

Welcome message from the 2023-24 PTO President, Jamie Carlson

Dear Fox Point-Bayside Families,

I am so happy to be a part of this community! I have the privilege of serving with an amazing group of parent volunteers, committee chairs, and board members who go above and behind to support our schools and enrich our community. The Fox Point-Bayside PTO is a non-profit organization which partners with administrators, faculty and staff to help our schools continue to be a great place for our children to grow and learn. Our mission is not only to raise money for the schools, but also to supplement and enrich the educational experience of all students attending the Fox Point-Bayside schools. Last year we raised \$71,000 that was invested directly back into the school. Check out our impact report included!

We have been hard at work already this year coordinating the **Stormonth Bus Rider Program** and hosting our annual teacher and staff **Back-to-School Lunch** of sandwiches and salads from the Corner Bakery. We also enjoyed music, lawn games, and cookies with families during our **Back-to-School Picnic**. In addition, planning is well underway for our fall events including the much-anticipated **Monster Bash** which will be held on Saturday, October 7th. You won't want to miss this year's event so <u>register today</u>, and don't forget to send your K4 through 4th grader to school with nut-free treats to "Feed the Monster" for the chance to win a glow stick party. For our middle schoolers, we will again be hosting **Bayside Activity Nights** this fall! Watch for information on our other upcoming events including **Spirit Wear, Fall Plant Sale, Book Fair**, and **Walk and Roll to School Day**.

This year the **student directory** has been moved exclusively online! No need to search your home for a paper copy – you will have the entire directory at your fingertips! If you agreed to be listed in the **student directory**, you should have received an email this week to confirm your information. If you didn't, please login to <u>https://fpbspto.membershiptoolkit.com/</u> and make sure we have your email address! The only way to obtain access to the **student directory** is by paying your **PTO dues**. **PTO dues** were not part of registration on Infinite Campus. You must register and pay the \$20 annual family membership directly on our <u>PTO website</u>. These fees help us fund the many programs we facilitate!

Finally, we met so many parents and caregivers this past month who expressed interest in volunteering with the PTO. We are so excited to have you on board! We will be reaching out with a survey with our volunteer opportunities. If you wish to be included, please send an email to <u>foxpoint.bayside.pto.team@gmail.com</u>.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at <u>ilcarlson5698@gmail.com</u>. Please consider joining our PTO meetings and providing input into our programs. Meetings will be listed on our website.

Best Regards,

Janie Cartin



IN THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, WE RAISED ...

STUDENT ENRICHMENT & CULTURAL ARTS SCIENCES

Funds raised for Artist-in-Residence programs, Special Interest Day, Foreign Language Restaurant, Field Trips for all Grades, 8th Grade Graduation, Guidance, Safety Days, End-of-Year Parties, Meet & Greet, and more

SCHOLASTIC DOLLARS & CLASSROOM SUPPORT

\$8K

Funds raised for supplies for each classroom and each specialist teacher from the Fall & Spring Book Fairs, submitted through the fund allocation committee

\$24K

PTO FUND ALLOCATION COMMITTEE BUDGET

Funds to be invested for the upcoming school year as determined by the PTO fund allocation committee, which consists of principals, teachers & parents from both schools

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STAFF \$12K



Funds raised for Welcome Back Staff Luncheon, Fall & Spring Conference Dinners, and Teacher Appreciation Week YOU MAY ASK ...

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THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE. Join the PTO to support our schools, teachers & children, because we put **your** money where it matters.

AND THE PTO IS MORE THAN JUST FUNDRAISING:

- We help with school activities, including Bayside Ped 'n Pedal, and Stormonth Safety Week.
- We provide additional school enrichment such as Yearbook Publishing and hosting Book Fairs.
- We organize school events like Bayside Activity Nights, Kids' Nights Out, and KinderKid Date Night.
- We execute cultural programs such as the Artistin-Residence Programs and Special Interest Days.

That's \$71,000 going right back into our schools!

WHO Benefits from Parent Involvement with the Fox Point-Bayside PTO?



Our Children Benefit

Studies demonstrate increased parent involvement was significantly related to increased academic performance.

Our School Benefits

Research identifies parental involvement as one of the four factors of effective schools, along with curriculum, setting, & teachers.





Our Teachers Benefit

Positive connections between parents & teachers have been shown to improve academic success, social competencies and emotional well-being.

YOU Benefit

Socializing with other parents and volunteering to do good for your child's school is fun and rewarding, often leading to new friendships!



Sign up today at http://fpbspto.membershiptoolkit.com

Joining the Fox Point-Bayside PTO is Easy

Members gain access to the school directory (now exclusively online!) There is <u>no requirement to volunteer</u> - but we'd love it if you do!



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