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*Significantly
 Exceeds
 Expectations
 2012-2017*



Letter from Robert Kobylski

As I sat down to compose this last newsletter of the 2017-2018 school year, my reflections on the year soon crystallized into a theme—we have had another highly successful year at Fox Point-Bayside School District. The best news came when our District Report Card was released early in the school year. Once again, I

am proud to re-share the news that on this high profile statewide assessment measure, our students significantly exceed expectations. Fox Point-Bayside schools academic performance exceeds the academic performance of schools in the North Shore and around the state in most of the test comparisons. I don't think I'm exaggerating when I say the scores associated with most of our achievement data far and away surpass those of other schools.

As a perfect “bookend” to the year, we learned recently Stormonth Elementary was named a Title I School of Recognition for High Achievement. As one of twenty-five schools in the state to receive this award, this accolade added further validation to the level of success we have come to expect.

When examining our long track record of success, we must attribute our stellar results, first and foremost, to an excellent instructional staff. I know of no other school system in the state where you will find a more professional, knowledgeable, and caring teaching staff. Our paraprofessionals and support staff do a tremendous job supporting instruction and are truly dedicated to our district mission. I am proud of our district and school administrators as well as our supportive Board of Education. As you probably have surmised, I have been saving the biggest accolades for the group who deserves it most... our families. We have the best 4K-8 student body in the state, and it is obvious how seriously our students approach their education. When our

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students come to school prepared to learn, day in and day out, we know our parents have already done much of the heavy lifting. There are many fingerprints on our blueprint for success, and we should all be proud.

While we must certainly celebrate and even revel in our accomplishments, we must continue to look ahead and prepare our students for an ever-changing world. Now is not the time to rest on our laurels or accept the status quo. Our children deserve a progressive educational system, one that adheres to a continuous improvement model.

As we assess our needs and plan for the years ahead, we know that the \$950,000 operational referendum approved by district residents in 2015 expires at the end of the 2018-19 school year. The referendum funds have allowed the Fox Point-Bayside School District to maintain instructional programs, class sizes, and effective operations that the community has come to expect.

In the coming months, the administration will make a recommendation as to the annual dollar amount and the number of years for the next operational referendum to supplement the district budget in the years ahead. As we engage in this budget process, it is imperative that we maintain open dialogue with the community. I look forward

to a conversation about continued excellence in our district.

Again, thank you for a great school year. We are truly appreciative of the opportunity to help your student(s) grow academically. Have a wonderful summer and before you know it, you will be receiving our back-to-school communications. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at rkobylski@foxbay.org or 414-247-4164.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Robert Kobylski
Superintendent of Schools

8 AM TO NOON SATURDAYS

FOX POINT FARMERS' MARKET

JUNE 16 - OCT 13

NEW LOCATION!

- More vendors
- Great music and entertainment
- More food choices
- Picnic tables
- Leashed dogs welcome
- Story time @ 9:30
- Everyone welcome - bring your friends!

NORTH SHORE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
7330 N. SANTA MONICA

STORMONTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NAMED A 2017-2018 WISCONSIN TITLE I SCHOOL OF RECOGNITION

State Superintendent, Tony Evers, praised Stormonth Elementary School for being among 135 schools in the state receiving Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition honors for the 2017-2018 school year during a special May 21 ceremony at the State Capitol in Madison.

School Superintendent, commented, "As a district, we are exceedingly proud of this notable honor. This award speaks to the level of commitment to our children that our faculty and staff exhibit every day. Congratulations to Team Stormonth, as our tradition of excellence continues!"

Stormonth Elementary School was designated as one of the 24 High-Achieving schools in the state.

"Partnerships among teachers, parents, administrators, school staff members, and the community contribute to the academic success of students in schools that receive this honor," Evers said.

Dr. Robert Kobylski, the Fox Point-Bayside



Upcoming Events

- July 9-20: Summer School Session 2**
- August 15: Bayside Registration Day - 7:30 - 11:30 AM and 12:30 - 5:30 PM**
Stormonth Forms and Fees Day 7:30-11:30AM and 12:30-5:30 PM
- August 29: K4 Meet and Greet 4:30-5:30 PM**
K4 and New Student/Families Welcome Dinner 5:30-6:60 PM
- August 30: K5-4th Grade Meet and Greet 8:30-9:30 AM**
- September 4: First Day of School**

More dates are available at www.foxbay.org

FOX POINT-BAYSIDE HAPPENINGS



Students, parents, staff, and other community members represented Fox Point-Bayside well in this year's Cupcake Color Run, a fundraiser organized by the Fox Point-Bayside PTO.



Stormonth students shared their talents at the mini-concerts presented to parents and guardians.



Stormonth students enjoyed a beautiful field day to celebrate their hard work over the 2017-2018 school year.



Bayside students explored the laws of motion through a hands on roller coaster science lab.

Critter Crunch at Stormonth



4th grade students had a meaningful experience marketing, producing, and selling critter crunch to raise money for the Pine View Animal Rehabilitation Center. Their efforts resulted in a \$718.53 donation. When receiving the donation, Jean Lord, the center's director, presented a wonderful program introducing 4th graders to several of her live animals. She shared why it is important to care for Wisconsin's wildlife and the environment.

Bayside Fundraising in Focus



low-income moms and delivering them to the neonatal unit. Pictured to the left are 6th grade students with the staff from St. Joseph Hospital.

7th graders have been raising awareness and funds while working on various "Passion Projects." These have included causes such as ending world hunger, saving the whales, saving the elephants, and supporting Pathfinders, a local homeless shelter for youth. The 6th grade sponsored a drive for the Stork's Nest Program at St. Joseph's Hospital, collecting baby items for

Bayside Community outreach continued during the month of May, with our Helping Hands Club sponsoring a sabotage penny wars fundraiser, collecting over \$1,380 benefiting the Karen Dove Cabral Breast Cancer Foundation. The club also made blankets for the Ronald McDonald House. Bayside's support of the Ronald McDonald House continued as Bayside staff members gathered at the facility on May 10th to provide a meal for the families currently residing there.

STORMONTH NEWS

*Karen Grimm-Nilsen
Stormonth Elementary Principal*

I cannot believe the end of the 2017-2018 school year has come and gone. As I think back, I wonder where the time went. We have had another successful school year. Some big news I would like to share with you is that, about a month ago, I received a letter from Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction letting me know that Stormonth had earned a 2017-

2018 Wisconsin Title 1 School of Recognition Award. Stormonth is being recognized as a High Achieving school. The criteria for being a High Achieving school includes closing our achievement gaps as well as demonstrating high achievement across content areas. I couldn't be more proud of the work my staff does day in and day out. This award is them, it's all



Students learning about safety with the local police departments

them. It makes my heart so happy to be part of this community and school.

As I think back to the last couple of months, I recognize we have accomplished a lot. Our 3rd and 4th grade students completed the state Forward Exam. Among other uses, the state reviews data from this testing to qualify schools for the School of Recognition award that we received this year. The high quality teaching that occurs daily in our classrooms is reflected in the high scores earned by your children, our students. Thank you for sending us your very best.

Many other activities have occurred such as the PTO sponsored spring Book Fair, the Teacher's Association sponsored Cake Walk, and our Arbor Day program. I want to thank the Village Garden Club and the Village Forester, John Gall, for organizing the Arbor Day event. We are so happy to be connected to this group that helps our children understand the importance of trees. This year, we were



Students celebrate Arbor Day with community volunteers

gifted a Hackberry tree to add to the Stormonth property.

May brought with it additional planned school wide events, such as the PTO sponsored Special Interest Day, Safety Week, and mini-concerts. I would like to thank the Fox Point and Bayside Police departments for helping to organize Safety week and Shaina Murn, our music teacher, for preparing our students to show off their singing and dancing skills to the parents during their mini-concerts.

The winners of the National Spanish Poster Contest were announced and Ellery S. won 1st place for the 4th-5th grade category. Congratulations to Sophie J. Hannah G., Ellery S., Harrison K., Lucy D., and Alissyn K. for earning ribbons and prizes for their participation in the State Spanish Poster Contest. Congrats!



3rd and 4th grade students proudly share their awards for competing in the National Spanish Poster Contest.

As we say goodbye to a few of our staff members after many years of dedication to our school community, Kathy Wachs, Tom Tobin, Patty Stark, and Patti Benson, we are looking to make a few internal changes for the following school year. Next school year, Jennifer Ahles will be taking over the LMC/Makerspace, Michelle Mullen will be moving into the Talent Development and reading interventionist role, Tom Story will be moving from 3rd grade to 4th grade, Kim Christensen will be heading over to Bayside to teach 6th grade math, Ryan Scanlan has been hired as our new full time physical education teacher, and Mike Sells, currently at Bayside Middle School, will be joining our Special Education team for one year with the goal of transitioning back to BMS for the 2019-2020 school year. I would also like to recognize Mindy Makinster for her 25 years of service to our district and Kate



Celebrating retiring Stormonth Teachers Kathy Wachs, Tom Tobin, and Patty Stark

Schroeder for being named the Teacher's Association Teacher of the Year for Stormonth.

With summer upon us, we are working on schedules and finalizing class placements. Many of our teachers will engage in professional development in the areas of reading/writing, professional learning communities, and equity training. Facilities wise, our parking lots and playgrounds will be redone along with some painting of various spaces as well as cleaning and preparing the building for the fall.

I want to take this time to thank parents and community members for your dedication and time to making this an awesome school year. We could not do what we do without your support. It truly takes a village to guide and teach our students to be the best they can be. From my heart to yours, thank you for all you do.

BAYSIDE NEWS

Jodi Hackl
Bayside Middle School Principal

Bayside students have been busy this spring participating in a variety of activities ranging from fundraisers, field trips, and performing arts concerts.

Student Council wrapped up their year with a fun musical contribution to the school. They sponsored a bake sale which raised money to help offset the costs for special programming of our PA system which now plays music between classes.

8th grade class celebrates their promotion to high school with a color run.



The students are really enjoying the uplifting music as they move to their next class!

We have some incredible artists and designers in our midst! Contests were held for designing the cover of the Bayside Yearbook, the 8th Grade Memory Book and t-shirt, as well as the Music Department t-shirt. Vivi C.'s design will be on the cover of the 2017-18 Yearbook. Erica K.'s design will be



featured on the 8th grade t-shirt. Athanasia M.'s design will be imprinted on the Music Department t-shirt. The winning design for the cover of the 8th grade Memory Book (shown above) was created by Finn D.

Our spring music concerts entertained audiences on May 9th, 10th and 16th. The 5th - 8th grade band, orchestra and choir students performed for parents and community members. The student body was also able to enjoy the music of their peers in an all-school music assembly. We're very proud of our student musicians and grateful for our talented music directors, Stephanie Traska, Laurie Asch, and Joseph Campbell!

Our music theater program finished off on a high note this year with the production of "High School Musical, Jr.!" This entertaining musical showcased an amazing field of talented student actors and singers, under the direction

of Joseph Campbell and Assistant Director Stacey Houck.

Spring brought with it a very busy school sports season, with tennis, softball, and track! Our Bayside tennis team, coached by Brian Barry, played well this year and finished their season with a 6 -3 record. The track team, coached by Brandon Blahnik and Assistant Coaches Brittny Dettro and Jessica Owens, made a great showing at all of the spring track meets. They came out the winner in several events, and broke some school records in the process! The girls' softball team, coached by Eric Stillman and Jason Thurow, was very proud of their 5-1-1 record. We'd like to thank all of our athletic coaches for developing our student athletes, teaching them about good sportsmanship, and helping them enjoy a great spring sports season. Finally, we'd especially like to acknowledge our Bayside



Cast and stage crew from the middle school's spring musical

Athletic Director Brian Barry since this year marks his 25th year of coaching all sports here at Bayside Middle School! Quite an impressive milestone!

The Bayside Middle School makerspace continued to be a popular learning center where students explored and discovered. Over the school year, students embarked on projects ranging from breaking down electronics, building their own computer from salvaged parts, knitting, coding, and completing class projects. In recent months, it featured an App Development Project which gave students the opportunity to work with Mr. Hahn from UWM's App Brewery. We are grateful to the FPBS Educational Foundation for funding Bayside's incredible makerspace program!

This school year, each grade participated in a field trip funded by

Students learn to develop their own apps with Matthew Hahn of UWM's App Brewery



Kohl's Field Trip Grant Program.

We are grateful our students had the opportunity to take part in educational programs at the Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee Zoo, and the Milwaukee Art Museum and thank Kris Lockhart and Julie Trump for their efforts in applying for these educational grants.

The PTO continues to be a tremendous support to our students and teachers. Recently our reading teachers received over 5,000 Scholastic Dollars to purchase books for their classrooms. The PTO also sponsored the 5th grade in-house field trip "Birds of Prey" presented by the Schlitz Audubon Center and funded a generous portion of the Spanish and French end-of-year restaurant field trips, a cultural experience enjoyed by 8th grade World Language students.



The Fox Point-Bayside Educational Foundation exists to enhance the learning environment at Stormonth Elementary and Bayside Middle schools.

As an organization, the Foundation focuses on large enduring projects specifically fulfilling the district needs.

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Dear Friends of Fox Point-Bayside Schools:

It is through the generous contribution from our families and households that the Educational Foundation was able to surpass their fundraising goal. The Educational Foundation was able to raise \$65,000 for our schools!!!

I am excited to share that the Makerspace Initiative is being expanded with a new master vision for a future-ready library and media center at Stormonth Elementary. That means that the funds raised will be put to work toward an even greater vision that improves not only the elementary educational facilities, but also the educational experience of our children. Plans for the new LMC are in the development phase, but promise to maximize on the makerspace our fundraising efforts helped establish.

We, as a community, have much to be proud of and excited for as we look to the 2018-2019 school year. Beginning in the fall, the Educational Foundation board will champion new efforts to support our schools with even greater determination fueled by the generosity of our community. Just as we made it happen before, we will do it again!

We want to connect with you, our district households and families. Have you found us online yet? We are easier to find and connect with at our dedicated website and Facebook page.

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Sincerely,

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PTO NEWS

Christine Duback
Fox Point-Bayside PTO President

I can't believe that the end of another fabulous school year is behind us! The PTO worked hard to end the year with many exciting events and support our amazing schools.

On June 2nd, we held our largest fundraiser of the year, the Cupcake Color Run! Participants warmed up with Zumba, ran or walked, and then stayed to win generously donated raffle items, play games, have lunch, and, of course, eat cupcakes! Thank you to all of our generous sponsors and volunteers for their support.

On May 22nd, the PTO hosted a Youth Mental Health Presentation and Discussion with Dr. Steven Dykstra, a Clinical Psychologist with the Milwaukee Behavioral Health Division and director of the County Trauma Response Team. He provided insights on mental health, with a special emphasis on bullying, trauma, development, and growing up in our modern age.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Spring Book Fair! The \$5,000 raised will be split between



Stormonth and Bayside to buy books, classroom supplies, and fulfill other school needs. The nearly \$3,000 raised from Coin Wars and gift certificates was divided among Stormonth teachers to spend at the Book Fair. A special thanks to the many volunteers who helped set-up, staff, and tear down the book fair.

We also want to extend a massive thank you to all those families who contributed to Teacher Appreciation Week and all of the volunteers who made it happen! We love being able to spoil our amazing and very deserving teachers and staff! Here's a quick rundown of the week's many highlights at both district schools: breakfast on Monday, adorable cakes and cupcakes on Tuesday, lunch on Wednesday, chair massages throughout the week, daily raffle so that all 140+ teachers and staff members could receive an awesome gift, and the teachers' lounges were filled with snacks and cold drinks all week long and spruced up with flowers, colorful decorations, and signs of appreciation.

With the end of the year, also came our last Kids' Night Out, Bayside Activity Nights (BAN), Safety Week, and Special Interest Day. Thank you so much to everyone who made these events great successes! We also want to thank our amazing community partners, including Corner Bakery Cafe, Dr. Dawg, and Baskin Robbins, for hosting recent Restaurant Nights!

The PTO Fund Allocation Committee has approved more than \$30,680 in new projects for our schools. Recent projects that have been funded include: books to support the Stormonth and Bayside literacy programs, Stormonth Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) materials, Stormonth classroom furniture and water stations, Smart TVs for the Stormonth cafeteria and Bayside makerspace, Stormonth special education materials, and 4th to 5th grade transition funding.

It has been an honor to serve as President of this wonderful organization comprised of so many incredible Board members, event chairs, teachers, and volunteers who work hard all year long to ensure that all of our children receive the best possible education and are supported by their school community. I hope you all have a fun, safe, and healthy summer and I look forward to seeing you next fall!



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Volunteer Opportunities

***Interested in helping out in our school district?
Consider the following volunteer opportunities.***

District Volunteer Opportunities

The Fox Point-Bayside Educational Foundation - email Zia Maskara (ZiaMaskara@gmail.com)

The Fox Point-Bayside Parent Teacher Organization - email Christine Duback (foxpoint.bayside.pto.team@gmail.com)

Stormonth Elementary School Volunteer Opportunities

Read with Children Volunteer
Lunch Room Volunteer
Playground Volunteer
Library Volunteer

Please contact Stormonth Elementary School at 414-247-4102 if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

Bayside Middle School Volunteer Opportunities

Art Room Volunteer
Lunch Room and Recess Volunteer

Please contact Bayside Middle School at 414-247-4201 if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.