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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER 10

#### School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. at District Office

### DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 3

#### Winter Break

### JANUARY 8

#### PTO Board Meeting





10:30 a.m. at District Office

### JANUARY 9

#### Educational Foundation Board Meeting

10:30 a.m. at District Office

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-  Bayside Middle School  @baysidefpbs

## FOX POINT-BAYSIDE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER FALL 2024



## LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Fox Point-Bayside School Community:

Our building project and renovation involved ending the 2023-24 school year early, and starting the 2024-25 school year late, requiring patience and adjustment on the part of our staff, school families and all partners working on the project, for which I'm very grateful. As with any undertaking of this scale, there were unplanned twists and turns along the way.

We proudly opened on schedule for the current school year. Hundreds of people turned out to cut the ribbon and tour the new Bayside Middle School on October 30, and we anticipate the same when we open Stormonth to the community for a tour next spring. These building projects have brought tremendous energy to our students, faculty and staff that one can feel walking through the halls. It is an exciting time to be a part of the Fox Point-Bayside School community, and I'm so proud to be a part of it.

It's important to note the building and renovation project were all part of another plan: the District's strategic plan, "Framework for Our Future."

It's hard to believe we're already halfway into our five-year strategic plan, developed collaboratively with many community partners in 2021. In addition to our buildings, we've made significant progress on all five pillars, and developed an update to you, our community, as our accountability partner. Please see pages 8-9 for details on how we're progressing in each area of our strategic plan.

Embarking on the building project was also a reminder about how difficult change can be: successfully navigating change – whether it be with our construction contractors, school neighbors, colleagues, friends or families – requires patience, understanding and empathy. These aspects of social and emotional learning are all part of our RULER curriculum that we are implementing with students. Please ask your learners about this aspect of their education, and work to put these skills into practice together as we all navigate our changing world.

Again, I'm so pleased to be celebrating the successful milestones we planned for and worked toward during the last several years. It is a reminder and testament to what can be achieved with fantastic partners who are patient and flexible.

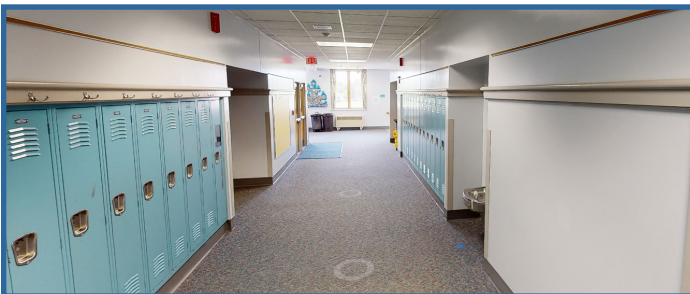
**Dr. Jeff Dellutri,**  
Superintendent

# FACILITIES PROJECT COMMUNITY UPDATE

## SEE OUR NEW LEARNING SPACES

### STORMONTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Renovations at Stormonth have steadily progressed - and most spaces are already in use! Take a look at these before and after photos to see how far we've come.



**BEFORE:** Old classrooms had traditional seating which hindered movement. The old cafeteria was a basic, static space with limited functionality, while the corridors had worn flooring and aging lockers that no longer met the needs of the school community. Each of these spaces contributed to dated and less functional environments.

**AFTER:** The new classroom designs allow for lots of movement and flexible seating arrangements, enhancing different grouping and educational opportunities. The new cafeteria is an inviting, flexible space which provides more options for visiting artists and school meetings. Corridors have been updated with new flooring, paint and lockers to create a fresh, modern look while enhancing functionality and durability for students and staff.





## BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL:

The new Bayside Middle School is open and in use! While the athletic fields and playground are wrapping up construction, read what our students have to say about their new school!



"I like how everything is so close together. It doesn't take long to get from one place to another and it's easier to move around the school. The old school had an eighth of a mile walk from one end to the other. The lockers are really nice because they provide a lot more room for stuff." - *Oliver M.*



"My favorite part of the new school is the Commons because I like how it's a lot bigger and more comfortable seating, and more seats at a table." - *Emily C.*



"Everything is closer together so you don't have to run to get to your next class - you can just walk! All of it is really nice and it is an efficient use of rooms." - *Oliver W.*



"I really like the seating areas around the school. Those are good during study hall and meeting with small groups during class. It's changed the way classes are run." - *Madison M.*





# STORMONTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

*Andrew Joseph, Principal, Stormonth Elementary School*

Wonder and curiosity are phrases that define the start of every school year. From the anticipation and wonder of waiting on class placements, to the curious discoveries of the first learning opportunities of the year, the start of school is a time of transition.

This year brought even more wonder and curiosity as learners, families and staff entered into a Stormonth School that looked much different on the inside than it did when our learners departed campus in May. **Throughout our project, we challenged our architects, furniture vendors and staff to think about ensuring all our learning spaces at Stormonth were designed to reflect the wonder and curiosity of elementary age learning.**

While we find inspiration in the bright colors and comfortable spaces throughout the building, the real impact is in how our staff is using the physical space. **Student workstations can be easily arranged in countless ways to reflect the specific learning activities. Step into a classroom at Stormonth and you will find that students can easily transition from whole-class to small-group activities.**

**The result is learners finding the right activity, in the right place, at the right time. This combination results in greater student engagement - allowing our learners to continue to engage in academic curiosity throughout their day.**

We are grateful for the tireless work from our teachers and staff to make the transition to our newly renovated spaces. Throughout the process teachers have consistently looked through a student-centered lens as they have made decisions and provided feedback. We look forward to continuing to celebrate our newly renovated spaces and continued teaching excellence throughout the school year.



► Want more news? Connect with us on social media: [f Stormonth Elementary School](#) [@stormonthelementary](#)





# BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

*Jodi Hackl, Principal, Bayside Middle School*

Bayside Middle School enjoyed an exciting start to this highly-anticipated 2024-2025 school year in our brand new building! Our beautiful new school offers unique state-of-the-art learning spaces which promote collaboration, critical thinking and a love for learning.

We've also introduced several new electives to go along with our new building. Seventh and eighth graders have the opportunity to choose from new classes including Music Production, Stage & Set Design, Digital Art, Ceramics, Future Cities, Rock Band and 2D or 3D Art. See the highlights below showcasing some of these new classes:



## New STEAM Electives

**Future Cities:** Students in the new Future Cities course have been hard at work researching, planning and designing a floating city that could exist 100+ years in the future as an alternative due to the current situation with sea level rise. They've thought of new and innovative design features and incorporated these into the first draft of their essays. Students are now creating a scale model of their plan and will soon create a presentation to show off all their hard work! Presenters were also invited to come in and talk about city planning, architecture and design.

**Intro to Python:** Students in Intro to Python have been quickly and efficiently learning the Python coding language. They started by creating basic shapes and have since moved on to having images respond to mouse inputs and are beginning to see how animations work. Students will extend these skills into art and music as they become more proficient at writing the code.



## New Visual Art Electives

**3D Art:** Our seventh grade 3D artists are nearing completion of their paper mache masks. They've been working hard to sculpt masks that hint at a hidden power that is bestowed upon the wearer! Coming Soon: Metalsmithing Wire Art!

**Ceramics:** Eighth grade artists have been sculpting utilitarian artworks using slabs of clay as their primary hand building technique. Students learned how to use a slab roller to create large flat pieces of clay. They then measured, shaped and cut their pieces, and then used them to construct their sculpture!

**Digital Art:** Learning to compose a good picture can be challenging but we have some very talented eighth grade artists. Our Digital Art class has been delving into the principles of design while learning basic functions and operation of our new digital SLR cameras! Students have been searching high and low across the school for that perfect shot!



## New Performance Art Electives

**Music Production:** Music Production is an exciting new class that explores how to create music using modern tools of music making. Students first explored the powerful connection between music and storytelling. This is done by analyzing and creating music to understand the emotional impact of sound. Students also get hands-on with technology, learning to create their own digital music and crafting original songs using a digital audio workstation. It's an incredible journey of creativity and expression as our young musicians bring their ideas to life!

**Rock Band:** Bayside is also excited about Rock Band which will start next trimester. In Rock Band, students will learn how a rock or pop band make music by forming our own bands including piano, guitar, drum set, bass and more!

**Set and Stage Design:** In the third trimester, our Set and Stage Design class will make the set for the spring musical and learn all of the behind-the-scenes content that goes into making a theater production come to life!



Want more news? Connect with us on social media:



Bayside Middle School



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# FRAMEWORK FOR OUR FUTURE

## PILLAR IN FOCUS: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

ENGAGING OUR LARGER LEARNING COMMUNITY TO CREATE LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS.

The Fox Point-Bayside School District is committed to enhancing student learning and development through vibrant community engagement and meaningful partnerships, in alignment with Pillar 4 of our strategic plan. This commitment is evident in a range of collaborative efforts that enrich students' academic experiences, and foster personal growth and community connection. From local arts partnerships to educational initiatives with nearby institutions, these partnerships bring valuable resources and learning opportunities directly to our students, as well as professional development opportunities to our staff.

Each goal in Pillar 4 focuses on connecting classroom learning with real-world applications and diverse experts from various fields.

**Azura Memory Care:** Fourth graders walk to Azura Memory Care each December to lead a holiday-themed music class for residents. We bring instruments, scarves and cookies to share! The fourth graders enjoy teaching their elder friends some of their favorite classic winter songs and the smiles on all the faces are contagious. Students walk back to school in the cold, but their hearts are warm after spreading musical cheer!

**Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra:** We have partnered with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra through the Arts in Community Education (ACE) program. The ACE program brings us four in-school performances from musicians, artists, dancers and actors to enhance students' knowledge of the arts, the world and their community. We then travel to the Bradley Symphony Center for a concert at the end of the school year to hear the full orchestra play all the songs we have studied throughout the school year. We are excited to see this program grow with our students throughout their time at Fox Point-Bayside!

**Danceworks:** We have partnered with Danceworks to teach our third graders the basics of ballroom dance. This joint physical education and music unit has taught students about different cultures around the world, the basics of dancing with a partner, etiquette and poise. Students perform for their families and friends at the end of the unit and then teach their families to dance! We are grateful to Danceworks for sending a ballroom teacher to our school for two weeks (sponsored by the PTO) and giving us a



Stormonth students learning about nature at Schlitz Audubon

condensed version of their typical Mad Hot Ballroom program offered to middle schools in the Milwaukee area.

**STEM Forward:** This STEAM Club partnership brings in community speakers and provide competition opportunities for our students.

**John Michael Kohler Art Center:** The Art Center has provided unique opportunities for our students, including meeting guest artists and speakers in our schools and creating community art projects. The Art Center also provides professional development for staff, along with field trips to both the Art Center and Art Preserve free of charge.

**Holocaust Educational Resource Center & America's Black Holocaust Museum:** Both of these community partnerships have been wonderful in providing learning opportunities for our students that have included both guest speakers and field trips.

**Gigi's Playhouse:** Fourth grade works together on a month long project in April to promote inclusive practices, raise awareness for Down syndrome, as well as collect donations in support of Gigi's 5K run.

**Boswell Book Company:** Boswell coordinates book orders for us when we host authors and also offers us free author visits when they have people on tour through Milwaukee!

**Deep Lake Future:** Students, families and staff had the opportunity to benefit from the creative art installation, including an evening activity tailored to our students and a professional development for teachers.





**Milwaukee School of Engineering:** Students participate in educational programs throughout the year offered onsite, including Fluid Power Challenge Competition.

**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Peck School of the Arts:** Professors provide in-school clinics during the school day. Selected band students perform in an honors band at Peck School of the Arts.

**Schlitz Audubon Nature Center:** Our partnership with Schlitz Audubon Nature Center brings students out to their beautiful lakefront property to participate in programs tailored to the age and content areas of the groups. At Stormonth, Audubon Nature Center educators also provide in-school programs. We continue to explore other ways to connect with our close partners such as holding the annual district art show at their facility.

**Youth Frontiers:** Every year, our seventh graders attend a Courage Retreat offsite which brings together middle school students, high school students and Youth Frontiers educators to focus on the individuals they want to be in this world.

**Carroll University:** Dr. Laura McLaughlin, Professor of clarinet at Carroll University, visited Bayside to meet with woodwinds students to share her musical expertise.



Exploring STEM at MSOE's Fab Lab.



Teachers learning about print making techniques at AP3.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**North Shore Public Library:** A middle school teacher is working with the public library to increase kids' access to books outside of school and promote some of their reading programs at Bayside.

**U.S. Navy:** In February, the U.S. Navy will provide a performance for all middle school students.

**Wisconsin Conservatory of Music:** Faculty will provide a band workshop.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Last summer, our teachers participated in one of twelve different field trips to visit local community organizations. Each trip was designed to highlight career opportunities, plant the seed for possible future field trips and think about new ways to bring learning to life with students. From exploring local art and history to understanding our local ecological environment, each trip provided a unique chance for teachers to see the real-world applications of their curriculum and content and to continue to build meaningful connections within our community. Thank you to the following organizations for hosting our teachers:

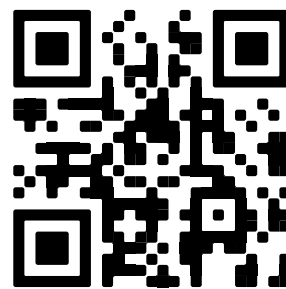
- John Michael Kohler Art Preserve
- Lynden Sculpture Garden
- Milwaukee School of Engineering STEM lab
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Planetarium
- Usinger's Sausage
- Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
- Schlitz Audubon Nature Center
- Urban Ecology Center
- Deep Lake Future
- Harrington Beach State Park
- Troubadour Bakery
- Anchor Press, Paper and Print (AP3)



# FRAMEWORK FOR OUR FUTURE HALFWAY UPDATE

This fall, we released a halfway update on our strategic plan, "Framework for Our Future." This strategic plan, finalized in 2022, reflects the collaborative efforts of our families, community members, students, staff and experts who helped define our priorities for the next five years.

We invite our community members to dive deeper into our strategic plan and read the full halfway update by scanning the QR code below. Your support and engagement are vital as we work together to continue to shape the future of our schools!



SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO READ THE FULL  
UPDATE!

For any questions, please  
contact Superintendent  
Dr. Jeff Dellutri at  
[jdellutri@foxbay.org](mailto:jdellutri@foxbay.org)

## ► PILLAR 1: ENGAGING ACADEMIC CURIOSITY

Our district continues to excel, significantly exceeding expectations on the state report card. Our commitment to rigorous, engaging instruction is evident in our stellar ratings, with Stormonth Elementary and Bayside Middle achieving scores of 93.6 and 94.0, respectively. **To maintain this momentum, we are focusing on student-centered practices, integrating artistic and nature-based opportunities into the curriculum, and expanding elective offerings in areas like computer science, music production, engineering, and art courses, including 2D and 3D art.**

## ► PILLAR 2: FISCAL AND FACILITIES STEWARDSHIP

We are dedicated to being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars while ensuring the district's sustainability. Following the community-supported facilities referendum in April 2022, **we successfully renovated Stormonth Elementary and constructed a new Bayside Middle**

**School.** These improvements enhance the learning environment and promote innovative and academically rigorous learning experiences. Our commitment to transparency is reflected in regular updates through our "State of the District" articles, which keep our community informed about our financial health and strategic planning efforts.



School Board, Superintendent Dellutri, Principal Hackl and student representatives cutting the ribbon at Bayside Middle School.





5th graders working to develop their RULER Charter.

### ► PILLAR 3: MENTAL AND PERSONAL WELLNESS

We have prioritized the physical and mental well-being of our students and staff by introducing a monthly counseling newsletter to inform families about available mental health resources, leading to increased utilization of services available in the District. Additionally, we have aligned our social-emotional learning initiatives with the RULER (Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing and Regulating) program, which was rolled out at the beginning of this school year. **This program aims to enhance students' ability to recognize and manage their emotions, contributing to a positive school climate where everyone feels respected and valued.**



Fall Folk Festival with Frog Water.

### ► PILLAR 4: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

**We believe in the power of community partnerships to enrich our students' learning experiences.**

Our collaboration with the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center has provided authentic, hands-on learning opportunities, with 39 field trips taken by students to date. We've also connected students with various cultural and professional environments through visits to the John Michael Kohler Arts Center and local universities. Programs such as the Artist in Residence and partnerships with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra further integrate arts into education, fostering creativity and critical thinking.

### ► PILLAR 5: DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING

**Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is woven into every aspect of our strategic plan.** Training for our District Leadership Team with Learning for Justice has equipped us with tools to create an inclusive educational environment. We have revised library policies to align with equity principles and established an equity team to spearhead initiatives district-wide. **Our focus on restorative practices not only enhances conflict resolution but also fosters a community where every student feels heard and valued.**



Stormonth students coming together for an outdoor STORM Rally.

# FOX POINT-BAYSIDE PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

As we settle into our routines in our updated schools, the 2024-2025 school year is off to a fantastic start! After an extended summer break, we've hit the ground running with events like:

- Fifth and sixth grade Bayside Activity Night (BAN)
- Monster Bash
- Spiritwear Sale
- Artist-in-Residence with Mister G (Spanish & English songs)
- Annual Membership Drive

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for your time and effort in organizing these and other upcoming events: Cupcake Color Run, staff luncheons, bus rider program, back-to-school picnic, spirit wear, conference dinners, national bike to school day and school picture days. Your involvement sets an important example of volunteering for our students.

At Stormonth, we're focused on community-building and welcoming new families. We're excited to pilot the Room Rep program, which strengthens connections between the PTO, parents and teachers helping kids and parents alike form stronger bonds in and out of school.

Bayside is embracing its new building and we look forward to what it means for events like activity nights and PTO meetings in the new district offices.

We're also thrilled to continue our partnership with Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital (MOSH) as our Premier PTO Sponsor!

Please ensure you have an account on the PTO website and link your student to their teacher. A paid membership gives you access to the Student Directory and our teachers' favorite things!

We value your thoughts, ideas and help! Reach out at [foxpoint.bayside.pto.team@gmail.com](mailto:foxpoint.bayside.pto.team@gmail.com) to get involved. Our PTO meets the first Wednesday of odd months (Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May, June) at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office at Bayside Middle School or via Zoom. Meeting minutes are posted on our website.

Welcome back to a great school year!

**Kaitlin Torres,**  
Fox Point-Bayside PTO President

## FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT:

**PTO Website:** [fpbspto.membershiptoolkit.com/home](https://fpbspto.membershiptoolkit.com/home)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/groups/FPBSPTO](https://facebook.com/groups/FPBSPTO)

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**Room Rep Boards** (Stormonth only)

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# FOUNDATION UPDATE



Fox Point-Bayside District Newsletter  
Fall 2024

## WHO WE ARE:

The Fox Point-Bayside Educational Foundation is a non-profit, parent and community-led organization dedicated to enhancing the learning environment of students at Stormonth Elementary and Bayside Middle Schools. The Foundation fundraises throughout the year to support capital improvements to school property, equipment for classrooms and buildings, and special projects and programming.

## CELEBRATING LAST YEAR:

Because of our community's support and generosity of our annual appeal and fundraising event, we were

able to raise over \$45,000 to support programming and improvements across both schools:

- Partnership with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's Arts in Community Education (ACE) Program for K5 students;
- Expanded STEAM programming with additions like field trips and new, state-of-the-art technology;
- Writer-in-residence program for K5 students and second graders;
- Additional social studies experiences for eighth graders;
- Youth Frontiers' Courage Retreat for seventh graders;
- Additional learning opportunities across both schools.

## JOIN US IN SUPPORTING EXPANDED LEARNING AND EXPERIENCES:

We're thrilled to continue supporting the impactful ACE, STEAM and Courage Retreat initiatives mentioned above, along with the expansion of the art curriculum at Bayside Middle School. We also look forward to announcing an exciting new initiative this spring in conjunction with our annual fundraising event.

**DONATE:** Return the annual appeal donation card (arriving in mailboxes soon) with a check made out to Fox Point-Bayside Educational Foundation. You can also make a credit card donation via PayPal to [fpbedfound@gmail.com](mailto:fpbedfound@gmail.com). For a direct link, visit our website [fpbedfoundation.org](http://fpbedfoundation.org) and click donate.

**ATTEND:** The annual fundraiser event planning is underway. Stay tuned for dates, details and other ways to support the event.

## Thank You to the 2024 Corporate & Family Sponsors

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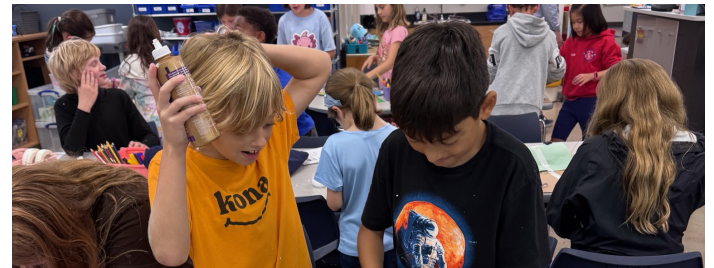
First graders exploring pumpkins and playing math games as part of fall fun.



Fifth graders participating in Try it Out Tech Friday.



New educators at Fox Point-Bayside School District.



Fourth graders creating glacial landforms in the Stormonth Library which will be used with robot programming activity.