



# Winter PTO News

2021-2022 vol.2

## President's Corner (by Jayme Cain)

*It takes a village to raise a child.*  
~African Proverb

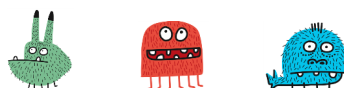
Yay! We made it to Winter Break! I am sure everyone is looking forward to a couple weeks off for family time and the winter holidays!

Over the last 18 months, the PTO has continued to revamp nearly every event and program; and I would like to take a moment to applaud the efforts of our board members, event chairs, and volunteers who continue to seamlessly make this happen. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes to ensure we get it right the first time. I think it goes without saying that your support and monetary contributions provide valuable help to our children, teachers, and schools -- for both this current school year, AND next school year.

**Monster Bash-In-A-Bag**, along with festive games in the gym, provided a modified, but welcomed return to normalcy for our students (*Continues p.2*)



## Monster Bash 2021!



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## President's Corner *continued*

and was a massive success thanks to our co-chairs, Anne Berkoff and Ann Tobiczyk, for leading this effort – see the Chairperson Spotlight on pages 6 & 7 to learn more about these dedicated volunteers. The **Fall Book Fair** offered everyone a way to stock up for the holidays and refill their home bookshelves because of the hard work from our co-chairs Molly Hoehn and Robyn Wilgreen. Elana Karan led our annual **Club's Choice** fundraiser, with incredible sales leading to a profitable event, despite global supply chain delays. Additional funding via the Fund Allocation Committees will begin in January at both schools, and we are excited about the potential purchases coming down the pipeline. Stay tuned for further information! Again, this financial support would not be possible without our amazing team of chairs and volunteers who have managed to execute our events during a global pandemic.

Anh Clausen, our Membership and Directory Chair, along with Megan Smith, Past President, took on the monumental task of moving the PTO directory to our new **Membership Toolkit** website. Membership Toolkit will be your “one stop shop” for everything related to the PTO, from calendar and event information, volunteer sign-up, online sales and donations, plus the coveted online

directory! We are just so excited to be able to offer this to our district families, to make your lives just a little easier. We invite and encourage every family to create a Membership Toolkit account. We also have a mobile app!! After you register your account on the website, search for "Membership Toolkit" wherever you download your apps. PRO TIP: Be sure to use the same email you use for Infinite Campus for your Membership Toolkit account!

Of course, we cannot forget the ways we've worked to support our teachers throughout the year. Cortney Roberts, our **Conference Dinners** Chair, coordinated grab-n-go snacks and breakfast for our teachers and staff at both schools during fall conferences to show our teachers how much their dedication is appreciated.

Stay tuned for an outdoor event this winter, which will replace the indoor events held in past winters. We are calling it the “**Peppermint Pop-Up**” and will include ice skating and fun snow activities, which will be available for free to everyone in our community. Hot chocolate, specialty toppings, coffee and sweet treats will be available for purchase as a PTO fundraiser. Stay tuned – because this will literally be a “pop up” event when the weather is perfect!



## Treasurer's Snapshot (by Xiaoting Hao)

Hope you enjoyed the first trimester of the school year. Many successful fundraising events and programs took place in the past few months.

On the fundraising side, the passive fundraisers (from Amazon Smile and Mabel's Labels) have brought in \$413.98. Thank you for choosing PTO as your supported charity when you shop online.

We hope you enjoyed shopping at the Fall book fair. The PTO raised over \$5,000 in Scholastic dollars from this event. This amount will be put to good use to help teachers purchase additional classroom supplies.



The Spirit wear sales brought in \$371. We received \$275.05 from the first restaurant night fundraiser. The current income from Membership dues is \$6,083.03.

We are excited to offer the new PTO website through Membership Toolkit and hope you find this site convenient and easy to use. The current Club Choice income is \$4,122 and the final net profit from Monster Bash is \$10,678.54. We are grateful for the hard work of numerous volunteers and the generous support of district families. Finally, a big shout-out to Kohl's volunteers, who have brought in \$621.66 in donations year-to-date through the company's volunteer hour match program.

On the program side, the Directory has brought in \$1,203.17 net profit from ad sales. The current Yearbook revenue is \$3,548. The PTO has also sponsored the Fall teacher conference snack bags for both schools. We are currently accepting donations to support district families in need. Thank you so much for your generous support!

Looking ahead, there are many wonderful programs and events awaiting us in the new year. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season!



## 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 2021-2022 school year!!! It feels so great to be back at school full time for all the kids.

Winter is a slower time for School Services but it is definitely a GREAT time for volunteering. Both Stormonth and Bayside are in need of volunteers for lunch and recess. The link for the sign-up genius is on the Friday folder and daily communication for both Stormonth and Bayside respectively.

Many of our chairs work very hard on events that make the school experiences so fun and rewarding! The job of creating yearbooks for both schools is a year round project. Collecting photos, editing pages of content, taking photos at events, and hitting deadlines for the publisher are examples of the countless behind the scenes activities.

### Yearbook Photos Needed

This is where you can help the PTO! Have awesome photos from school events or a field trip or maybe just a fun lunch duty? Send them to us!

The Stormonth yearbook email is:

[Stormonthpics@gmail.com](mailto:Stormonthpics@gmail.com)

Emails should include the following:

Subject, event, grade/teacher (if not an event, include a general description of what students are doing such as "playground" or "library"). If various grades or teachers are in the picture use "various").

By submitting pictures to the email account, it is assumed that you are giving permission for Stormonth to use these photos. We cannot

guarantee that all photos will be used but every submission is valued and welcomed.

Submissions should include more than one student and be of high quality (not grainy, dark, or blurry).

### New Family Registration

January marks an exciting time for new families to the district that want to register their children for Stormonth's K4 and K5!

Did the house next to you have a new family move in?

Have you had a parent ask you questions about the school district for their children?

Maybe you've had friends ask, "How and when can I register for my children for school for 2021-2022?"

Well, you are in luck!!! You can pass this information on to them:

## Want to Learn More About Stormonth Elementary?



Call Carla at the Stormonth School Office (414) 247-4102 to get more information

# Upcoming Events

## December

12/23-1/2 Winter Break

## January

1/3 School Resumes

1/4 Stormonth Musical Rehearsal Begins

1/5 PTO Board Meeting

1/17 & 1/24 No School

1/18 School Board Meeting (tentative)

## February

2/2 PTO Board Meeting

2/18 & 2/21 No School

2/21 School Board Meeting

## March

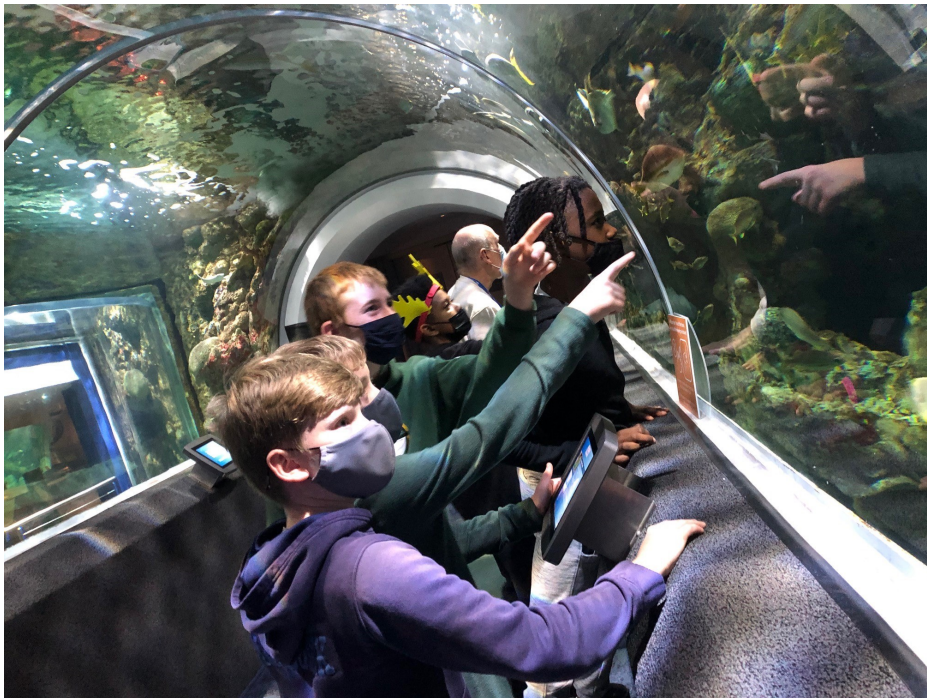
3/2 PTO Board Meeting

3/3 & 3/4 Stormonth Conferences

3/16 & 3/17 Stormonth Musical Performance

3/21-3/25 Spring Break

3/29 School Board Meeting



*Bayside Middle School's 6th grade class enjoyed visiting Discovery World!*



## Chair Highlights Anne Berkoff and Ann Tobiczyk

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 Anne Berkoff and Ann Tobiczyk, Co-Chairs for the Monster Bash!

### Anne Berkoff

#### *Co-Chair, Monster Bash*

I live in Bayside with my husband Mark, our two children, Marie and Ben and our dog Toffee. We moved to Bayside 3.5 years ago from Chicago. We met in Chicago where I worked for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Mark was a volunteer. Mark grew up in Bayside and loves Milwaukee and all things Wisconsin. I grew up in South Bend and went to school at the University of Dayton and University of Notre Dame.

The kids love being able to play outside, catch frogs in our pond and see the deer and turkeys in our yard. We are thrilled to be a Stormonth family and have found the teachers and staff to be fantastic. I joined the PTO to get to know other families better and help give back a little. Mark is an attorney and I love interior design, art and am a not-so-secret sci-fi geek. I work very part time for a design firm in Mequon. I also dabble in sewing and painting.

This year I co-chaired Monster Bash with my new favorite person in the whole world, who also has one the of hardest last names to remember how to spell, Ann Tobiczyk. We had a blast working together! We are blessed with great neighbors, a close-knit family on both sides and children who are at the best ages where they still dig us and want to be with us. As for Stormonth and the PTO – 5 stars, highly recommend!



## Chair Highlights *continued*

### **Ann Tobiczky**

#### ***Co-Chair, Monster Bash***



Hi everyone! My name is Ann Tobiczky and we live in Fox Point. My husband and I met while we were both working at Kohl's Corporate office and have been married for almost 12 years. We have 2 amazing daughters Harlow (4th grade) and Cecily (1st grade). I decided to stay home with Harlow after she was born.

I've been very busy since then helping our family renovate our houses and move our family to the next adventure. In 9 years, Harlow has lived in 5 houses and one apartment. My husband Brian is an architect and always dreamed of building a house for us.

I grew up in Mequon and love Milwaukee! Brian grew up in Fredonia New York but came to Milwaukee for college and loves it as much as I do! We have been moving all around the area (Bay View, Bayside, Whitefish Bay, Fox Point, Mequon, and back to Fox Point) in search of our happy place.

It wasn't until we moved away from here that we realized the Fox Point Bayside School District and community is truly a special and magical place. The community and teachers are the BEST around! And then we hit the jackpot when an opportunity presented itself and we were able to design and build our home in Fox Point! It was a long journey, but we made it and love it! Our girls are troopers and have learned a lot about renovating, designing, building, and moving. They are extremely resilient and happy to be in our new home and in this great community. Harlow loves all things art, reading, family and horses. Cecily loves all things art, family, cooking, and playing with her big sister!



## Programs (by *Britten Brenner-Stenson*)

The Program team has been hard at work this fall planning, organizing and executing some great events. A sure sign of “getting back to normal” is being able to host events inside our schools. While we are not completely back to all of our pre-pandemic events and rituals, we are slowly getting there!

While we are able to enjoy the comforts of our homes during virtual conferences, our teachers are hard at work inside the school buildings. The PTO sponsored conference grab-n-go snacks and breakfast treats to show our teachers how much their dedication is appreciated. Hopefully, it's an extra pick me up during a couple of especially long days. Cortney Roberts is our amazing chair for Conference Dinners. She did a fantastic job providing a wide array of tasty snacks the evening of Oct 14th, some of them healthy and some of them not so healthy! In addition, the next morning teachers had coffee and bagels to kickstart their day. Thank you Cortney for all your hard work! Also, a big thank you to Suzette Broennimann and Patty DeGraff for help with setup.

Bayside Activities Nights (BAN) are a wonderful opportunity for our middle schoolers to socialize and spend some time together outside of the classroom. For those of you that have never had the opportunity to attend one or who do not yet have a child this age, let me tell you a little bit about the event. BANs are held on Friday evenings at Bayside Middle School. In fall, there is one BAN for the 5th and 6th Graders and another BAN for the 7th and 8th graders. The cafeteria is opened up for snacks and drinks and a DJ playing music. The library hosts the BINGO crowd. The gym has various activities like beach ball volleyball and basketball. There are trivia stations, foosball and ping pong also available. The evening also ends with a raffle with many raffle prizes distributed to the students. There is a little bit of everything, so every student can find something they can enjoy. After not hosting BAN last year due to COVID, it was so refreshing and invigorating to see our students together having fun! You couldn't believe how into BINGO these kids are! And a huge shout out to the kids for really positive behavior and mask wearing!





## Programs *continued*

As you can imagine, events like BAN require a lot of support and organization. There are two parent volunteer chairs to support each grade level. Thank you to Rachel Weinberg and Amy Bazelon (5th Grade), Mary Schmierer and Robin Burns (6th Grade), Katie Glaisner and Christine Duback (7th Grade), and Bridget Carlson and Monica Arnstein (8th Grade) for everything you did to make these events so amazing!

It also takes a large number of parent volunteers. We had about 20 parent volunteers on site for each of the events. In addition, there were many more families that donated gift cards for raffle prizes. Thank you to all of you that supported BAN this fall.

As we move into spring there will be a 4th and 5th Grade BAN and a 6th and 7th grade BAN. Keep your eyes open for a request for parent volunteers and donations.

*thank  
you*

As we head into the new year, we are looking forward to planning Teacher Appreciation events and the Spring BANs!

**Wishing each of you Happy Holidays!**



Winter PTO

## Ways & Means (by Nicole Strickler)

### Cupcake Color Run Seeks Volunteers

Winter may be upon us but Spring is near and that means plans are underway for our premier fundraising event, the Cupcake Color Run! Every year hundreds of district and community members come together to enjoy community-building through a timed fitness and fun run capped off with plenty of cupcakes! This is one race that's fun for runners of all ages from kids to adults.

Our Cupcake Color Run Committee is seeking volunteers to plan the June, 2022 event. There are opportunities for everyone to help! Please consider volunteering your time to this fun event - the committee meets by Zoom and in-person and service concludes following the race in early June, 2022 in time for Summer Break.

Please reach out to Jamie Carlson at [cupcakecolorrun@gmail.com](mailto:cupcakecolorrun@gmail.com) or by text or call at 262.391.4287 to volunteer today!



## Stay Connected with the YOUR Fox Point/Bayside PTO



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# PTO MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Join us for our next PTO Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 5 at 9am at Stormonth School or [via Zoom](#). Get all the details on the latest PTO happenings!

## Administrative Services (by Anne Earnheart)

We are very excited to announce that the PTO has a brand new website! We will be using Membership Toolkit for everything that you need to know about our PTO, including our online Student Directory, Calendar, Online Sales, Volunteer Sign Ups and Communications. Please note our site is still under construction, so keep checking back as we continue to make updates.

We invite you to visit:

<https://fpbspto.membershiptoolkit.com/>

to register for an account. Every family will need to create a Membership Toolkit Account to see upcoming calendar events, make purchases, sign up to volunteer and much, much more in one convenient place.

**\*TIP - Be sure to use the same email you use for Infinite Campus for your Membership Toolkit account!**

The printed copy of the PTO Student Directory went home with students in November.



**Congratulations to Elise Silversen for this amazing design!**

## Stormonth Principal Report (by *Laura Witkov*)

Stormonth students and staff have just finished a fantastic First Trimester! Stormonth staff would like to thank our amazing PTO for their time and effort on the Monster Bash in a Bag, Monster Bash Games in the gym, the Scholastic Book Fair, and the Club's Choice, all of which raised money to support our schools! Our teachers are beyond thankful for the delicious Conference snacks, bagels and coffee that were provided as a 'thank you' from the PTO! We would also like to thank the PTO for our incredible Artist-in-Residence experience with a cast member from Broadway's Hamilton! Students enjoyed learning dances and songs from the hit musical with one of the "Schuyler sisters," actress Cherry Torres, on an outdoor stage. 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 a truly special place to be.

Students have had the opportunity to participate in many enrichment activities and events this Trimester. Beyond the classroom, our K5 students have had the opportunity to participate in Earth Ambassadors with Mrs. Ziegler, K5 Teacher, Mrs. Cosgrove, Talent Development Teacher, and Mrs. Ristau, English Learner Teacher, in 6-week rotations. Earth Ambassadors are learning to take care of our Earth by recycling, composting and making projects that support our environment. Our second graders have had the opportunity to participate in a Coding Club, learning the basics of programming Bots. Our third graders have had the opportunity to participate in our Stormonth Live Episodes, where students share news, writing pieces and even some hidden talents! Fourth graders may choose to participate in Sewing Club or Coding Club during recess time in the STORM (our Library/Makerspace) with Mrs. Ahles. Mrs. Cosgrove, our Talent Development Teacher, has also offered WordMasters, a vocabulary-based club for fourth graders.

We are continuing with many Covid-19 mitigation strategies at school to help keep everyone safe. We have universal masking, hand washing, and are maintaining 3 ft of distance between students as much as possible. We have offered two clinics at Stormonth for vaccinations for students ages 5-11, and ask that families please contact school nurse Monica Cain, at [districthealth@foxbay.org](mailto:districthealth@foxbay.org) to note if your child has been vaccinated. Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms at home, and we appreciate your partnership in keeping everyone healthy and safe.

It is important to us to continue to partner with parents and guardians to build a strong home-school connection at Stormonth. On November 11, Mrs. Piatti, Math Coach, and Mrs. Johnson, Math Interventionist, hosted a virtual Math Information Night on our new Bridges curriculum and how to best support your young mathematician at home. The recorded presentation of that evening is located on our district website. Our doors are always open, and we encourage you to reach out with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for your partnership.



# INJURIES DON'T SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT. NOW YOUR TREATMENT WON'T NEED TO EITHER.

## *PREMIER ORTHOPEDIC CARE WITH CONVENIENT WALK-IN APPOINTMENTS*

Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital is proud to open a clinic in the heart of the Ballpark Commons in Franklin. Part of a health and wellness district that includes a professional baseball stadium, a hotel, recreation opportunities, retail stores, restaurants, and residences, the clinic joins a community that focuses on active and healthy lifestyles.

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