

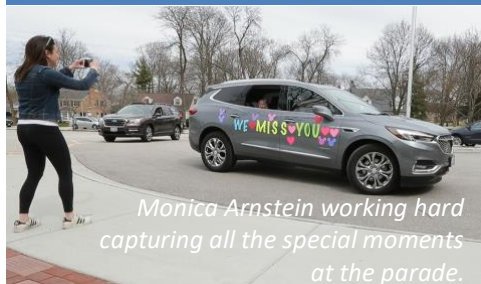


It takes a village
to raise a child.

- African Proverb

Spring PTO News

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Monica Arnstein working hard capturing all the special moments at the parade.

Inside...

The Cupcakes Are (Still) Coming.

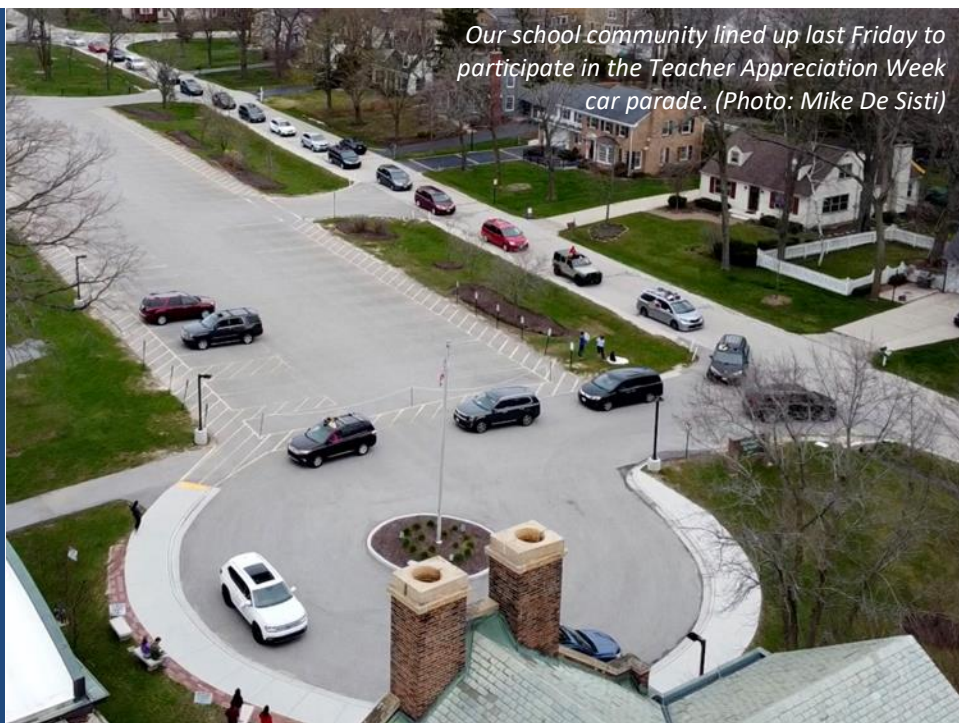
They just took a little detour. Lace up your running shoes for August 8th, 2020, pending we get the green light from all the "higher-ups" of course!

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We Need Your Talent and Help.

As we tread forward into the unknown, we are still looking for volunteers to fill a variety of PTO chair positions for the next school year. Maybe one of those spots is perfect for you!

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Our school community lined up last Friday to participate in the Teacher Appreciation Week car parade. (Photo: Mike De Sisti)

President's Corner

By Bridget Carlson

Happy Spring Fox Point-Bayside Families!

This letter will be quite a bit different than the one I wrote six weeks ago for the Spring newsletter; wow have things changed since then.

I hope while you are reading this newsletter and connecting with our school community and the PTO that you, your families, and your friends are healthy – in mind, body, and spirit. This is a tricky time for all of us: parents, students, teachers, administrators alike. While we cannot currently offer you the in-person connections we so very much miss, we still are offering important opportunities to connect:

SOCIAL MEDIA. Use our [PTO Facebook page](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#) @FPBSPTO as well. We welcome your connections here – to work together with parents in your child's grade level, to share online resources, or even to chat. We are all in the same boat! Zoom information will be available on social media. Thank you to Robin Burns and Megan Smith for always keeping these important resources fun!



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Stormonth students test out the new risers which were in part paid for by PTO funds.



FAC Update

By Katie Glaisner

Despite the school buildings' closure, the PTO Fund Allocation Committee (FAC) has been busy approving purchases to improve our classroom environment for our kids when they can return safely to school.

Graphic backdrops, new tables, and risers for our young stars are just a few of the wonderful purchases that have been made for our schools using PTO funds this spring.

Bayside Middle School used part of its PTO budget to buy a double-sided backdrop that is printed with the school name and logo for photo opportunities and video projects. You may even see it the next time you watch Bayside News.

The school also spent funds on new stools for the 5th grade science and English classrooms, adjustable butcher-block tables for projects at all heights in the makerspace area, and a furniture upgrade in Mr. Blahnik's room. We know that all of these items will be put to good use!

Stormonth needed new risers as well as new chairs to be used for gatherings in the gym like choral performances and the musical. Some of the old equipment had molded and the chairs dated back decades. The school earmarked PTO funds to help address this expensive investment.

Teachers at both schools continue to benefit from the money raised at our Scholastic book fairs, so please support the online spring book fair starting this Monday, May 11th.



Bayside News students test out the new backdrop for during filming.



Teacher Appreciation Week 2020

By Jesse Hillstrom

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK was this past week and is was more meaningful than ever! We had so many opportunities to shower teachers, staff, and everyone at Stormonth and Bayside with letters, art, emails, photos, videos, and more! All week long, our teachers and staff got to experience the love from our entire school community...even from a distance.

The week culminated in the amazing [Teacher Appreciation Car Parade](#). If you haven't had the chance to view it yet, grab a box of tissues and sit down for five restful minutes of emotional joy.

Thank you, Monica Arnstein, for your creative ideas and hard work!



Ways and Means

By Rachel Weinburg

You asked and we heard you! We all need more books as we are stuck at home and libraries are just now sloooooowly starting to lend again. That's why we are hosting a two-week long online **BOOK FAIR!**

So, avoid the "jungle out there" and shop from the safety and comfort of your own home. [Visit our book fair](#) from May 11th through May 24th to shop for birthday gifts, Father's Day, your kids, or yourself. Remember, all proceeds benefit our amazing schools! If you have any questions regarding the online book fair, please let us know [via email](#).

Thank you to Robyn Wilgreen and Molly Hoehn for making this happen. We know that when you joined our Book Fair Committee, this was not what you at all expected. You handled the curve ball and came up with an awesome Plan B.

In addition to the online book fair, we have rescheduled the **CUPCAKE COLOR RUN** for August 8th. Please see page six for more details.

Don't forget our three always-ongoing fundraisers that benefit the PTO and our schools. Scan or clip those [BOX TOPS](#), support the Fox Point Bayside Parent Teacher Organization when you shop at [AMAZONSMILE](#), and shop at our [SHUTTERFLY STOREFRONT](#) for all those photo prints and personalized gifts. These are super-simple ways to support our schools all year long from anywhere!



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President's Corner *(continued from page 1)*

SOCIAL HOURS. We hosted two PTO social hours recently and will surely do it again. Keep an eye on social media and school communications to find the next social hour via Zoom. We'll share some updates, but mostly open it up for chatting.

THE FINAL PTO MEETING OF THE YEAR. We have one more meeting left this year on Wednesday, June 3rd at 9:00am. Find out what we're doing to ensure we can continue to support our schools, as well as what is being planned for next year. There is a place for you here, as a listener, as a volunteer, as an active participant – all are welcome! Zoom information will be available on social media.

SUPPORTING DISTRICT FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESSES. We know how important it is to support each other right now. If you own a business in the area and want to be included on a list we're posting on Facebook, please email your company's name, contact information and district family owner names to foxpoint.bayside.pto.team@gmail.com. We'll update this regularly and keep it available to our community. Also, [here is the current list](#) last updated April 27th.

We still have some events to look forward to in the next few months!

Our **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is going online! Need more books? Gifts for an upcoming birthday? Check out the information about our virtual book fair on page three of this newsletter! Thank you to Robyn Wilgreen and Molly Hoehn for making this happen!

Our **CUPCAKE COLOR RUN** Committee is at the starting line ready to run with a wonderful opportunity for our families to get together outside in fresh air celebrating health, wellness, and our community. Don't worry, we are waiting for the proper green lights from all areas of the universe before we load up our color powder poof machines, but all fingers and toes are crossed that the 2020 Cupcake Color Run takes place on August 8, 2020! Thank you to Jayme Cain and Beth Evers for keeping your racing shoes on despite the changes!

We are looking forward to hosting the best **BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC** ever... we can't wait to get together to celebrate Stormonth and Bayside. Stay tuned... (Again, no parties will be planned until all lights turn green.)

Oh yeah...**YEARBOOKS** are coming! They are completed and ordered. Look for distribution information to come in the next few weeks! Thank you so much to Jesse Hillstrom, Laura Crum, Trish Kauffman, Becky Kops, and Christine Duback for bringing this historic year to life!

Thank you to each of our district administrators for making quick, safe, and smart decisions for our students. Thank you for Children's Wisconsin for providing insightful medical direction and resources for our community. Thank you to our teachers for working tirelessly on providing a creative and progressive education in this non-traditional environment. And thank you to each of you parents and family members for fighting the good fight to keep our community safe and healthy – in mind, body and spirit.

While this is a tricky time in our world, there are so many things that shine light on our days. This community is the brightest light. I am so glad that my husband and I decided to send our oldest to Stormonth ten years ago. I can't wait for us to all be together again.

Stay safe and sane.





Bayside Cultural Diversity Day

By Bridget Carlson



Wow! Bayside Middle School's first ever "Cultural Diversity Day" back in February was such a huge success!

We are so pleased by the amazing teamwork, positivity, and coordination to put this all together. Everyone put their best foot forward to provide such a meaningful program of diversity and inclusion for our students.

From the principal, staff, teachers, volunteers, Bayside PTO, and lastly the presenters, everyone came together to make this day very meaningful. A super thank you to the PTO's VP of Cultural Arts and Sciences, Adria Willenson, who brought this idea to life! Thanks to Stephanie Traska and Joe Campbell who helped coordinate from inside of Bayside!

Special thanks to our presenters: Taylor and Joey A, Abigail Amissah Arthur, Tamela Neyer, Amiah R, Qiang Ma, Mackenzie W, Titi Britto, Dajen Bohacek, Clare, Chayse T, Kayla J, Helena Laven, Adria Willenson, Cherish Freeman, and Zia Maskara.

Also, super thanks to our volunteers who jumped in to help support the team: Monica Arnstein, Nicole Cook, Megan Smith, Michelle Buerger, Anne Lovitz, Xiaoting Hao, Bridget Carlson, Stephanie Bennett, Grainne Doran, Aly Stepke, and Kristal Melbye.

We're definitely going to do it again next year! If you want to participate or Chair this event, let us know!



Don't worry.

THE CUPCAKES ARE STILL COMING!

They just took a little detour.



THECUPCAKECOLORRUN
IS POSTPONED TO
AUGUST 8, 2020.

We can't wait to come together outside in the fresh air to celebrate health, wellness, and community. In the meantime, we want to recognize **our amazing sponsors** standing behind us during this difficult time.

We are all in this together.

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Company • Performance Running Outfitters • Stone Creek Coffee



Calling all Volunteers!

By Megan Smith

We know it's hard to think of anything regarding the future right now as we wade day-by-day through our current reality's many unknowns. But, the planning for next school year doesn't stop, and just requires a Plan A, Plan B, and now, a Plan C.

We still need all our amazing PTO volunteers who step up to support our schools, kids, teachers, and staff. And this especially applies to those who can take on a PTO Chair position. Right now, we are filling all our chair needs for the 2020-2021 school year, and we could really use your help.

Here are the most pertinent, time-sensitive chair positions we are looking to fill:

- **MEMBERSHIP/PTO DIRECTORY.** This position is done by October and the work is done mostly from home! It involves coordinating with the school admin staff to populate the PTO membership list, solicit advertisers, directory layout, and communication with the printer.
- **NEWSLETTER/COMMUNICATIONS CO-CHAIR.** We need someone with an editing and graphic design eye to take on the quarterly newsletter and also assist in designing communications that are distributed through Friday Folders and Daily Communications.
- **CLUB CHOICE.** This is a big fall fundraiser for us, and again, the position is finished for the year in October. It involves coordination of sales materials and distribution of goodies purchased.
- **VOLUNTEERS.** This position is for a SignUp Genius and spreadsheet guru who can help organize our army of awesome volunteers. This is another fabulous all-from-home chair opportunity.

Other open chair positions include Stormonth Picture Day, Yearbook Co-Chairs for both schools, BMS Cultural Diversity Day, Sponsorships, Bayside Activity Nights Co-Chairs, and Kinderdate.

We are also in search of a **PRESIDENT-ELECT** for the PTO Board. As President-Elect, the 2020-2021 school year would be mostly a learning and assisting year, as you prepare to move into the President role in 2021-2022 and Past President the year after. This three-year position is a great way to gain leadership experience and get to know the school staff, administration, teachers, and parents on a personal level.

If you are interested in any of these roles, or would like more information, please [email us](#)! It truly takes a village to run our organization and we know we couldn't do it all without our volunteers.

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Treasurer's Snapshot

By Xiaoting Hao

I hope everyone is enjoying the pleasant weather and staying healthy. Some wonderful fundraising events and programs happened since last quarter.

On the fundraising side, the net cash profit from the Fall Book Fair is \$158. Most of the profit from this event is in the form of Scholastic dollars (with a current balance \$5274). This amount will continuously be put to good use to help teachers purchase additional classroom supplies. The amount collected from Amazon Smile and Shutterfly to-date is \$345. We have received \$526 from Box Top and the Restaurant Night total increased to \$426. **For corporate sponsorship, we have received a generous donation from Children's Wisconsin in the amount of \$5000 and an additional \$2000 for the Cupcake Color Run from our sponsors.** Thank you so much to all our sponsors!

On the program side, the Winter Fun Night and Kinderdate Night brought in \$770. We expect the Yearbook revenue to go up from the current balance of \$9504 as we get more orders from district families and school staff members.



In February, the PTO funded the Spring Teacher Conference dinners for both schools. Looking ahead, we are sad that many PTO events won't take place due to the school closing, but we know the decision is for the health of everyone in the community. Thanks to the hard work of PTO volunteers, the past events have yielded enough profit so that we can meet our financial commitment to our schools. Thank you very much for your participation and support!

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





Virtual Health and Wellness Education for Kids and Teens

By Susan Campbell
E-Learning Communications and
Program Specialist



Let's face it. This is not an easy time for any of us. It seems our emotions can quickly change from worry and stress to relaxed and calm at any given moment of the day.

It can be even more difficult to have a sense of how our kids are coping. Depending upon their age and emotional stage, they may be processing what is happening in the world right now very differently. I work as part of an educational team at Children's Wisconsin that creates online health education programming for schools. Our programs focus on kids' health and wellness topics. All content is presented in age-appropriate ways, and kids report that these programs are really fun.

We are pleased to announce that Children's Wisconsin is now making our e-learning health education programming available to all Wisconsin families as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic together — [sign up now to get started for free](#). Our goal of opening these programs up to all is to offer some easy, low-stress learning opportunities for your kids to stay on the path to wellness and emotional health during this uncertain time in all of our lives. Two of our programs in particular may be especially helpful now:

Mission: Health focuses on kids' health and wellness and is offered for kids in kindergarten through 8th grade. In the course, kids learn how to eat right, stay fit and feel good about their bodies. In particular, kids will learn: (1) The importance of physical activity — including ways families can be physically active while staying safer at home. (2) Why it's a good idea to keep

a sleep routine when they're off their regular school schedule. (3) Some ideas for eating a balanced, nutritious diet to stay healthy. They'll also learn about the value of goal setting in living a healthy lifestyle and ways to develop and maintain a positive self-image.

Healthy Minds is a newer program currently offered for kids in 3rd and 4th grade that focuses on mental and emotional health. Kids learn ways to recognize their feelings, connect with others and other healthy habits. In particular, kids will learn: (1) How to identify and deal with different feelings and emotions. (2) The importance of connecting and sharing with trusted adults. (3) Things they can do every day to stay mentally healthy.

Our other program offerings include Act Now! (bullying prevention) and It's UR Choice (alcohol, tobacco and other drugs prevention). Getting started couldn't be easier — just [complete a simple registration](#) and then select the grade level(s) you are interested in. You will receive access to all the courses available for the grade(s) you've selected. As an added feature, you'll also be given access to games taken directly from our programs that kids can play online any time.

I know things are difficult at the moment but we are all in this together and I hope you'll find these courses useful and meaningful.