



Spring PTO News



President's Corner (by Jayme Cain)

It takes a village to raise a child.

~African Proverb

Here we are in the third trimester of school! The weather is getting warmer, plants are sprouting, and the sun is shining. All of us in the PTO are feeling the sense of happiness and hopefulness during this season of growth and are looking forward to our plans for the remaining months of school.

During the spring, things pick up for the PTO. We've got the Spring Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation week, Stormonth Safety Week, and Bayside Activity Nights! Details on all our upcoming events can be found within the pages of this newsletter, so be sure to keep reading!

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Stormonth Ice Skating!

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President's Corner *continued*

Right now, we are filling our Board and Chair positions for next year. Our nominating committee will be reaching out to current PTO volunteers, but we always love to have new people and fresh ideas involved in our events and programming. We have commitment levels of all types - from one time event chairing to programming that is worked on from home, on and off throughout the year. If you are interested in chairing, I know we can find the right fit for you and your schedule. Please email me at foxpoint.bayside.pto.team@gmail.com if you are interested in finding out about our openings!

Finally, be sure to "Save the Date" for the cupcakes! The **13th annual Cupcake Color Run** is moving back to its original timing and will be held on Saturday, June 4. The route will remain the same, in its 1-mile format and all of the activities will be on the Stormonth campus! If you are interested in helping us plan this awesome event, please email Jamie Carlson at cupcakecolorrun@gmail.com.



Lastly, don't forget to order your student's yearbook, if you haven't already: Bayside's deadline was March 18. Stormonth's is April 8th.



4th Grade Virtual Field Trip

Treasurer's Snapshot (by Xiaoting Hao)

I hope you are enjoying the recent changing weather and the coming of the spring season! Here are some updates of PTO financials since last quarter.

On the fundraising side, the PTO has received \$441 from the Amazon Smile program and \$103 from Box Top. Thank you for contributing to the PTO when you shop on various websites and purchase groceries. We hope you find it convenient to submit your grocery receipts using the Box Top app. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding this process.

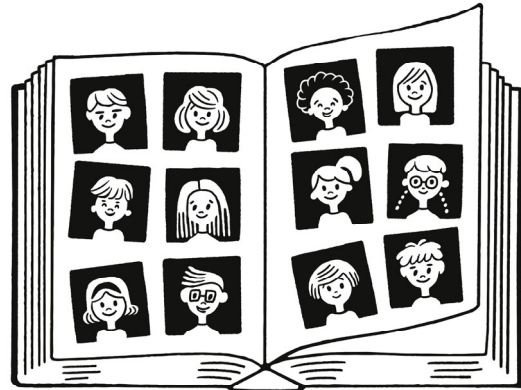


Thanks to district families' generous donations, we have received \$948 from the Holiday gift campaign and this amount has been delivered to the schools to help the families in need during the past holiday season. The year-to-date donations from the wonderful Kohl's volunteer program has reached \$921. The current total membership dues collected is \$6352. We plan to offer more convenient credit card purchase options through the PTO's new website.

On the program side, the current net income from the Bayside activity night is \$634. The school picture day has brought in \$2,578. The PTO has successfully sponsored the Spring teacher conference and the Random

Acts of Kindness Day for both schools.

The yearbook ordering due date is coming up soon. Don't forget to put in your order through Infinite Campus if you haven't done so.



Looking ahead, the PTO is busy planning for the Spring Book Fair, the teacher appreciation week, two more Bayside activity nights, and the Cupcake Color Run. Many thanks to PTO volunteers for organizing and helping out at various PTO events and programs.

Without your dedication we cannot achieve our mission of supporting our schools, teachers, and students. Have a wonderful final trimester!

Upcoming Events

March

- 3/19-3/27 Spring Break
- 3/29 School Board Meeting

April

- 4/6 PTO Board Meeting
- 4/7 Coffee House Night (Bayside)
- 4/15 & 4/18 No School
- 4/19 School Board Meeting
- 4/29 BAN 6th & 7th Grades

May

- 5/6 PTO Board Meeting
- 5/11 School Board Meeting
- 5/13 BAN 4th & 5th Grades
- 5/18 Spring Sing (Bayside)
- 5/30 No School

June

- 6/1 PTO Board Meeting
- 6/4 Cupcake Run
- 6/9 Last Day of School
- 6/28 School Board Meeting



Chair Highlight Elisabeth Koerner

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 Elisabeth Koerner, our Communications Chair!

Our family moved up to Bayside from Bay View in 2018 and we haven't looked back! The lake has always been my anchor and I was excited to move to a beautiful home close to Doctors Park and the Audubon Center. My husband and I both grew up in the North Shore area, and we are so happy to be raising our daughter, Elika (Ellie), in the Fox Point-Bayside School District.

I have been an educator for the duration of my career, beginning as a middle school teacher and then transitioning to work in higher education about a decade ago. I earned my bachelor's degree in Education from UW-Milwaukee and then went on to earn a master's degree in Higher Education Administration, also from UW-Milwaukee.

When the pandemic began, I took time away from work to focus on raising Ellie. Last summer, I went from being a stay-at-home mom to being a PTO member, Girl Scout Leader, and Academic Advisor! I joined the PTO as Communications Chair and was thrilled to meet the other board members and chairs and contribute to this amazing organization that gives so much back to our wonderful schools!

I went back to work, part-time, as an academic advisor for students in the First-Year Bridge Program at UW-Milwaukee. Go Panthers! And, I co-founded Daisy Troop 11475 for my daughter's grade and am having a blast as a co-leader for a troop of 18 bright, bubbly, spunky K5 girls!

When I am not working, you can find me hiking down near the shores of Lake Michigan, out on a run along Lake Drive, or reading a novel with one of our two cats on my lap. I also enjoy gardening and bird watching in our backyard! I love to cook, as well, and as we start to move toward some normalcy again, I can't wait to host some fabulous dinner parties.

As Communications Chair for the PTO, I oversee all communications and marketing for the PTO. The Board recently voted to make the Communications Chair role a full member of the Board, VP of Communications. Therefore, I am looking for some parents to fill various chair roles under the communications umbrella as we move into the summer and next school year! If you'd like to work with me and help with communications related PTO business, please reach out!

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It's an honor to be part of such a dedicated group of parents who are committed to the excellence of our schools!

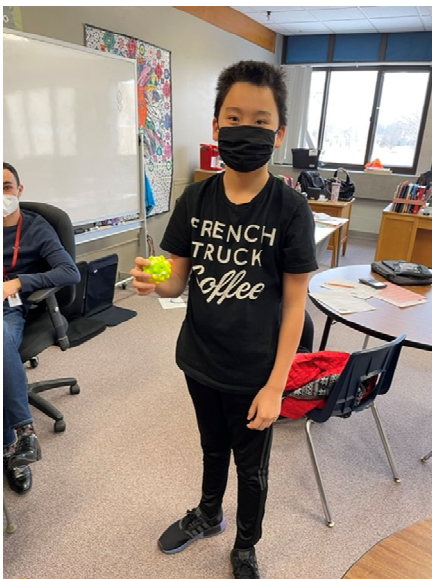


FAC Committee (by Megan Smith, Past President)

Both the Bayside Middle and Stormonth Elementary Schools' FACs (Fund Allocation Committees) have been busy approving a wide variety of grants aimed at spending \$16,200 in extra funds brought in by the PTO last school year. As a reminder, this money was that raised above and beyond the amount promised and budgeted to the schools for spending during last school year, and it was divided equally (\$8,100 each) between the two schools for distribution this year. Teachers and staff submitted grant proposals to the FAC at each school, made up of the school Principal, a staff representative, two parent representatives, and myself as the PTO representative.

At Bayside Middle School, functionality seems to be the theme of this year's approved grants. From improving the large, often-used Multipurpose room with a sound system and two adjustable height long workbenches, to purchasing an extensive laundry list of small classroom items that teachers usually purchase with personal funds, to procuring five book carts to house book club books, we have worked hard to improve the functionality at the middle school. Other items approved and purchased through the BMS FAC this year are:

- ◆ Teacher-identified equipment and supplies including math games for station work, bean bag chairs, a small trampoline for movement breaks, reading rulers, floor cushions for meeting groups, fidgets to help all students with individual needs, calculators, and a heavy-duty stapler for book-making.
- ◆ A smart TV in the book room for data discussion and collaboration among teachers.
- ◆ Two round, silver alchemy top, café-height tables for student discussion.
- ◆ High chair seating to go with the 7/8 social studies high-top table.
- ◆ Area rugs, milk crates, and chair pads for book club meeting spaces in ELA classrooms.
- ◆ A four-way volleyball net for the physical education volleyball unit.
- ◆ Fans for the 7/8 upper hallway to help circulate air in the hotter months.



FAC Committee *continued*

Over at Stormonth Elementary, proposed grants ran through the daily classroom and over to additional enrichment opportunities. One FAC-purchased item that many Stormonth students and families already benefited from recently were the brand-new wireless headset microphones used in “The Grunch” musical! This pair of microphones should last for years to come, and will be used across both schools for musicals, talent shows, concerts, and assemblies. We were also thrilled to purchase of all 3rd Grade “Market Day” supplies for the entire grade to make their products at school to sell at market day, allowing for the experience to be more equitable for all our third graders. Additional grants approved and purchased by the Stormonth FAC this year are:

- * Wiggle Chairs and Weighted Turtles in two of our K5/1st grade classrooms to help improve student focus.
- * Funds for the 4th grade “Snow Show” specialists’ collaboration and an upcoming similar event for K5.
- * Restarting the Earth Ambassadors program with planting a kale garden in the courtyard, composting food waste, and recycling milk cartons.
- * Two 4th grade classroom enrichment opportunities - an archeologist speaking about Wisconsin effigy mounds and a virtual field trip to Fort Ticonderoga, NY via Google Meet.

Besides these amazing purchases the two FACs approved this year, the PTO was also able to stock up all our Stormonth classroom libraries and each ELA classroom over at BMS with much-needed new books through the Scholastic Dollars earned from our recent book fairs! We started the school year with over \$6,900 in Scholastic Dollars and earned an additional \$5,900 from our fall book fair, for a grand total of over \$12,900 to spend. WOW! We divided this amount evenly between the schools, and the BMS team has spent over \$5,200 of our Scholastic Dollars on so many awesome new books for all our middle schoolers. Over at Stormonth, we’ve spent over \$3,000 in Scholastic Dollars bulking up classroom libraries, and look forward to purchasing more books from the teachers’ wish lists at the upcoming spring book fair. And the best part about Scholastic Dollars is that they don’t expire. So, any dollars not spent this school year can be spent next year!

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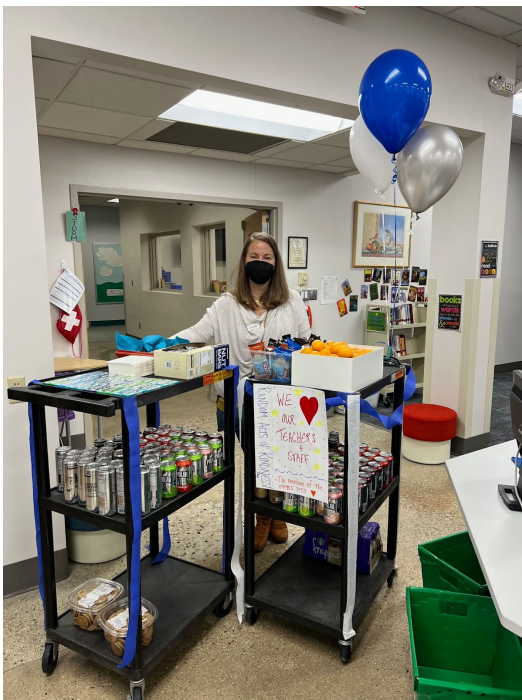
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Programs (by *Britten Brenner-Stenson*)

Greetings from the PTO Programs team! At this time last year, we were talking about supporting the first COVID vaccine clinics for our teachers. It's amazing how far we have come in a year, being able to have volunteers in the school makes such a difference! And many of us are coming off the high of watching our children be able to perform the GRUNCH musical at Stormonth! The smiles and joy of being together and performing was inspiring!

The PTO always recognizes the devotion our amazing teachers and staff have to educating and inspiring our children. The Programs Team is so lucky to support multiple events throughout the year that show our teachers and staff gratitude for all their hard work! Jolena Presti, Amanda Singh and Jen Waltenberger surprised our teachers on Random Acts of Kindness Day at Stormonth and BMS with some "random acts of kindness"! Teachers and staff were able to pick from a variety of drinks and snacks to brighten their day. Check out some photos from this event. Nobody deserves this more than our teachers!

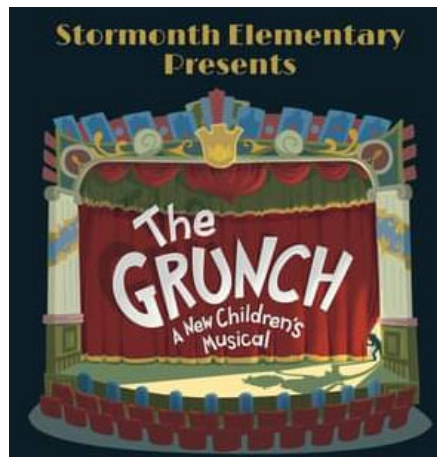


Programs *continued*

Another way the Programs team supports our teachers and staff is by providing dinner on one of the evenings for Parent Teacher Conferences. We know how long these days are for our teachers! For many years, our Conference Dinner Chair, Cortney Roberts, has been organizing and supporting the Conference Dinners. She has made so many improvements to make it a great evening for all! This year we once again served boxed dinners from the Corner Bakery. Always a favorite with the teachers. This past March Conference Dinner was her last to organize. Maggie Joos will be taking over the reins starting next fall. HUGE thank you to Cortney for all her hard work over the years!

We also have a couple of exciting events coming up in the next couple of months! Teacher Appreciation Week is the week of May 2-5. Don't want to share too much now, but keep your eyes open for ways that you can help support this amazing week for our teachers. Jolena Presti and Amanda Singh already have plans underway to delight our teachers and staff!

Finally, we have Bayside Activity Nights (BAN) planned for the 4th and 5th graders on May 13th. Parent Information Night for 4th graders moving into 5th grade occurs earlier in the week. It will be a great way to wrap up the week for our future 5th graders. BAN for 6th and 7th graders will be on April 29th. We will again reach out for volunteers and donations for these amazing events for our children!



Cultural Arts & Sciences (by *Kitty Brin*)

Stormonth Elementary School Artist in Residence Program (October 21):

The Fox Point/Bayside PTO Cultural Arts & Science Committee was pleased to host Hamilton - A Masterclass Workshop through our PTO "Artist in Residence" Program this past Fall Season, October 22nd, 2021.

Stormonth students were delighted to meet Cherry Torres, one of the Schuyler sisters from the Angelica Touring Cast of Hamilton. Ms. Torres performed two songs from the musical and also led acting exercises, movement activities, and a Q&A for all students, grades K4-4th grade.



Bayside Middle School Artist in Residence Program (April 4-7):

Bayside Middle School is excited to be offering this wonderful Artist in Residence Program April 4-7th. We are pleased to introduce Gongtopia. Michael Bettine, founder of Gongtopia, is a world-renowned percussionist, improviser, composer and master gong musician. He travels the world teaching the practice of art and meditation.

Students who learn basic meditation have seen:

- Increased attention, creativity and positivity
- Reduced anxiety and depression
- Balanced emotional and mental states of mind

Gongtopia will also be performing at the Bayside Coffee House Program the evening of April 7th.



Coffee House Program at Bayside Middle School (April 7)

Bayside is hosting a Coffee House night to showcase your projects and performances! On April 7, students and families are invited to walk the halls of Bayside and check out artwork, projects, and performances by our Bayside students. There will be coffee, hot chocolate, and treats to munch on while you stroll the halls and listen to performances. We'll even have a couple of food trucks here!

Do you have a passion project? Is there a piece of music you love singing or playing? Do you have a Forensics piece you love to perform? Do you have a stunning original piece of art to put on display? Clubs and groups are welcome to share their projects as well. Help make the Bayside Coffee House come alive. Please complete the form shared in your homeroom Google Classroom to participate in the Coffee House festivities. The planning committee will program as many performance events as fit into the evening time frame.

Cultural Arts & Sciences *continued*

Bayside Middle School 2nd Artist in Residence Program - Frogwater Music Sessions and Community Wide Concert (May 2-5)

We are pleased to announce our 2nd Artist in Residence Program from May 2-5th, Frogwater. Frogwater is the acoustic musical pairing of John "Jack" & Susan Nicholson, renowned for their virtuosity and exuberant live performances. Their repertoire spans from Celtic to Delta blues, from classical to pop with a healthy dose of unique original material filling out the mix.



Students will have the opportunity to meet Frogwater the week of May 2nd and learn the following instruments: ukulele, guitar, and hand percussion instruments. We will wrap up this program with an outdoor concert the evening of May 5th, at 6pm at Bayside Middle School's Phillip J. Gutter's Court.

Frogwater will incorporate the middle school students in this fun-filled evening of music and camaraderie.



Administrative Services (by Anne Earnheart)

We are so grateful to Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital (MOSH) for their support as the PTO's Premiere Sponsor this year! Their support has been instrumental to our events and programming.

Dr. Jeffery Dellutri, School District Superintendent, had these kind words to say about the PTO's relationship with Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital:

"We know that it takes a village to raise a child, and businesses play a vital role in our extended school community. We are grateful to Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital for their premier sponsorship, which helps the PTO offset the costs of delivering phenomenal events, programs and experiences to our students and teachers."

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Stormonth Principal Report (by *Laura Witkov*)

Stormonth students and staff have just finished a wonderful second trimester! It is hard to believe that we are nearing spring! Stormonth staff would like to thank our amazing PTO for the delicious Conference dinners from Corner Bakery. It is always such a treat to have a lovely meal provided by our generous PTO. Teachers and staff were also surprised on February 17th, "Random Acts of Kindness" Day, where PTO members brought around drinks and snacks on a cart throughout the school!

We would also like to thank the PTO for our incredible FAC grants that have been approved this past trimester, and have directly impacted our students. Students are utilizing wiggle chairs and weighted turtles in classrooms, have enjoyed virtual field trips in 4th grade, new microphones for "The Grunch" musical, Earth Ambassador club materials and supplies for the 3rd grade Market Day! PTO grants have also helped to fund our 2nd and 3rd grade Fall Folk Fest, our 4th grade Snow Show, and the K5 collaboration planned in May with our art, music, physical education and Spanish specialists. We are also very appreciative of the volunteers at lunch and recess at Stormonth who help support our students. It is support from our incredible school community that makes Stormonth Elementary such an incredible place to be.

Respectfully,

Laura Witkov, Stormonth Principal



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