



Fall PTO News



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President's Corner (by Jayme Cain)

It takes a village to raise a child.

~African Proverb

I am excited to share all of the awesome things that our PTO is doing throughout the year! First, we are excited to welcome Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital (MOSH) as our Premier PTO Sponsor for the 2021-2022 school year. Please be sure to check out their articles in every newsletter for helpful insights. And, how about those playgrounds!? **WOW!** The students have thoroughly enjoyed the playgrounds at Stormonth & Bayside, thanks to the generous donations from our community, through the Fox Point-Bayside Educational Foundation.

When I became PTO president, I fully appreciated what a big job this is. So, my first thank you for the year belongs to Past President, Megan Smith. For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to meet her, I hope you do! Not only has she become a great friend, but her dedication to our schools and our PTO is second to none. In fact, she continued helping with the president's duties (well past her elected time) to help me. As co-chairs of the Cupcake Color Run, (*Continues p.11*)



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FAC Update (by Megan Smith)

Happy fall everyone!

Welcome back to a new school year! For those that may not know what “FAC” stands for in the PTO, it is our Fund Allocation Committee. This committee is charged each year with spending any funds raised in the prior school year that were above and beyond the amounts pledged for last year’s expenditures. Each school has a separate FAC composed of the school principal, two parent representatives, and a teacher representative.

I am thrilled to report that, despite the chaos of the last school year, we have **over \$16,000 in our FAC budget**, which will be divided equally between our two schools. Thank you everyone for making this possible! We will begin the process of distributing these funds by requesting staff to submit grant proposals, which will be reviewed by the FAC for approval.

We are in the process of forming the two Fund Allocation Committees, and are looking for parent representatives to serve on both the Stormonth and Bayside committees. These committees meet two or three times per year to review grant proposals. It’s not a big time commitment, but it is such an important role to ensure funds raised by our organization are spent fairly and wisely.

If you are interested in serving on either the Stormonth or Bayside FAC, please email me msmith912@gmail.com.



Administrative Services (by Anne Earnheart)

Our team is working hard on the **2021-2022 PTO Directory**, which should be ready this month! If you signed up for the PTO/ purchased a directory with school registration, watch for notices about Directory delivery. We are excited to announce that the directory will be also **offered digitally this year** through the PTO’s new online platform, Membership Toolkit. Stay tuned for details!

Although PTO Directory purchase is now closed, you can join the PTO at any time. Membership is \$20/family. PTO membership shows your support for our schools, teachers, families, and community. You can join the PTO by visiting the fees section of your Infinite Campus portal or delivering a check to the school front office.

Volunteers are the heart of our team!

Thanks to each one of you for playing a role in making the PTO and our schools stronger. This year, we are asking once again for volunteers to share talents and interests. The easiest way to get involved is to sign up as a PTO Volunteer using the following form: bit.ly/pto-volunteer2021. Completing this form does not mean you are committing to help, but rather showing interest.

On September 2, we hosted the annual Back To School Picnic. The Fox Point Bayside Educational Foundation held a ceremonial ribbon cutting, and students and their families “stormed” the new Stormonth playground. Everyone had a blast!

Treasurer's Snapshot (by Xiaoting Hao)

Welcome back to the fall semester! We are so grateful that the school is back in person full time and the students and teachers have a safe environment to start the year. Several wonderful PTO sponsored events/programs have happened since the beginning of the fiscal year.

On the fundraising side, the summer Cupcake Color Run (CCR) had a huge turnout and helped raise \$10,928 net profit for the school district. We are thankful for the diligent planning of the CCR committee, the help offered by our cheerful volunteers, the generous contribution of local business sponsors, and the enthusiastic participations of district families. This is truly a wonderful community event that brings everyone together.

The Amazon Smile program has brought in \$144.41 YTD (The amount is almost doubled compared to the same period from last year. Thank you for choosing PTO as your sup-

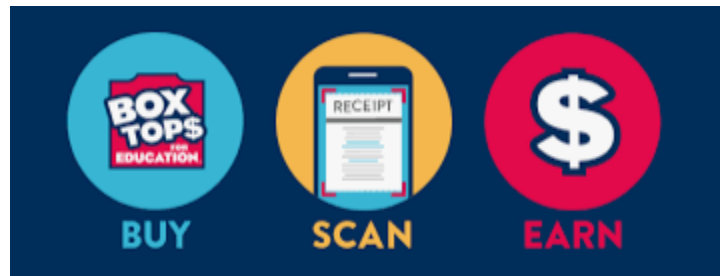
ported nonprofit! The Mable's Labels passive fundraiser has also brought in \$73.25. When you shop for groceries, don't forget that you can use the BoxTop app to scan your receipts and earn rewards for our schools.

As part of the volunteer service hours match program, RSM foundation has generously contributed \$1,100 to the PTO (due to the volunteer hours accumulated by PTO President, Jayme Cain). We are thankful for this amazing support. On the program side, the PTO has successfully sponsored the staff luncheon and meet and greet in the beginning of the school year.

Looking ahead, the PTO is busy planning for several fun fall events, including the Club Choice fundraiser and the Monster Bash. We are looking forward to another wonderful school year. Thank you for all your support and trust in the PTO!

“Each of you play a role in making the PTO and our schools stronger!”

amazon**smile**



School Services (by *Jesse Hillstrom*)

Welcome back to school! What a fantastic start of school! You can feel the smiles though the masks!!!

So many exciting things happen at the start of the school year for the PTO. On the side of school services, we had the **School Bus Rider Program**, Bayside school photos (September 21st), Stormonth School photos (October 5th), and the Bayside Ped 'n' Pedal (September 29th).

When the Glorious Yellow Buses start to ride though the streets everyone gets excited! This year Sara Connemara again was the amazing leader of the Bus Rider Program. A total of 25 amazing coffee carrying, smiling and excited parent volunteers (listed below) gave their time to provide peace of mind and a little extra support to students on the bus for the first few days of school.

School Picture Days!

October 5th

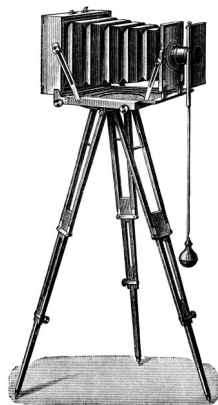
Stormonth Pictures

October 26th

Bayside Retake

November 9th

Stormonth Retake



Huge shout out to the always fantastic Carla Mueller in the Stormonth office. Carla provided amazing administrative support -- serving as liaison to both

Riteway and the local Police departments, generating bus lists, and making photocopies.

A special thank you to ALL of the volunteers: Kristen Weidenbaum, Heather Johnstone, Erin LeMoine, Kristin Shtulberg, Alex Presti, Emily Barrett, Virginia Marks, Jessica Peterson, Jessica Lopez, Nadelle Grossman, Carl Hoeg, Rebekka Schneider, Elvia Pena Savage, Laura Cover, Meghan Massey, Lauren Walters, Keimei Sugiyama, Liz Sumner, Megan Hughes, Abbey Bloom, Laura Crum, Sarah Leibham, Kim Schmoltdt, Melody Ryan, Katherine Conrad, and Kara Ginster.

Bayside had their **Photo Day** on September 21st. The kids were all smiles as they sat for their pictures. These pictures will appear in the yearbook and on student ID's. A HUGE shout out to Michelle Buerger for chairing this event! Michelle had three amazing ladies that helped her the they made sure smiles were ready and on point, thanks Bridget Carlson, Christine Duback and Anne O'Donoghue!

Stormonth Picture day is October 5th So, start practicing your smiles K4-4th graders more information in Friday folders.

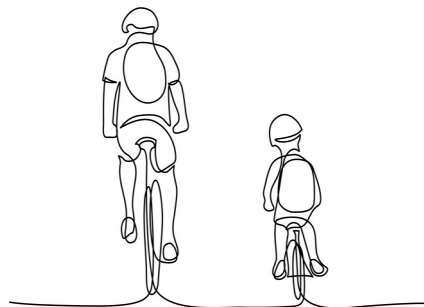
Oh no! Were you sick on picture day, or maybe your eyes were closed? Never fear! Bayside's photo retake is Tuesday, October 26th and Stormonth's is Tuesday, November 9th.

School Services, continued

Get your walking shoes and bikes ready for **Bayside's Annual Ped 'N' Pedal** event on Wednesday September 29th!

This is an awesome way to showcase the safe and correct ways to walk and bike to and from school. Participants will be entered to win some amazing raffle prizes!

Also there will be a online quiz to enter for some prizes! Thank you to Heather Klug for taking the lead and planning this event again!



Want to volunteer? We still need volunteers for Stormonth and Bayside lunch duties! Check the Friday folders and daily communication folders for more information.

Upcoming Events

October

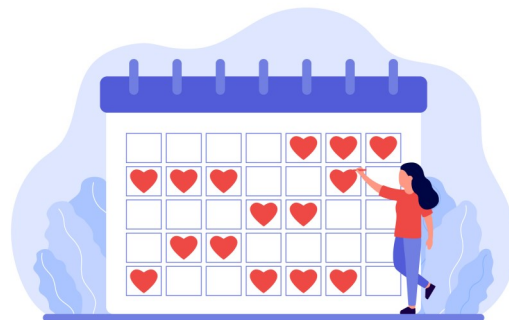
- 10/1 5th & 6th Grade BAN
- 10/6 PTO Board Meeting
- 10/11 Club's Choice Sale Ends
- 10/27 Monster Bash (in a Bag!!)

November

- 11/1 Fall Book Fair
- 11/3 PTO Board Meeting
- 11/9 Club's Choice Pickup
- 11/12 7th & 8th Grade BAN
- 12/1 PTO Board Meeting

December

- Date TBD Kinderkid Date Night



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Chair Highlights (by *Kari Sisson & Elana Karan*)

In each newsletter, we like to take a moment to say a special thanks to a few parents who step up and volunteer to chair a PTO event or program. In this issue we are highlighting Kari Sisson, our President Elect and current newsletter editor and Elana Karan, our Club's Choice Fundraiser Chair.

Hello Everyone! If you're reading this, I managed to push out my first PTO newsletter! Hooray! I'm Kari Sisson and I live in Bayside with my husband David and our 9-year-old twins Maisey and Soren. They have 7 older siblings who are giving #adulthood a try and they are doing their best to keep us young!

I run a professional association that supports best practices in children's mental health, specifically in the high end services for kids with complex mental health needs.

We all have well-stamped passports; the twins have been to several countries in the past few years, including Morocco, Costa Rica, and Iceland. More to come with Nicaragua and Croatia on the horizon. Embracing our fellow humans and appreciating their language, culture, religion, and perspectives keeps us feeling grounded and grateful.

We love to travel with others, so pack your bags and let's go!

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Hi! My name is Elana Karan. I have 4 children; Moshe a junior at Nicolet, Dovi a freshman at Nicolet, Shalva a 7th grader at BMS, and Tova a 1st grader at Stormonth, and our dog, Ace a Silky Terrier who is 3yrs old! We love to travel as a family, one of our favorite places to go is Colorado. We switched to the Fox Point-Bayside District a few years ago and we are sure happy we did!

In my free time I love to exercise and bake recipes that have been passed down from my grandmother and other important people in my life. I also dabble in photography and love to make photobooks for my family and friends. I have volunteered for various organizations and I am really excited to get more involved with the PTO this year! I have been enjoying my first role as Chairperson for the Club's Choice Fundraiser. I look forward to continuing to meet the wonderful people in our schools and community!



Programs *(by Britten Brenner-Stenson)*

Welcome / Intro

Welcome to School Year 2021! For many of us, this return to school is a return to a little bit of normal. But also a little adjustment to new school start times, new after school activities, and new friendships! I am new to the PTO Board this year and am super excited to be joining such an amazing group of individuals serving our families, teachers, and students. As the VP of Programs, I am honored to work with fantastic chairpeople, who plan some of the best events throughout the year! This year will likely be a hybrid of what you have expected in past years and what we did last year as a result of the COVID pandemic. Check out below what we have already accomplished and what's still to come!

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

As we all know, our teachers and staff are hard at work well in advance of our kids returning to school. Each year, the PTO sponsors a lunch for the Stormonth and Bayside school staff. This year, we were able to return to the more traditional buffet style with delicious sandwiches, salads, and cookies from the Corner Bakery! We also served drinks and it seems like the seltzers were a popular addition to the assortment this year! The staff were able to eat together in the BMS lunch room or take back to their rooms. For those that stayed, there were fun conversations and happy smiles all around. Thank you to Megan Smith for organizing the lunch. And thank you to Anne Earnheart, Kari Sisson, Jayme Cain, Maggie Cain, Nicole Stickler, and Xiaoting Hao for volunteering to serve the lunch. Of course, the biggest THANK YOU goes to our teachers and staff for all they do for our children!



K4 & New Student Welcome Dinner

Following the Meet & Greet for the new K4 students, Stormonth hosts a Welcome Dinner for new students. While the majority of families were the new K4 families there were some of our new district families in attendance too! Parents and students were able to meet some of the Stormonth Staff and experience a little of the amazing community of families. It's a great way to make our new students more comfortable starting a new school year. It was a perfect summer evening for a picnic dinner. The PTO sponsors desserts for the families. Thank you to Megan Smith for organizing the desserts and helping to serve them to the families.

Programs continued

Upcoming Events: Conference Dinners

Another way that we like to recognize all the hard work of our teachers and staff is by hosting a dinner on the first evening of Conferences. Conferences are held each spring and fall. Because conferences are virtual again this year, the PTO will be providing easy individual options for the Conference Dinner. Our focus is on flexibility and safety for our teachers and staff!

Huge thank you to Cortney Roberts for (again) organizing this very important event! Please note, that after many years of leading the Conference Dinners, Cortney will be passing the torch to another parent volunteer next fall. Please reach out to the PTO or to me if you are interested in helping with Conference dinners for 2022!

Upcoming Events: BAN

Bayside Activity Nights are back! After going virtual last year, these events are planned to be in person again this year!

Bayside Activity Nights

5th & 6th Grade

Friday, October 1st 7-9pm

7th & 8th Grade

Friday, November 12th 7-9pm

This is such a great way for the middle schoolers to get together for some fun activities and snacks. Thank you to our BAN Chairs for planning fun events. 5th / 6th BAN Chairs: Robin Burns, Mary Schmierer, Amy Bazelon, and Rachel Weinberg. 7th and 8th grade BAN chairs Bridget Carlson, Katie Glaisner, Christine Duback, and Monica Arnstein. Please consider signing up to volunteer or to donate raffle prizes for these events!

Wrap Up / Look Ahead

There are lots of other great events planned for the rest of the school year. Next up begins planning for Kinder Date Night for our K4 and K5 students and families. Looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Ways & Means (by Nicole Stickler)

Every year September brings so many new opportunities to support our schools through the Parent Teacher Organization. From restaurant nights to purchasing spirit wear to attending the Monster Bash and running in the Cupcake Run, and everything in between - we try to create lots of different ways for our district's families to support our classrooms in a way that's meaningful to you! This year's plans include a lot of familiar events and fundraisers, so check out what we've been up to! There are exciting opportunities on the horizon!

CUPCAKE COLOR RUN

This year's Cupcake Color Run was the biggest and most colorful event to date! We raised over \$10,700 for our schools and had 422 participants in the race on Saturday, August 21. A huge thanks to our committee co-chairs, Jayme Cain & Jamie Carlson and the committee: Robin Burns, Anne Earnheart, Patrick Gaynor, GayAnne Ketter, Elisabeth Koerner, Mary Schmierer, and Megan Smith. There were dozens of volunteers the day of, including "DJ Sarah Langerman" and we are so appreciative of the time they contributed on a very HOT summer day!

Congrats to race winners!

Men's

- 1st James Weseman 05:07.9
- 2nd Joel Cohen 05:12.1
- 3rd Andy Daykin 05:16.5

Women's

- 1st Kayden Schmidt 07:24.8
- 2nd Avi Dickman 07:25.1
- 3rd Grace Dykeman 07:39.8

Under 14 Boys

- 1st Miles Carlson 06:15.4
- 2nd Lukas Kroll 06:35.5
- 3rd Carson Boemer 06:54.5

Under 14 Girls

- 1st Harlowe Grossman-Day 07:12.6
- 2nd Charlotte Leibham 07:26.6
- 3rd Maria Gronik 07:36.1



We're planning to host the 2022 Cupcake Color Run on Saturday, June 4th. Mark your calendars!

CLUB'S CHOICE

Check your child's backpacks! Club's Choice Fundraiser packets went home this week! If you did not receive a packet please reach out to us.

The fundraiser runs through Oct. 11 and is a great opportunity for out of town friends and families to support our kids' classrooms through ONLINE sales! Proceeds from all sales support the PTO and items purchased through the Club's Choice catalog can either be shipped directly to your customer or will be delivered to Stormonth for pick up on November 9, 2021.

Share your child's customized shopping link and code via Facebook, email or text with at least 10 people to help you make even more sales - and your child may even win an amazing prize or several! Check out this [video](#) to learn more about all the great prizes! Plus the top 10 sellers from Stormonth and Bayside Middle School will get to participate in a special, invitation-only Dodgeball and Doughnuts celebration! And the top 2 sellers in the district get even more prizes!

SPIRIT WEAR

Thank you for ordering your Bayside Middle School and Stormonth Elementary swag during the 2021-22 Spirit Wear Sale in September! In addition to modeling great school spirit by wearing your purchases, the Spirit Wear Sale is an important fundraiser that helps the PTO support important activities like Teacher Appreciation Week, supplementing classroom supplies, and other grants to our kids' classrooms.

Ways & Means continued

We are so grateful for your orders and are excited to report that Burghardt Sporting Goods is hard at work fulfilling your orders! We anticipate having your orders available for pick up in the next few weeks so be sure to keep an eye on social media for updates!

2021 MONSTER BASH

One of our largest FUNdraisers for years has been the Monster Bash, a party in late October that celebrates community with a Halloween theme. Traditionally, a carnival is held at Stormonth Elementary School with a magician, games, a Spooky Lab, crafts, treats, and other scary fun. This year, the PTO has again decided to deviate from tradition in order to preserve social distancing in light of COVID-19, but ensured that students will again enjoy the return of a “Bash in a Bag.” Bash Bags contain toys, treats, crafts, and fun activities to be enjoyed at home. The bags will be available for purchase next month (\$20 per bag) and are meant to be purchased one per person. The Monster Bash Committee has worked

tirelessly to curate a bag that will be fun for students in elementary or middle school. We know this fundraiser will be just as fun as in years past!

Watch our Facebook Page, Friday Folders and Daily Communications for more details about how you can order your bags very soon!

You don't want to be a scaredy cat and miss out on all the fun- be sure to order your child's bag as soon as registration opens as bags are limited.

DINE OUT NIGHTS

Between the kids' school, work, extra-curricular and family obligations, who else could use a night without having to cook? Well, the PTO has a few nights covered for you!

Throughout the school year, a number of dine out nights at various local restaurants are planned to raise funds for the PTO and to support our local businesses. We'll announce dates and locations on our social media pages so be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Special thanks to those of you who participated in our first Dine Out Night on September 22 at Noodles in Fox Point. We know the store was swamped with orders and we appreciate your support and patience as they worked through the short-staffing issues that occurred.



Stay Connected with the PTO



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President's Corner, continued from page 1

...we pushed the event back to August, once again due to COVID, which overlapped with all of the back-to-school events that the president is responsible for. Without Megan and the many others who stepped in to help plan and manage, none of this would be possible, so THANK YOU! I look forward to finally being able to step into Megan's shoes and help make this an amazing year for everyone!

I would like to introduce you to the 2021-2022 PTO Executive Board (and their dedicated committees) and thank them in advance for the commitment to our faculty and students in everything that they will do this year. From fun family events, active and passive fundraisers, teacher/staff appreciation and events throughout the school day, we all THANK YOU! You'll get to know them throughout the year, through the "spotlight" articles – and we will kick it off with our President Elect, Kari Sisson & Club's Choice Chair Elana Karan! Please read more about them on page six. The other members of the Executive Board include: Xiaoting Hao, Treasurer; Maggie Cain, Secretary; Nicole Stickler, VP of Ways & Means; Anne Earnheart, VP of Administrative Services; Jesse Hillstrom, VP of School Services; Britten Brenner-Stenson, VP of Programs; Kitty Brin, VP of Cultural Arts & Sciences; and finally, our unofficial, but very official Communications Chair, Elisabeth Koerner!

As you may have heard, in the very near future, we will be rolling out a platform called Membership Toolkit. It has loads of features that can streamline most of our PTO business, which will include a contact database, digital directory, volunteer scheduling, newsletter and email tools, a custom website, accounting tools, and a mobile app! We will share the information as soon it goes live.

Please be sure to follow the PTO on Facebook (facebook.com/groups/FPBSPTO) and Instagram ([@fbpspto](https://instagram.com/fpbspto)). We want you to know what's going on, feel welcome to provide feedback, and engage in dialogue that will make our schools better. You can also find our updates in Friday Folders and the Daily Communication Folder.

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 \$55,000 for our schools! If you are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities or have any questions about the PTO, please feel free to contact me at

414-232-8886 or
foxpoint.bayside.pto.team@gmail.com.



Stormonth Principal Report (by *Laura Witkov*)

Hello Everyone,

We are so glad to be back in school, and have had a great start to the school year! Stormonth staff would like to thank our amazing PTO for the Cupcake Run, Staff Luncheon in August, and all of the volunteers for our New Family Dinner! We've had wonderful volunteers at lunch and recess at Stormonth to help our students acclimate to the new year.

It has been great to be back in person 5 days per week! Students are enjoying our NEW all-inclusive playground, our new breakfast program, and the opportunity to get back to some normalcy, such as doing "Morning Announcements" over the loudspeaker and attending school on Fridays! We are also offering playground coverage in the mornings before school from 7:30-7:40 am which has been a positive experience thus far.

We are continuing with many Covid-19 mitigation strategies at school to help keep everyone safe. We have universal masking, hand washing, and are maintaining 3 ft of distance between students as much as possible. We've had 31% of our student population participate in weekly asymptomatic covid screening through our vendor Novir. We have 50% who are enrolled in Diagnostic testing (if they are having symptoms or have recently been exposed), 47% have given consent for Outbreak testing, and 40% for Event testing. Students stay in their class cohort at lunchtime, and our motto is "eat and get out to play!" Students attend specials together as cohorts. Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms at home, and we appreciate your partnership in keeping everyone healthy and safe.

Teachers held Parent Information Night (PIN) on Wednesday, September 22 from 6-8 p.m. with curriculum presentations from each grade level and each specialty area, as well as live "Meet & greet" sessions with each teacher and administration. Conferences will be held virtually on Oct. 14, 15 and 21. Our first STORM rally is scheduled next week on September 30. We will not be holding large group assemblies, so students will be accessing our assembly virtually. Students will be attending field trips as usual. We are looking forward to a wonderful fall!



INJURIES DON'T SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT. NOW YOUR TREATMENT WON'T NEED TO EITHER.

PREMIER ORTHOPEDIC CARE WITH CONVENIENT WALK-IN APPOINTMENTS

Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital is proud to open a clinic in the heart of the Ballpark Commons in Franklin. Part of a health and wellness district that includes a professional baseball stadium, a hotel, recreation opportunities, retail stores, restaurants, and residences, the clinic joins a community that focuses on active and healthy lifestyles.

The MOSH Performance Center Clinic features walk-in appointments with top orthopedic specialists, hydration therapy, imaging, sports training, indoor turf training, and more. MOSH physicians and staff put patient experience at the foundation of everything we do—so whether you are an elite athlete or just want to keep your active lifestyle, we're here for you.

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- H2O Hydration Company for IV fluids and supplements
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