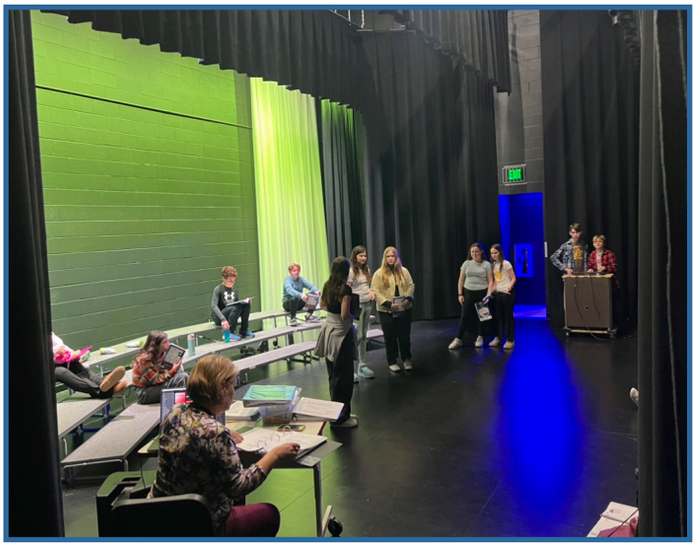


NEW SPACES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

THE FULL CAPABILITIES OF TEACHING IN SUCH A THOUGHTFULLY DESIGNED SPACE CONTINUE TO IMPRESS AND INSPIRE.

Set design, indoor pickleball, multiple break out practice rooms – the new Bayside Middle School music and athletic wing provide ample space for all of this and much more. This spring's events, including everything from spring performing arts concerts, a musical, eighth grade promotion, end-of-year ceremonies and class meetings highlight the wonderful achievements and diverse opportunities available to our students.





The stage and set design class, a new elective offered this year, maximizes use of the new stage and accompanying work area. Topics in this trimester course range from set design and construction to learning how to set the mood for various scenes by varying colors using the new lighting system. All of this work was showcased in the spring musical.





The majority of our students participate in one of the performing arts, which include band, choir and orchestra. Our new spaces allow for students to practice in large and small groups, and even conduct their classmates. Our new gym provides ample space for PE classess, performances and assemblies.

FOX POINT-BAYSIDE
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING FUN

Spring has been buzzing with energy and community spirit thanks to a full calendar of PTO events. A core part of the PTO's mission is to fund programs that enrich learning across our schools. This year, your support helped us fund **field trips, book events, student support services, classroom innovation grants and Artist in Residence programs.** We were proud to host **Mister G**, who brought multicultural stories and music to Stormonth, and **FuzzPop Workshop**, who provided workshops for Bayside students on creative cardboard construction that will be used for an outdoor adventure challenge day in May.

One of the season's highlights was our **Family Appreciation Night at the Milwaukee Bucks game**, where lucky students got the unforgettable chance to high-five players or watch warmups courtside. Additionally, our **Teacher Appreciation Week** ran from May 5–9, and was packed with surprises thanks to the efforts of a dedicated committee. We hope our teachers felt just how much our parent community values their dedication and daily efforts.

Thank you to everyone who contributed by writing notes, donating or participating in activities – every kind gesture makes a difference.

We closed out the 2024-25 school year with **Stormonth Kids Night Outs** and **Bayside Activity Nights, Kindness Counts Fundraiser, Safety Week, the Stormonth End-of-School Party and our annual Cupcake Fun Run on May 31!**

To stay up to date on all things PTO, visit us at **www.fpbspto.membershiptoolkit.com**

To all of our volunteers – you are the heartbeat of this community. We truly couldn't do any of it without you. As we look to the future, we'd love to hear from you! Whether you're ready to dive in or simply want to share your thoughts, your voice matters. Reach out anytime at **foxpoint.bayside.pto.team@gmail.com**

Warmly,
Kaitlin Torres
2024-25 Fox Point-Bayside PTO President





FOUNDATION UPDATE

Fox Point-Bayside District Newsletter
Spring 2025

We're thrilled to announce that **the 2025 Light Up the Future fundraising event exceeded all expectations thanks to our community's incredible support!** More than 160 parents and supporters gathered on Friday, March 7, for a fun evening at the beautiful Schlitz Audubon Nature Center to raise funds for this year's district initiatives.

Guests enjoyed delicious small bites from All Occasions Catering, stunning florals donated by Sendik's Home, lively casino gaming by Classic Casino for raffle prizes, and a silent auction filled with one-of-a-kind items and experiences donated from local businesses. A special highlight of the evening was a sneak peek performance by the cast of "Newsies Jr." from Stormonth Elementary, which brought to life one of this year's featured initiatives: the Stormonth Sound & Lights Project, bringing much-needed upgrades to the sound and lighting system in the Stormonth gymnasium.

Thanks to the generous contributions from families, local businesses, and community members, **the event raised just under $60,000**, allowing the **Foundation to donate an incredible $75,000 to the district to support the Stormonth Sound & Lights Project!**

This year's funds also supported:

- Expansion of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's Arts in Community Education (ACE) Program to include K5 and first grade
- Continued growth of STEAM programming through dynamic field trips and cutting-edge technology
- Updated art equipment to support Bayside Middle School's growing arts curriculum
- Ongoing funding for Youth Frontiers' Courage Retreat for seventh graders
- And more!

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our community, the support of our sponsors, and the incredible volunteers from Nicolet High School who helped make this event a success. Together, we're creating brighter futures for our students. Thank you for lighting up the future with us!



Annual Fundraiser Planning committee posing with one of the biggest auction items.

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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

FOX POINT-BAYSIDE!



Fourth graders learn how to play recorders.



Seventh grade students earned the "Most Creative Use of Materials" award at the Contrapt Wisconsin competiton.



Bayside teams earned three of the top awards at the MSOE Fluid Power Challenge Competition!



Students watching Devin the Juggle Master at Stormonth's Birthday Party.