

# FOX POINT - BAYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

*A Valuable Education. An Education with Values.*

2016-2017 WINTER EDITION

## SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

*Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*



### FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Hello Fox Point - Bayside Community!

I am pleased to share with you the results from statewide testing that was done last school year. Students in the Fox Point - Bayside School District continue to shine!

Wisconsin has continued to modify the statewide tests that are used to measure how well our students are progressing, and the current "Forward Exam," which was administered for the first time in the spring of 2016, marked the third different test for our students in the past three years. Regardless of the measure, the results from Fox Point - Bayside are very positive.

Based on the results of the Forward Exam, our district is again one that "Significantly Exceeds Expectations." Our district has achieved this highest level of distinction all three times Wisconsin has issued School Report Cards.

The report card grade is based on student achievement, student growth, closing achievement gaps in both Math and English Language Arts, and attendance rates.

Everyone in the district should take pride in these results:

- **Students** should feel rewarded that the hard work of going to school, learning at school, and continuing to learn at home is making a difference, not only for themselves, but for the school community.
- **Parents** should know that their investment in their children ---- including making sure they get to school, well-rested and well-fed, supporting what happens in the classroom, and establishing nightly rituals of reading to



their children --- is having a positive impact.

- **Teachers** should feel proud their hours spent both inside and outside the classroom, their collaborating with other teachers, their flexibility in differentiating instruction, and their attention to each child's learning through Response to Intervention monitoring is all making a difference.
- **Administrators and other school employees** should feel proud they are contributing to a positive school atmosphere where every student is physically and emotionally safe.
- **Community members** should see this as another positive sign that their investment in top-quality educators and educational resources is paying dividends.

Having said that, we know there is much work still to be done. We will not be finished until every student is learning at least "on grade level," and many students excel well beyond that. We will not be finished until we have examined and refined our teaching techniques and our underlying belief systems so that all of the achievement gaps are eliminated. We will not be finished until every student is both comfortable with using current technology and

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has grown so they are not overly reliant on it.

We will continue to need the community's support as we move forward. Many fiscal challenges lie ahead as we work with buildings that are aging, expenses that continue to increase, and state budgets that seem to routinely ask for us to do more while providing less resources.

But, there will be time enough to deal with those challenges in the weeks and months ahead. For now, it is time to celebrate!

Well done, Fox Point - Bayside Community!

Mike Weidner  
Fox Point - Bayside School Board President





HERE'S THE LATEST  
EDITION OF THE BAYSIDE  
NEWS.

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/  
BACJCX9AQO8](https://youtu.be/BACJCX9AQO8)



## UPDATE FOR BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are halfway through what has been a very exciting school year so far! Our Positive Behavioral Intervention Support (PBIS) system is moving along nicely, and we have had some great lessons in Advisory on how to respond and act responsibly while in the classroom, hallway, cafeteria and bathroom. What we have found after looking at the data: Our students make mistakes and, for the most part, learn from the redirection and mini-lessons we provide during that advisor time on Mondays. We are looking forward to moving into our second year of PBIS as it allows us to look more closely at students that may not correct their behavior from a simple redirection and need additional supports put in place.



Bayside Middle School is rolling out a new opportunity for students to create, collaborate, think critically, and communicate through doing! It's called Makerspace, and this district initiative is taking the middle school by storm. Students are choosing to spend time during recess and study halls making and creating in this space by using low and high tech tools. Teachers are bringing classes down to the LMC to connect the curriculum to the idea of creation. Funded largely by the FPBS

Educational Foundation, this space and most of the tools within it are creating an opportunity for students to discover and explore computer programming, engineering concepts while building, and even making music. Please log onto our Twitter page @Baysidefpbs and this website <https://sites.google.com/a/foxbay.org/makerspace/> for additional information and pictures of all the exciting activities happening in our LMC Makerspace.

Bayside News is the latest way we are spreading the word on the great experiences students and teachers are having here at



BMS! Watching our newscast, you will find out about weekly sporting highlights, school sponsored clubs and activities, learn about the "Featured Teacher of the Week," book reviews, and even the weather

forecast! You can get the link for the Bayside News on the front page of the Bayside Middle School [website](#) every Monday morning. Thank you to Mr. Lehman and Mr. Heimerl's Journalism class for a job well done in front of the green screen! This has been a great opportunity to highlight yet another simulation experience for our students who may just want to be journalists some day!



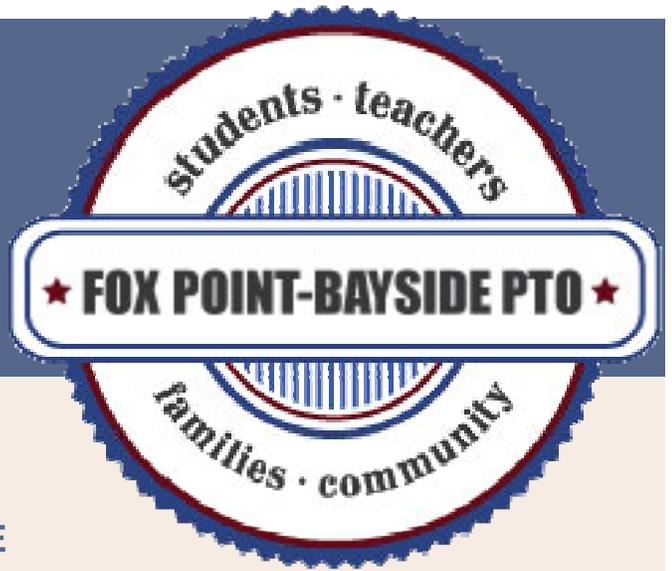
Jr. Knights Day is coming up for our 8th grade students choosing to attend Nicolet High School next year! This will be a snapshot of what next year will bring as well as time for students

to show their levels of mastery in Reading and Math on the STAR test. These scores, in addition to teacher recommendations, will be used to determine classes for their freshman year at NHS. The NHS Parents 101 series is also coming up starting on January 25th and continuing on February 22nd, March 16th and April 5th. These sessions are full of ways to transition your student successfully and have your questions answered by the staff at Nicolet.

*Jodi Hackl  
Bayside Principal*



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## PTO UPDATE



### BAYSIDE ACTIVITY NIGHT: INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE, GAGA BALL PIT, & MORE OF THE INFLATABLE GAGA BALL PIT



As we enter into the new year, we do so with joy and expectation about all that lies ahead. We have so many great activities planned. A few things you can look forward to include perennial favorites such as:

- Winter Fun
- Kids Night Out
- Bayside Activity Nights
- The Spring Book Fair
- The 2017 Cupcake Run (Mark your calendars for June 3rd!)

There are also the many monthly events and activities that are always happening at our schools!

Our community is fortunate to have such great schools, and I am proud to be a part of an amazing organization that makes so much happen at Stormonth Elementary & Bayside Middle School (BMS). All of this is done by the incredible and committed group of parents, teachers and administrators in our School District.

Throughout the first four months of the school year, various fundraiser events and campaigns hosted by the PTO raised more than \$31,000 for our schools. All money raised goes to support programs that provide the best educational experience for all children in our school community, such as field trips, Artists-in-Residence, literacy and technology programs, among others. We feel very proud to also support the Courage (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) & Kindness (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) Retreats, which focus on creating a more positive school community.

Our PTO also funds school improvements. This past fall, we supported security upgrades to Stormonth including a fence in the southeast of the school grounds and

new security cameras on the playground to ensure the safety of all students. Your contributions mean a lot to our schools!

We kicked-off PTO Fund Allocation Committees at both of our schools. These committees will act in an advisory role and will help determine how the PTO fund is to be allocated. The committees are comprised of the school's principal, a teacher representative, a PTO Board member and parents who have kids in the school they represent.

We are happy to inform you that, through collective efforts, the first projects were approved. PTO provided funds to upgrade the auditorium sound and light systems for our schools. This equipment will

be shared between our schools. Other BMS-approved projects include: a set of African drums for our Music Department; dodge balls for PE; and the most exciting of them -- 10 sets of Google Expedition Kits for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. This will facilitate the exploration of over 200 virtual reality fieldtrips without leaving the classroom, supporting not

only Social Studies, but Science & Music, too!

Thank you to all of you who support what we do as an organization!

Best wishes for health and happiness in 2017!

Laura Pierri  
 Fox Point – Bayside PTO President

- Winter Fun*
- Kids Night Out*
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*(Mark your calendars for June 3rd!)*

# GO PACK GO!



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## UPDATE FOR STORMONTH ELEMENTARY



Highlights from Stormonth for December and January:

- Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) teacher team has been working hard to continue to make Stormonth a place where you will hear common language of being Responsible, Respectful and Safe. We had our first ALL school assembly where we recognized staff and students for following the Stormonth Way. We plan to have these assemblies once a month, and every month new students and new staff will be recognized for their hard work. For example, one student from each grade level will be recognized as that month's Sensational Six. They will be given a ribbon to wear as well as a yard sign to take home for a week or two.
- Thank you to the PTO for helping to fund new color and digital cameras that were installed over winter break to keep a close eye on who is entering and exiting our buildings.
- Just before winter break, a Stormonth newsletter was sent to all community members in Fox Point and Bayside as a way to reach out to families that do not have children in our schools. At the bottom of the newsletter was a Community Outreach Survey. The responses to this survey help us make better informed decisions for our school.



- During the month of January, our students in grades K5-4th were MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tested in the areas of reading and math.
- I want to thank two staff members, Laura Witkov (Literacy coach) and Kate Schroeder (Reading Interventionist), for providing training in reading to seven parents and four community members. We are so grateful to these adults for committing one hour per week to read with our students.
- We have a small team of teachers that has been piloting a Makerspace, which will be an area of creativity and exploration for our students. Students will have an opportunity to use a variety of materials to build and create, using their imagination. More to come as we continue to learn more about developing this space for our students.
- During the months of January/February (weather permitting), our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students will have an opportunity to go ice-skating during their PE time. What a wonderful chance for a community building activity for all.

*Karen Grimm-Nilsen*  
*Stormonth Principal*



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## UPDATE

This year we are excited to be partners in innovation in the creation of a new learning environment called Makerspace.

Please visit the youTube link below that our students help create to showcase the wonderful benefits of Makerspace.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73dsfmc69\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73dsfmc69_Y)

This will help us bring our classrooms into 21<sup>st</sup> century learning by offering our students spaces where they can actively learn, engage, problem solve and collaborate.

## 2016 – 2017 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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PRINCIPAL STORMONTH ELEMENTARY



## ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: ROLLING ON THE RIVER

## SAVE THE DATE!

March 18, 2017

6:00pm - 10:30pm

At Shully's Watermark

143 N Green Bay Road • Thiensville

[RollingOnTheRiverBenefit@gmail.com](mailto:RollingOnTheRiverBenefit@gmail.com)

Please join Superintendent Robert Kobylski and members of the Fox Point - Bayside Foundation at this important benefit for our learning community.

Look out for the invitations in the mail!

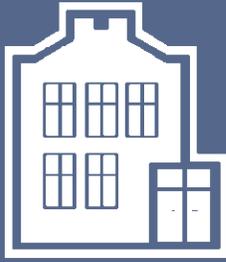
Asking for a few helping hands.

If you'd like to volunteer in making this event an absolute success,

please contact:

[ziamaskara@gmail.com](mailto:ziamaskara@gmail.com)

[andrea\\_haus@hotmail.com](mailto:andrea_haus@hotmail.com)



# FOX POINT-BAYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## DISTRICT: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **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](mailto:ZiaMaskara@gmail.com)

The Fox Point-Bayside Parent Teacher Organization  
@ [laura.pierri@gmail.com](mailto: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

**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.**

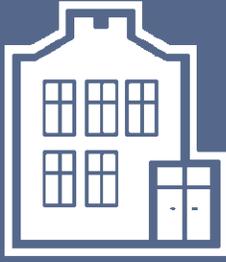


*Market day in the Multi-Age Classroom at Stormonth*

**ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST PASS A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK PRIOR TO VOLUNTEERING.**

**PLEASE APPLY AT BAYSIDE, STORMONTH OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE.**





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## IMPORTANT DATES:

### STORMONTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 2/8: PSS Early Release 2:30 p.m.
- 2/20: No School
- 2/22: Early Release 2:30 p.m.
- 3/6: Report Cards go home
- 3/8: Parent-teacher Conferences 3:00-6:30 p.m.
- 3/16: Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00 p.m.
- 3/18: Rolling on the River Casino Night
- 3/22: Conferences 3:00-6:30 p.m.
- 3/23: PSS Musical performance at 2:00/6:30

### BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 2/8: Parent Conferences, 2:30 - 6:00 pm
- 2/9: PTO Meeting, 7:00 pm LMC
- 2/16: Parent Conferences, 4:30 - 8:00 pm
- 2/22: Parent Conferences, 2:30 - 6:00 pm
- 2/22: 8th Gr. Parents - "Nicolet Parents 101" session 2 at NHS, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- 3/2: FPBS Ed. Foundation Meeting, District Office 9:00 am
- 3/9: PTO Meeting, 9:00 am at PSS
- 3/15: 8th Gr. Parents - "Nicolet Parents 101" session 3 at NHS, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- 3/18: Music Solo & Ensemble Festival, Hamilton/Sussex HS
- 3/18: FPBS Educational Foundation "Rolling on the River" Fundraiser, Shully's Watermark



*Time-In Reward at Stormonth Elementary 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 communications from the school district to all community constituencies for the purpose of encouraging open and constructive discussions.



*Bayside Robotics Winners receiving the Fox Point-Bayside District Pride Award*



*Stormonth Elementary School Sensational Six*



**TEACHING, LEARNING AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS UPDATE**



Last school year was the first year we implemented a Careers course at Bayside Middle School for all eighth graders.

This was in anticipation of the new Education for Employment administrative rule requiring school districts to provide academic and career planning services to students in grades six through twelve. Academic and Career Planning (ACP) is a student-driven, adult-supported process in which students create a plan that outlines their self-exploration, career exploration, development of career management, and planning skills. Students engage in activities that support their academic, career and personal goals.

We are currently in the process of revising our ACP process to engage students in each grade

level, across the curriculum, rather than just in grade eight during their Careers class. In addition, we are partnering with Maple Dale-Indian Hill, Glendale-River Hills, and Nicolet High School Districts to make sure our students enter Nicolet High School District with the appropriate prerequisite skills.

The Fox Point-Bayside School District is partnering with Maple Dale-Indian Hill, Glendale-River Hills, and Nicolet High School Districts to review our current Social Studies curriculum scope and sequence. Our Advisory Committee consists of teachers, administrators, parents, community members, and board members. The purpose of the committee is to review existing curricula (resources, standards, instructional strategies, etc.) and make recommendations for revisions.

Our teams have shared information gleaned from a standards-based gap analysis, as well as

resources they have investigated and will be piloting in the upcoming months. In the next couple of months, our teams will meet to collaboratively develop a curriculum scope and sequence across our middle schools and Nicolet High School.

The Fox Point-Bayside School District is excited to welcome back Dr. Shannon Chavez-Korell from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Dr. Markeda Newell from Loyola University Chicago on February 20, 2017. During our professional development time together, our presenters will engage our staff in learning about personal identities, cultural competence, and strategies to interrupt microaggressions.

*Jennifer Ganske-Director of Teaching, Learning, and Special Services*



**JAZZ ENSEMBLE:  
 (6TH - 8TH GRADES)**

**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.

Fox Point-Bayside District Office  
 (414) 247-4167



**WINTER CONCERT:  
 5TH/6TH GRADE  
 BAND/CHOIR/  
 ORCHESTRA**



*Mrs. Armstrong's class were the winners of the Stormonth Food Drive!*

**7TH-GRADE STUDENTS  
 ON THEIR WAY TO  
 CAMP MACLEAN**

