



# FOX POINT • BAYSIDE

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

*A Valuable Education. An Education with Values.*

### **SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS**

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

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#### **Dates to Note: February-June**

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

- 2/1 Committee of the Whole School Board Meeting, District Office
- 2/2 1st Grade Bed Time Story 6:30-7:30 at Stormonth Elementary School
- 2/5 Jr. Knights Day for 8th Grade @ NHS
- 2/10 Early Release Date
- 2/11, 15, 18, 24 Parent Conferences at Bayside & Stormonth Schools
- 2/24 Early Release Date
- 2/15 No School for Students – Partner School In-Service
- 2/15 Regular School Board Meeting–Stormonth Board Room
- 2/25 Partner School Administration and School Board Member, Dinner and Meeting

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#### **A Message from the School Board President**



Dear District Residents,

It's hard to believe that the first half of the 2015-2016 school year is already behind us.

As you will see when you read through this newsletter, the entire Fox Point – Bayside School District team (board members, district leadership team, teachers, staff) and most importantly, all our wonderful students and their parents, are busy and engaged in many exciting activities and pursuits.

At a district level, the school board continues to work on strengthening the district's financial position and to look for ways to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible. One example of this is our recent decision to combine the Director of Business Services position with the Maple Dale-Indian Hill School District. We have a number of existing shared service agreements with neighboring school districts and this new arrangement just adds to our commitment to putting resources closest to the classroom.

In the area of teaching and learning, you will hear from our Stormonth Elementary and Bayside Middle School principals about all the wonderful activities and achievements taking place in the classrooms. One example of this is the increased use of instructional technology for student learning. Our staff has really focused on integrating technology across the curriculum.

I am looking forward to a great second half of the school year. On behalf of the board, I want to thank everyone in our community for their continuing support of our school district.

Sincerely,

*David Smulyan*

David Smulyan  
 Board President

#### **ATTENTION:**

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### Important Dates, cont'd:

- 3/7 Committee of the Whole School Board Meeting, District Office
- 3/8-11 8th Grade to Washington DC
- 3/9 Early Release Date
- 3/15 PTO/Children's Hospital Concussion Presentation (eve) at Bayside Middle School
- 3/19 FPBS Education Foundation "Rolling on a River" – at Shully's Watermark Location
- 3/21 Regular School Board Meeting, Stormonth Board Room
- 3/23 Musical Performance 6:00 pm (2:00 pm for school only) at Stormonth
- 3/25-4/1 Spring Break**
- 4/4 Committee of the Whole School Board Meeting, District Office
- 4/12 Book Fair from 3:00-8:00 pm at Stormonth Elementary School
- 4/12 Cake Walk 6:00-7:00 pm at Stormonth Elementary School
- 4/13 Early Release Date
- 4/18 Regular School Board Meeting, Stormonth Board Room
- 4/22 No School for Students – Partner School In-Service
- 4/27 Early Release Date
- 5/2 Committee of the Whole School Board Meeting, District Office
- 5/7 PTO Cupcake Run - the Starting Location is at Bayside Middle School
- 5/11 Early Release Date
- 5/16-20 Mini Concerts in Music Class
- 5/16 Regular School Board Meeting Stormonth Board Room
- 5/19 Band/Orchestra/Jazz Concert 6:30 pm at Bayside Middle School
- 5/25 Early Release Date
- 5/30 No School – Memorial Day
- 6/6 Committee of the Whole School Board Meeting, District Office
- 6/9 8th Grade Graduation 6:30 pm at Bayside Middle School
- 6/9 Last Day of School
- 6/20 Regular School Board Meeting Stormonth Board Room



## Letter from Vance Dalzin

### Greetings Fox Point - Bayside Community,

It has been a great first half of the school year in the Fox Point-Bayside School District. This is the seventh newsletter from the district this school year and the second one that is being mailed to all residents. There is a District E-Newsletter emailed to all school parents at the end of each month. All of our newsletters are also posted on the district website.

I am so proud of the learning taking place in each school this year.

As you may know, we are a district that is ranked as "Significantly Exceeds Expectations" by the Department of Public Instruction. Each principal has provided information about accomplishments from this year in this edition. I also want to provide some district information from the first half of the school year.

- We had around 910 total students enter the doors of our schools on the first day.
- We increased the instructional technology in the district and now have approximately 600 Chromebooks for student use. Students use these on a daily basis. Our staff has really focused on integrating technology across the curriculum.
- Stormonth had 99% of parents attend the fall Parent-Teacher Conferences and Bayside had 90% attend. This example of parent engagement in their schools is impressive!
- Our district has really focused on communication this year. Principals now conduct monthly Parent Advisory Council meetings to which all parents are invited. Each school sends out frequent emails to parents. The district emails a monthly District E-Newsletter and mails a Community Newsletter three times a year. Our staff is using social media to connect with parents. Check out some of the staff blogs!
- Our district made the decision to combine the Director of Business Services position with Maple Dale-Indian Hill and to sell the Dunwood site. Both of these decisions will allow the district to focus resources more on teaching and learning.

I look forward to the second half of the school year and the incredible learning that will happen in our district.

With Pride and Respect,

*Vance Dalzin*

Superintendent

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## PTO Update

Many people have been asking me lately how my role of PTO President is going. "Is it so overwhelming?" "Do you feel that it is more work than you imagined it to be?" Sure it's a lot of responsibility, but I can honestly say that it's been a smooth year thus far I love my role for so many reasons!

Our community is fortunate to have wonderful schools and I am proud to be a part of an incredible organization that helps to make so much happen at both Stormonth Elementary and Bayside Middle School. None of what gets done would even come close to happening if it weren't for the incredible parents, teachers and administration in our district. I have

never met such committed and driven individuals that go above and beyond of what is expected. Before I go on to mention the many things the PTO has done already this school year, I want to first thank everyone that has been a part of the journey so far. This is a group effort and none of it would happen without you.

Since the start of the school year, we have had a variety of fundraisers that help raise money to fund things like field trips, classroom supplies and special programs at both Stormonth and Bayside. Those fundraisers include Innisbrook sales, bake sale at the Bayside Fun Run and Picnic, Scholastic Book Fair, school directory, Bayside Activity Nights, restaurant nights, Winter Fun Night, and our second biggest fundraiser, Monster Bash. This year we had over 620 people in attendance at Monster Bash on October 23rd! Not only did we exceed our fundraising goal, but everyone had a blast.

As I previously mentioned, the money raised throughout the year from our programs goes to fund a variety of things in our schools. One of those is our Artist in Residence program. This year, School of Rock, along with the music teacher, Shaina Murn, worked with the Stormonth students to help put together an unforgettable Fall Concert; Sensational Seventies! The PTO also funds special programs that have afforded Stormonth and Bayside to hold a Courage Retreat in 7th grade, and the upcoming Kindness Retreat in 4th grade.

In addition to the many fundraisers we do as an organization, we also help out with school programs and organize events to help build community. We provide volunteers at picture day and K4/K5 registration day, and help put together the yearbook at both schools. The PTO also plans “minglers” at both Stormonth and Bayside as an opportunity for new parents to meet and to learn more about what we do as an organization.

We also have the opportunity to partner with many local businesses through our newly developed sponsorship program. This year we have collected \$7,000 from our sponsors as well as in-kind donations. Our sponsors include Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Dr. Stephanie Murphy, D.D.S., Freedom Physical Therapy Services, Baskin Robbins, Sendik's in Whitefish Bay, Vitality Personal Training and Shoot the Moon Photography. We can't thank our sponsors enough for their continued support.

In addition to the money that is raised, another benefit of the sponsorship program is the partnership that is developed. We are very lucky to have Dr. Kim Hornbeck from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin speaking to the community about the signs and effects of concussions on the evening of March 15th at Bayside Middle School. Please watch for more detailed

information coming very soon. This is a very important topic and we hope you will attend.

Finally, in addition to the concussion presentation on March 15th, we wanted to make you all aware of our largest fundraiser of the year, The Cupcake Run. This community wide event will take place on May 7th at Bayside Middle School. Your attendance and support at this amazing event is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all of you who support what we do as an organization. I feel so lucky to have the opportunity to be a part of the PTO and I'm looking forward to the remainder of the school year.

Monica Arnstein, Fox Point – Bayside PTO President  
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### **Update for Stormonth Elementary**



Building community and relationships as our students begin another school year is vital and very important to us. With each new school year come celebrations, hard work and dedication on everyone's part. I truly cannot believe we are already halfway through and into January of 2016. So much has taken place this year already, and there are many more learning and school

community opportunities for students and staff that await us in the second part of the 2015-2016 school year.

#### **August:**

- Our K4 students participated in a K4 screening before the school year began which helped inform our decisions when making class placements.
- We have new staff that have joined our school community. Those staff members are: Sara Hauck (K4 teacher), Carrie Clement (2nd grade teacher), Tom Story (3rd grade teacher), Jessica Owens (Spanish), Gail Greve (reading interventionist), Erica Topps (Reading instructional assistant), Suzette Broennimann (Health Room assistant), Charlotte Adell, Catherine O'Connor, Stephanie Muyres, Richard Wengler, and Elaine Gustafson (special education assistants).
- We celebrated and welcomed our new families with a welcome dinner. Our purpose for this is simple: for us to get to know them, for them to get know us, and for them to get to know each other.



## September:

- We continue to build a culture of common language and expectations for our students and staff. We talk about and model being responsible, respectful and safe. Our students have participated in two boot camps and one recess rodeo that focused on what those expectations sound and look like.
- Our students have earned over 2000 BUG's (BUG meaning "Being Unusually Good"). . . students can earn BUGS from staff for the kindness and good deeds they do for others. We celebrate those during Friday announcements and special planned acknowledgment times
- Our parents had an opportunity to meet the Stormonth staff and get a preview of what their children will be learning this year at our Parent Information Night.
- We participated in another successful lockdown, evacuation and reunification drill with the help and support of the Fox Point Police Department.



"Thank a Police Officer" assembly.

- Our school community also planned a "Thank a Police Officer" assembly which included the Fox Point police as well as some officers from surrounding districts. We wanted to let them know how much we appreciate them for all they do for us.

## October:

- We are very proud to say that at Stormonth there was almost 100% participation from our parents in parent/teacher conferences. We know how important the connection between home and school is for our students.

- This year we were able to hold our annual costume parade outside, and oh the fun we had on a perfect fall day. Not only did the students parade in their costumes, but they also worked very hard to perform a flash mob to the song Thriller.
- PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meetings began in October. Those meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:45pm at Stormonth in the boardroom. The topics for the meetings were brainstormed with parents.

## November:

- Our students participated in activities for Red Ribbon Week. We talk about and had activities geared toward making healthy choices.
- Our students also brought cans of food in for our annual food drive that benefited the Council for the Spanish speaking.



School of Rock performance

- We were fortunate enough to have School of Rock practice with our students and perform with them for the Fall Concert. Having a live band rocking to Seventies music with our students was so much fun and the first time many of our students had this type of experience.

## December:

- Students received their report cards.
- Kristin Otto, a second grade teacher, was nominated for WISN's Top Teacher of the Month.
- Due to a Norovirus that went through our building, we did have to close school on Friday, December 11th to allow



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our custodians a chance to do a thorough cleaning using a bleach solution.

### January:

- In PE classes, our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders will have an opportunity to enjoy a being outside for an ice skating unit.
- Come and learn about Early Literacy from our own reading experts at Stormonth. This is a three part series of events. They are being held on Wednesday, January 20th, Tuesday, February 9th, and Thursday, March 17th.
- We have a Community Night planned for Thursday, January 21st from 6:00-7:30. This evening is for new families or potential new families that will be or thinking about having their children attend our school.
- K4/K5 registration is scheduled for Thursday, January 28th from 7:30-10:30 am and 2:30-5:30 pm. This is only for parents who do not have their children registered in our school. If your child currently attends K4, parents do not need to register for K5 as you are already in our system.

There is so much more that happens daily within our school; too much to capture in a few bullet points. We welcome community members and parents into our school to experience for themselves the caring and special place Stormonth School is. We have talented staff, amazing students, and supportive parents.

Respectfully,

Karen Grimm-Nilsen  
Stormonth Principal

### Update for Bayside Middle School



The fall semester at Bayside Middle School has been full of excitement and success!

- The FPBS Educational Foundation has granted BMS an incredible \$9,100 to help us furnish a 21st Century flexible learning space at BMS that can serve as a model for future classroom development. The classroom space

which will be developed currently houses the classes of DATA 5/6, Health 7, and Career Exploration 8. These classes include all BMS students.

- This fall we added two new classes in Health (7th grade) and Career Exploration (8th grade). Both classes are adding substantively to the student learning experience

and we are well ahead of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's mandated 2016-17 implementation deadline for career education.

- The Green and Healthy Schools Club is very active this year with students conducting a review of the energy usage in our school, completing campus beautification, and choosing spring fundraising options to support our school recycling program and landscape efforts.
- Our fall coed Soccer and Cross Country teams were big winners this season, both finishing in first place in our conference! Go Bulls!
- Staff, students and parents practiced our first off-site parent-student reunification drill, conducted in collaboration with the police departments of Fox Point and Bayside. While we do not enjoy the reasons for having to practice such emergency drills, it is certainly prudent in today's world to be vigilant and prepared in the event of a true emergency.
- In October, a small team from Bayside Middle School presented at the Association for Middle Level Education National Conference in Columbus, Ohio on the topic of Response to Intervention. The presentation is bringing state and national attention to our work at BMS.
- We continue our professional growth in the area of Cultural Competence, working hard with staff and parents to ensure that all students at Bayside Middle School (currently 27% ethnically diverse) experience the same comprehensive and optimal level of educational success.
- The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) generously helped us to complete our building security system upgrades including additional high resolution cameras, a more versatile recording system, and a secured front door entry buzzer system.
- Although we are fortunate to have a very safe and orderly learning environment already, there is always room for improvement – especially when it comes to providing proper recognition to all of the students who follow our rules and meet our behavioral expectations every day. We want to put positive student behaviors in the spotlight! More to come soon on our current training to become a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) School in 2016-17.
- Bayside Middle School recently won the Lillian Trottier Award after having had the most "A" ratings in our division at the French Speech Contest in May, 2015. Bayside had 13 students in 5th-8th grades participate in the Regional Competition and 9 advanced on to the State

Competition, where all received “A” ratings. This award is presented by the American Association of Teachers of French, of which teacher Janet Noel is a member.

- We are proud to have continued our annual commitment to supporting the annual food drive for the Council for the Spanish Speaking in Milwaukee. Community service remains an active focus at BMS.

If you are a member of the community, alumni or a potential future Bayside Middle School family, please contact us for a visit and a tour! Just ask for Patty DeGraff or Don Galster at (414) 247-4201.

Don Galster, Ph.D.



**Fox Point-Bayside School Board.** Pictured L to R: Dann Jacobson, David Smulyan - President, Mike Weidner - Vice President, Libby Wick - Clerk, Max Dickman - Treasurer

### **School Board Structure**

The Fox Point-Bayside School Board is a five member, elected governing body. Regular School Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. The Board also meets as a Committee of the Whole on the first Monday of each month.

There are no action items on the Committee of Whole meeting agendas. For a list of meetings, agendas and minutes, please go to the District Website and click the School Board link.

We encourage and welcome all residents to attend open session Board Meetings.

All School Board Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the District website in the School Board section.  
[www.foxbay.k12.wi.us/School\\_Board.cfm](http://www.foxbay.k12.wi.us/School_Board.cfm)



## The 2016 Fox Point-Bayside School District Tax Levy

Budget development for the 2015-16 school year began last January as the school board and administration began the process. It culminated in late October with the adoption of the official budget. It is a budget that reflects the community expectations and support including the \$950,000 voter approved revenue cap exemption which was approved in April, 2015.

The final step in the process is to bill the municipalities for their proportionate share of the total levy. How do school districts apportion (divide) the tax levy among their municipalities? To better understand the process, we must first explain the difference between assessed and equalized property value.

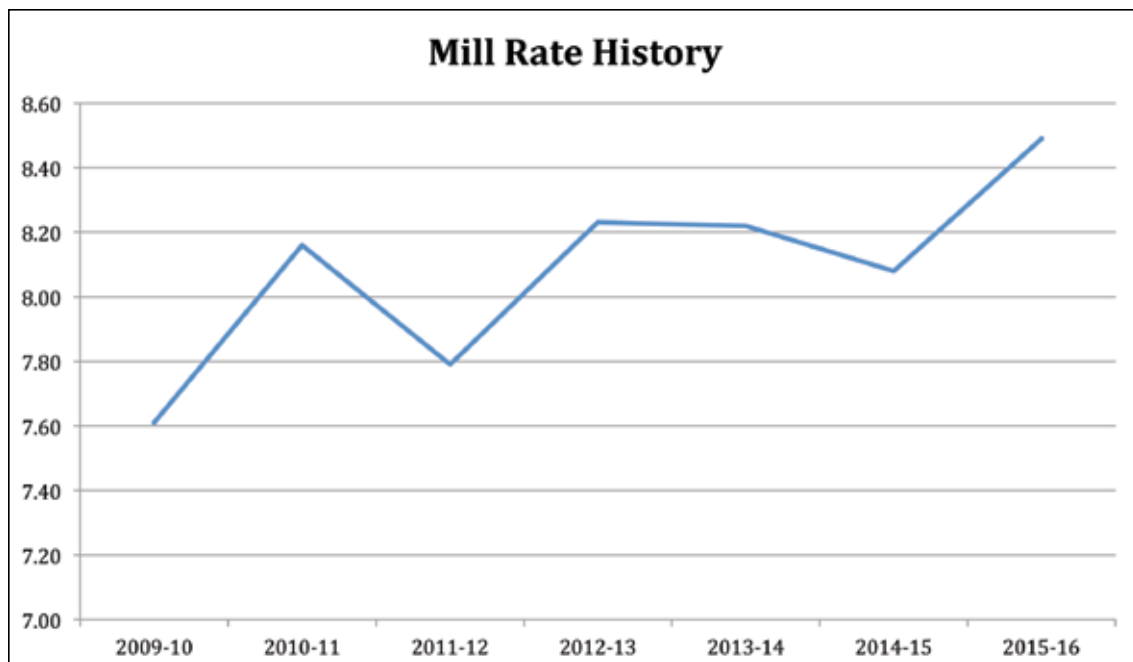
There are two commonly-used methods of valuing property in Wisconsin. **Assessed** value is the property value as determined by the local municipal assessor as of January 1 each year. **Equalized** value (also known as fair market value) is the result of the Department of Revenue applying an adjustment factor to the assessed value. The adjustment factor incorporates several elements including actual property sales in the municipality during the past year and is meant to ensure each type of property has comparable value regardless of local assessment practices.

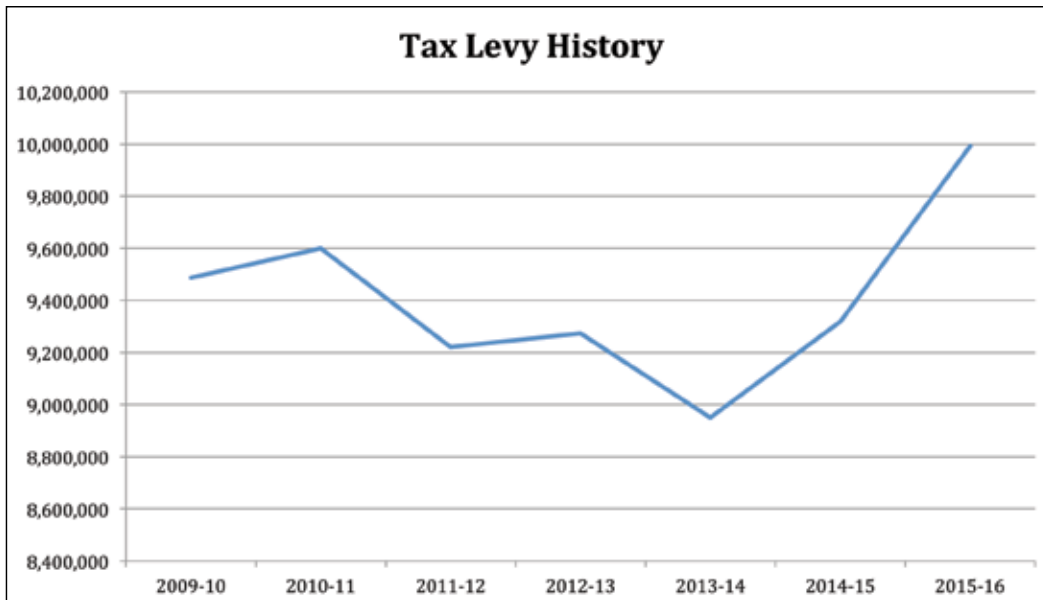
When the school district invoices the municipalities within its boundaries for their portion of school taxes, the total levy is divided among those municipalities based on their share of the total **equalized** value of property in the district. For example, the 2016 property value in the Village of Fox Point represents 72.57% of the total property value of the district. Therefore, the Village was billed for 72.57% of the total tax levy. The municipality then divides their total school tax invoice by the **assessed** value within their municipality and bills property owners on that basis.

One common way used to compare taxes is called the “mill rate.” The total property tax levy divided by the current year equalized property value gives a levy rate for the district. Levy rates are shown in “mills” or property tax dollars levied per \$1,000 of equalized property value.

Several factors have an effect on the mill rate. If property values are reduced as they were in the past few years, the mill rate will go up even if the total levy remained the same as the previous year. On the other hand, if both the property value and the levy increase, there may be no change in the mill rate

The following charts track the district’s tax levy and mill rate since the 2009-10 school year:





The charts reflect some underlying information. The 2012-13 levy increase was \$52,792 from 2011-12, but the mill rate increased by 44 cents. Equalized property values dropped between those two years pushing the mill rate up. Property values continued their decline into 2013-14 so that a reduction in levy of \$343,726 only resulted in a mill rate reduction of one cent. However in 2014-15 property values increased minimizing the effect of a \$369,867 levy increase. The property value increase continued into 2015-16 and while the levy increased by \$672,526 (referendum-approved) the mill rate only increased by 41 cents. The levy increases in the 2012-13 and 2014-15 school years reflect an exemption for energy conservation projects completed by the district in an effort to reduce costs long-term.

In summary:

- The district built a budget for 2015-16 with a surplus of \$335,068
- The total school tax levy increased due to the approved referendum by 7.2%
- The total mill rate increased by 5.1%

You can see that district officials are working hard to manage your money as well as providing a great educational program to the children of the Fox Point-Bayside School District.



# 2015 in Pictures



Dr. Dalzin speaks to staff at the all staff breakfast and welcome back presentation.



Stormonth Elementary Community Night Grade Level Speakers



Kristin Lockhart, Jennifer Ganske, Jill Lesch and Don Galster presenting at the National Middle Level Education Conference.



Champion Cross Country Team with Coach Mike Sells



Stormonth Pajama Drive



Monster Bash at Stormonth Elementary School



Students from BMS attended the UWM Black Male Youth Summit



The talented BMS Chess Club is dominating tournaments throughout the Milwaukee region.



Music Concerts with the School of Rock at Stormonth Elementary School



Bayside Teacher Kim Hoff and Student Council Members



A Stormonth BUG (Being Unusually Good) Picture in the Bug Booth



Dr. Galster and the Green & Healthy Schools Club on campus beautification day.



Ice Skating Unit at Stormonth Elementary School



Patty Stark and Earth Ambassadors



BMS 5th graders explore the shores of Lake Michigan at Doctor's Park.

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# What's The Deal?

Saturday March 19th 2016

## Casino Night Fundraiser

Groove to the LIVE music as the 5 Card Studs entertain!



## Casino Games & Silent Auction -

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Chairs Zia Maskara and Traci Schwartz Sanderson









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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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### **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.