



It takes a village
to raise a child.

- African Proverb

Winter PTO News

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Our Kinderkids had a blast at their Winter Wonderland Date Night last week!



Stormonth students participate in the Inaugural Walk-to-School event.

President's Corner

By Bridget Carlson

Happy Holiday Season Stormonth and Bayside families!

What a great couple months we've had! It's been fun planning and watching incredible cultural experiences, fun parties, and important fundraisers come to life!

Be sure to ask your kids about their field trips this fall – it is always gratifying to know that an important part of the funds raised by the PTO help keep field trips affordable and possible! How about the Bayside all-school experience at the Milwaukee Ballet's Nutcracker!? What a great team effort by our Bayside Cultural Arts Team to bring that to fruition. I didn't see my first Nutcracker performance until I was an adult – how lucky our kids are!

Super thanks to our volunteer chairs this past fall including Helena Laven and Becca Walhberg who put on an epic Monster Bash! It was so cool to see how many of our district families are creepy creative with their costumes! Check out page 6 for more detailed info on this annual event!



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1st graders take initiative!

Mrs. Mullen's class presented at our November PTO meeting why the Stormonth playground needs a "Little Free Library."

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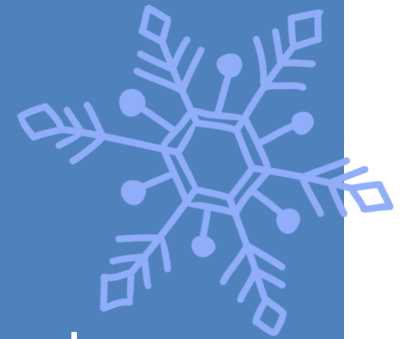
"The Nutcracker" takes over Bayside Middle School!

Teachers from The Milwaukee Ballet came to BMS to teach our kids some steps before the students saw the performance live!

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Our BMS students put on their backpacks and helmets to bike to school during our Ped 'n' Pedal event.



School Services

By Jesse Hillstrom

Congratulations on the end of the first trimester for students and staff! What an awesome and amazing start of the 2019-2020 school year!

Many of our chairs work so hard on events that make the school experiences so fun and rewarding. The job of **YEARBOOK** for both schools is a year-round project with collecting photos, editing pages of content, taking photos at events, hitting deadlines for the publisher, and countless other behind the scenes activities. This is where you can help the PTO! Do you have awesome photos from Stormonth school events, a field trip, or just a fun lunch duty? Send them to us at Stormonthpics@gmail.com. Emails should include the following: (1) *Subject:* Event, Grade/Teacher. (If not an event, include a general description of what students are doing such as "playground" and if various grades or teachers are in the picture use "various.") (2) *Email body:* List names of students included in the photos, if known. (3) *High-resolution photos as attachments.* These photos should include more than one student and be of high quality - not grainy, dark, or blurry. By submitting pictures to us, it is assumed that you are giving permission for Stormonth to use the photos. We cannot guarantee that all photos will be used but every submission is valued and welcomed!

October marked our second annual **PED 'N' PEDAL** event at Bayside to help students be safer walking and biking to school. It was a cold day, but the parent volunteers, Bayside police, and school staff had an awesome time helping remind students safe ways to get to and from

school. It also helped to remind drivers to slow down around students walking and biking to school. A massive thanks to Heather Klug for chairing and running this event again at Bayside! We also want to give a shout-out to Wheel and Sprocket of Fox Point, who donated some fantastic prizes to hand out at the event.

New this year we had the **STORMONTH WALK-TO-SCHOOL** event! This was to encourage safety for both drivers and walkers. Students and parents met Fox Point Police and volunteers at North Shore Congregational Church for complimentary "Coffee with a Cop" before walking as a group to the school. A huge thank you to Erica Waldau for introducing the Stormonth event this year! We look forward to both of these events next year!

Next month marks an exciting time for families new to the district with **SCHOOL REGISTRATION DAY**. Did a new family move in next door or do you know a family with preschool-age children? Be sure to pass this information on to them! Stormonth Group Tours are coming up on January 9th from 9:30-2:30, January 14th from 9:30-10:30, and January 15th from 9:30-10:30. Then, Registration Day is Thursday, January 23rd from 7:30-10:30am and 2:30-5:30pm. Be sure to bring your child's birth certificate immunization records, and a proof of residency (such as a utility bill). If you need more information, please call the Stormonth office at 414-247-4102.



FAC Update

By Katie Glaisner

It was probably the most charming funding request the PTO's Fund Allocation Committee (FAC) has ever had when students in Mrs. Mullen's 1st grade class pitched a grant proposal at our November board meeting. They came prepared with well-reasoned arguments explaining why Stormonth needs a Little Free Library on the playground. Some said it would encourage students to read more. Others said it would give kids an alternative option at recess. They successfully persuaded the FAC to approve \$500 to purchase and install the library, a project that will be spearheaded by Mrs. Mullen's class. Well done kids!

The committee has also green-lighted two other projects this year. PTO funds were used to pay for the new laminating machine at Stormonth, and another grant paid for a software program at BMS that will help 6th and 7th graders engage in peer review. Additional funds raised by PTO book fairs were used to buy books, book bins, book displays, alternative seating, STEM toys, and other classroom supplies for teachers at both of our schools.

This work couldn't be done without the thoughtful input from our parent representatives - Monica Arnstein, Beth Gould, Hanna Vu and Heather Klug - as well as our teacher representatives, Ms. Ahles and Ms. James, and our principals, Ms. Grimm-Nilsen, and Ms. Hackl.

Programs

By Amanda Singh

Wow! It has been a very busy and successful fall for Programs. Thank you to our many volunteers who have made our exciting events extra fun for our students and families.



BAYSIDE ACTIVITY NIGHTS are a wonderful way for students to leave their phones at the door and enjoy a night of music, dancing, BINGO, games, snacks, and raffle prizes. Occasionally, BANs even have indoor bounce houses! BAN is a favorite night for students because they get to hang out in familiar territory and socialize across grade levels without the pressures of getting to class on time, tests, and homework. Thank you to everyone who helps with these events – we couldn't do it without you! So many parents reached out to donate their time and raffle prizes and made the first two BANs of the school year a smashing success. We are deeply grateful for our volunteers.

A special thank you goes out to the chairs of the 5th and 6th grade BAN, hosted at BMS on October 4th: Dajen Bohacek, Monica Arnstein, Katie Glaisner, and Amy Bazelon. We appreciate you so much!

More special thanks and shout-outs go out to the team of chairs who headed the 7th and 8th grade BAN on November 15th: Rachel Weinberg, Becky Kops, and Sarah Krauss. You're the best!

Some of the longest days of the year for our beloved school staff are conference nights. After a long day of teaching, teachers meet with the parents and guardians of our kids to share their insights on every students' needs and growth. The awesome Cortney Roberts, the chair of the PTO's **CONFERENCE DINNERS**, organized an amazingly delicious taco dinner to ease the stresses of a long day. Teachers at both Bayside Middle School and Stormonth were treated to dinner from the PTO's incredible donor-army of parents. We can't thank everyone who participated in this show of gratitude enough!

On the evening of Friday the 13th of December, the tradition of **KINDERKID DATE NIGHT** continued. K4 and K5 students and their parents were hosted by Stormonth for a very special evening filled with books, parachutes, dancing, dessert, and lots of fun. Kristina Bruggeman did a wonderful job putting the evening together as the PTO chair for this event. Kristina, thank you so much for your hard work in making this a night to remember!



President's Corner (continued from page 1)

Super bravo to Erika Siegel, our Scholastic chair extraordinaire! Erika provided a perfectly-timed Book Fair, providing some of us slackers with an opportunity to do some holiday shopping and support the schools at the same time. Did you know that the Scholastic Book Fair provides *thousands of dollars* for our teachers and specialist teams to use to shop, not only for incredible books but also shelving, seating, and so many other classroom needs?

I'm sending tons of thanks in the direction of the BAN teams – we had a couple fun nights with BINGO, karaoke, a really good DJ, and so much more. Our volunteers come together to make those events run smoothly, providing our kids the chance to chill a bit at school and have some laughs with friends.

Speaking of dancing and fun, our younger students also had a fun night at Kinderdate! Thanks to Kristina Bruggeman for planning this year's dessert and dancing party! Check out the photos in this issue!

Speaking of photos, did you know our yearbook chairs work throughout the year gathering photos for our kids' favorite keepsake at both Stormonth and Bayside? Be sure to send any photos YOU have from lunch duty or volunteering in the school to Stormonthpics@gmail.com. Thanks to Laura Crum for setting that up!

A super thanks as well to Xiaoting Hao. Xiaoting is our financial genius who keeps all of our treasury reports up to date, invoices paid, and money in order.

Finally, check out the incredible story of Mrs. Mullen's first grade class attending our November PTO Board meeting with a proposal for Stormonth to be the new home to a Little Free Library by the playground! You won't want to miss this story on page 3 – and see what our future leaders convinced the PTO to do!

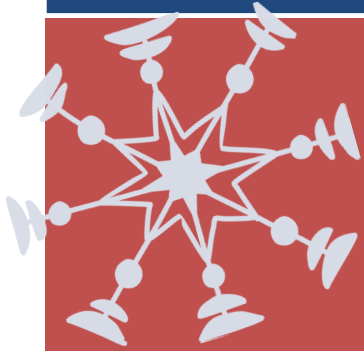
Please join us for our monthly PTO board meetings! All are welcome. The next meetings are:

<i>At Stormonth</i>	<i>At Bayside</i>
Wednesday, January 8 – 9am	Wednesday, February 5 – 9am
Wednesday, March 4 – 9am	Wednesday, April 1 – 9am
Wednesday, May 6 – 9am	Wednesday, June 3 – 9am

If you can't make our daytime meetings, please be sure to join us for one of our PTO meetups. These take place on weekends or evenings so we can ensure the PTO is accessible to all families! Check Facebook and Instagram for details, with the next meetup date tentatively scheduled for Sunday afternoon on February 2nd at the new Friendship Circle Coffee Shop and Bakery!

2019-2020 PTO Executive Board	
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Amanda Singh	VP Programs
Adria Willenson	VP Cultural Arts and Sciences





Administrative Services

By Jolena Presti



As our membership numbers continue to increase year after year, we are grateful to our district families and staff who show their support through membership!

When you join at the beginning of the school year you are guaranteed a school directory – however, did you know you can become a member anytime throughout the school year? If you missed signing up during the flurry of back to school activity, log in to Infinite Campus and join today. Your membership to the PTO (a 501c3 nonprofit organization) solidifies your support for the amazing work—and most importantly fun and school enrichment—accomplished each school year to positively impact the lives of students and our administration and teachers.

Speaking of membership and the directory, it's time to thank an amazingly dedicated volunteer, Sarah Leibham, who among many other roles with the PTO, has chaired the membership and directory position for the past two years. This detail-oriented position requires dedication and we are so grateful to Sarah for doing this work! With Sarah in this role we have achieved higher membership numbers, reached higher directory advertisement sales, and implemented the new directory cover tradition which features the PTO-funded, Artist in Residence project on the cover each year. As Sarah transitions out of this chair position, there is an opportunity for

a new volunteer to take on this role. Please get in touch with me or Sarah if you would like to learn more about this position. This is an important role, but also a chair position with a quick turnaround, completed by the end of October every school year.

We are grateful for all of our volunteers; we could not accomplish what we all do as a PTO without your engagement and ready-to-help attitude! As the second half of the school year begins, we will have many opportunities to get involved with 2020 events including Winter Fun Night, Kids Night Out, and the Spring Book Fair to name a few. Please contact Monica Arnstein to receive notice when opportunities arise: monicaarnstein@hotmail.com.

Questions? Get in touch if you want to learn more. Any board member or event chair can tell you more about the many opportunities to volunteer. Watch for recruitment ads on the PTO Facebook Group and Instagram feed. (See page 7 on how to connect with us through these methods.) Right now, we are looking for a spring book fair co-chair to assist the amazing Erika Siegel. And just a quick reminder to complete the volunteer background check at school well in advance of volunteering at an event.

Ways and Means

By Rachel Weinberg

It's really hard to believe that it is already December and that we are ready to head off for Winter Break! All of the chair people on Ways and Means have been busy working away to create fun and exciting ways to raise funds. Here's the rundown of what we have been up to.



Costumes and candy galore at Monster Bash!

CLUB CHOICE was a huge success this year! A *huge thank you* goes out to Tamela Neyer. She is a new parent to the district and she took on Club Choice this year and rocked it! This year, Club Choice sales helped to raise almost \$5,000! Lulu S. was the top seller in the district and won a trip to Kalahari Resort...way to go Lulu! A special mention goes to Brock S. at Stormonth for being the top seller there. The top twenty sellers at Bayside will have a dodgeball and donuts party and the top ten sellers at Stormonth will have a dodgeball and pizza and ice cream party. We are so thankful to all of the students who participated; we couldn't have done it without you! We hope everyone is enjoying all of the cookie dough and garlic bread they purchased!

Next up was **MONSTER BASH**, and what a fun night it was! We had it on Halloween for the first time this year and I think it is safe to say it was a *huge* success! We had a record breaking 700 registrations, which kept Bekka Schneider and her team very busy! I want to thank the amazing Monster Bash co-chairs Helena Laven and Becca Wahlberg. I am not sure how you two made the planning and executing of the night look so easy. I also want to thank the incredible committee: Bekka Schneider, Monica Arnstein, Robin Burns, Megan Smith, Kelly and Scott Freeze, Jayme Cain, Sara Flynn, and Tina Kreitlow. None of this spookiness would have happened without all of your hard work! Monster Bash raised a total of \$7,337 to benefit the school. Some of the highlights of the night were the trick or treating, magician, amazing games, and of course the creepy cupcake crawl run by the famous Stormonth resident DJ Tina! The Spooky Lab put on by Kelly and Scott Freeze was a true hair-raising experience...the kids couldn't stop talking about it! A special mention goes out to the 50/50 raffle winner, Rebecca Kiefer, who donated almost all of her winnings back to the school...incredible! The committee has already started planning for next year; if you are interested in taking part, please contact Helena or Becca.



Holiday shopping happenings at the Winter Book Fair.

The **WINTER BOOK FAIR** on December 17th was another smashing success. Erika Siegel worked so hard to ensure that the Blizzard of Books Book Fair was one of the best ones yet! We are still crunching the numbers, but I think it's safe to say we are going to have a treasure of funds to put right back into our schools! Thank you to everyone who donated used books for the Next Door Foundation. It was truly the perfect way to make room for all of the new books you got! Last but not least, Coin Battles was another fun way to bring in more money for our schools, and the class with the most money collected

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The Freeze's enjoy Noodles after conferences!

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wins an ice cream party and basket of new grade level books. Who will the winning grade be? Stay tuned as we continue to tally up the results! As easy as Erika makes all of this look, she would love a partner for the Spring Book Fair. If that sounds like something you would be interested in, let me know and I will put you in touch with Erika.

RESTAURANT NIGHT was at Noodles and Company and they hosted us for two nights. The first one was October 24th and was a great success; we brought in \$261. The second one was just icing on the cake and was on December 3rd and brought in an additional \$75. Noodles graciously donated 25% of profits from both nights! Thank you so much Tina Kreitlow for all of your hard work on setting up these amazing nights out where no one has to cook! Look for a Dr. Dawg night and a Pizza Studio night happening in 2020!

Just a quick reminder...Don't forget to support the PTO every time you shop on **AMAZON SMILE** and **SHUTTERFLY**, with all of the holiday shopping everyone is doing, it is such an easy way to give back to our schools. Also, keep your eyes open for a fun contest for the Bayside Middle School students to help spread the word and demonstrate how easy it is to use the new **BOX TOPS** app.



Save the date for **WINTER FUN NIGHT**; it will be February 7th at Stormonth. All 1st through 4th graders are invited to attend what is sure to be the most fun night in February thanks to our awesome event chair, Dajen Bohachek. Keep an eye out in Friday Folders and on Social Media for more info and volunteer opportunities!

Four Easy Ways to Stay Connected with Your PTO



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Magician fun at Monster Bash!

Treasurer's Snapshot

By Xiaoting Hao

Thanks to the hard work of our PTO volunteers and the enthusiastic participation of district families, many successful fundraising events and programs happened during the first three months of the school year!

On the fundraising side, Club Choice raised \$4,945 (revenue net expenses) and the profit from Monster Bash totaled \$7,337. The funds collected through Amazon Smile to-date are \$169. If you haven't done so, please consider choosing Fox Point-Bayside PTO as your choice of charitable organization when you shop on Amazon Smile during this holiday season. Restaurant night has brought in \$336.

On the program side, directory ad sales brought in \$2,207 profit. We also received \$2,659 from both schools' picture days. The yearbook revenue reached \$9,504 and we expect the amount to increase as we get closer to the end of the school year. Bayside Activity Nights in October and November brought in \$347. Membership dues received to-date are \$7,810. We are still tallying up the sales from the Winter Book Fair and Coin Battles.

The PTO helped fund the staff luncheon at the beginning of the school year and sponsored the Artist in Residence program at Bayside Middle School and the 8th grade DC class trip. The more we can raise from our wonderful events, the more we can contribute back to our amazing schools!



Thank you for all your support in making the PTO events successful and wonderful memories for those who have participated!

WE INVEST IN OUR KIDS & SCHOOLS.

LAST SCHOOL YEAR, WE RAISED...

\$29K STUDENT ENRICHMENT & CULTURAL ARTS SCIENCES

includes artist-in-residence, special interest day, foreign language restaurant, field trips for all grades, 8th grade graduation, guidance, safety days, end-of-year party, meet & greet, and more



SCHOLASTIC DOLLARS \$14K



funds raised for classroom spending from the fall & spring book fairs, submitted through the fund allocation committee

\$8.8K PTO FUND ALLOCATION COMMITTEE BUDGET

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



SCHOOL ENRICHMENT & CLASSROOM SUPPORT \$4.0K

classroom supplies for each grade level and specialist, principal accounts



\$2.6K STAFF APPRECIATION

welcome back staff luncheon, fall & spring conference dinners, teacher appreciation week



Parachute fun at Kinderkid
Date Night!



Winter Events-at-a-Glance

- 01.08.20: PTO Meeting @ Stormonth (9am)
- 01.23.20: Stormonth Registration Day
- 02.02.20: PTO Coffee Chat with the Board
- 02.05.20: PTO Meeting @ BMS (9am)
- 02.07.20: Winter Fun Night
- 03.04.20: PTO Meeting @ Stormonth (9am)
- TBD: PTO Mingler, Restaurant Night, Kids Night Out

Cultural Arts and Sciences

By Adria Willenson

Congratulations to all the Concert Band and Orchestra's performers this from Tuesday, December 3rd. The Bayside Middle School 6th/7th and 8th Grade Performed at Nicolet for **THE WINTER BAND FESTIVAL!** Parents, faculty, and friends were treated to a wonderful concert between Glen Hills, Maple Dale and Bayside Middle School Districts. The musicians collaborated nicely and were treated to a wonderful performance from Nicolet High Schools' talented chorus, band, and jazz ensemble.

Our school community saw amazing talent at our annual **BAYSIDE'S GOT TALENT** show on November 22nd at our school gymnasium. The students performed comedy routines, gymnastics, vocals, dance and band performances. We saw over 20 talented performances from over 40 students. Thank you for supporting the arts; we raised over \$800 to benefit the Bayside Music Department.

The **MILWAUKEE BALLET** brought "The Nutcracker" to Bayside Middle School! The Milwaukee Ballet teachers came to BMS on November 12th and 13th to teach our students several dances from this season's "The Nutcracker." Then, our BMS students headed to The Marcus Center on December 12th to see ballet dancers, from around the world, create a winter wonderland in this timeless story, steeped in festive cheer, including live music!

Stay tuned this upcoming season for many more creative opportunities through Bayside Middle Schools' Cultural Arts and Sciences Committee.



Our middle schooler's learning steps from The Milwaukee Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker."



Is it a cold or sinus infection?

By Karen Swanson, MD
Pediatrician, Pewaukee Pediatrics



When a child has a runny nose, fever and cough, and is feeling run down, it can be hard to tell if it's a common cold or something more serious like a sinus infection.

Colds and sinus infections share many symptoms. But before you take time out of your busy schedule to take your child into the pediatrician's office for antibiotics, here are a few things to consider. It's important to *spot the difference*. **COLD SYMPTOMS** include congestion with a runny nose, sneezing, cough, low fever, and mild body ache. **SINUS INFECTION SYMPTOMS** include yellow-green mucus, persistent fever, a cough that does not resolve, facial, ear and/or tooth pain, headache, and swelling around the eyes. The main difference between a cold and sinus infection is the duration of symptoms. Colds typically last 5-10 days, while a sinus infection can last much longer.

While colds are common, less than one in 15 become a bacterial sinus infection. Both colds and sinus infections can take time to clear up. Because a cold is a viral infection, you need to let it run its course; prescription medicine will not shorten the length or severity. A fever is the body's fight against the cold virus and can last a day or two. The mucus that comes out of your child's nose may start clear and become cloudy. Cold symptoms should improve in about ten days.

Unlike colds, sinus infections are bacterial and can remain in the body for three weeks or more. If your child is diagnosed with a sinus infection, your pediatrician may prescribe an antibiotic to help your child recover faster.

It's never easy to see your child sick with a cold or sinus infection. You can help your children be less uncomfortable by following a few tips.

Rest: Laying low and taking a break from sports or other activities will help your child fight illness. **Pain relievers:** Acetaminophen or ibuprofen can help bring down a fever and relieve headaches or other body aches. Use aspirin with caution as it can increase the risk of a rare, but serious, condition called Reye syndrome. **Fluids:** Water, clear broth and other fluids can help flush mucus, relieving congestion and preventing dehydration. Go easy on sugary drinks like juice, soda and sports drinks. **Nasal saline:** Using nasal spray with a saline solution or a neti pot with a sterile water and saline solution can naturally help remove mucus, relieving congestion. For infants, using a nasal aspirator, such a nose frida, can help with congestion. **Humidifier:** A cold mist humidifier at night helps prevent sinuses from drying out. Do not use hot mist humidifier as it can be a burn risk. Be sure to clean out humidifiers often to prevent bacteria and mold growth.

Although colds will resolve themselves and many sinus infections will too, it is important to see your pediatrician if your child has a persistent cough, a fever over 103 degrees Fahrenheit, a rash, shortness of breath or wheezing, or vomiting.

Remember, germs spread easily. Stay away from people who are sick, if possible. To prevent colds and sinus infections, encourage kids to wash their hands thoroughly and frequently with soap, and avoid touching the eyes, nose and mouth. Whenever you have a question regarding your child's well-being, it's always best answered by your pediatrician.