

It takes a village
to raise a child.

- African Proverb

Winter PTO News

Some of our middle schoolers are
all smiles during our first ever
BMS Ped 'n' Pedal Event.



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President's Corner

By Katie Glaisner

Greetings fellow parents and members of our school community. It has been a busy few months for the PTO, so I will jump right in with some news and reports.

One our biggest events of the year – Monster Bash – took place in October and was a huge success. More than 650 students and family members signed up for the Halloween extravaganza where they enjoyed a cake walk, ghoulish games, face painting, photography, trick-or-treating, food and a new addition: the spooky touch-and-feel laboratory. What a great night! It was also one of the most volunteer-intensive PTO events and couldn't have been done without a lot of work from many helpers. I am thankful to all of them and give special recognition to our event co-chairs, Gunter Kocourek and Helena Laven.

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Lydia Presti works on the Stormonth Mural with True Skool artist James Tomasello.

Stormonth Artist-in- Residence

By Amanda Singh

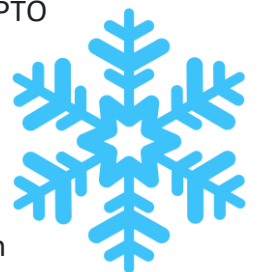
The PTO-sponsored Artist-In-Residence mural is complete and it is AMAZING. You have heard about the mural for months but now you can actually see it!

Every child had a part in this creation that will be on display in the Stormonth lobby for years to come. Thanks to the hard work of the Stormonth students, artist James Tomasello and the True Skool team, Shelly Jubelirer, and Karen Grimm-Nilsen, this project has truly come to life.

Principal Karen Grimm-Nilsen says about the mural: "Through the PTO sponsored Artist-in-Residence program this year, local artist James Tomasello worked with all of our students in painting a mural that highlights Stormonth School. The mural is a colorful celebration of community, uniqueness, academics, unity and the arts. This beautiful mural is located in the entryway of Stormonth. We cannot thank the PTO enough for providing the funds, which gave our students a wonderful opportunity to paint such a special mural. We love our school and all that it offers to our students and families."

Please check out the video that showcases the project from start to finish, documenting the journey and the students' reactions to the finished product. You will see many familiar faces!

We also want to thank all our PTO members and supporters whose dues and contributions to our organization make projects like this happen. We couldn't do this without YOU! If you haven't joined the PTO yet, know that you can join at anytime throughout the year.



Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this amazing project!

**VIEW THE PROJECT VIDEO AT
WWW.TINYURL.COM/STORMONTH-MURAL**





John Baker accompanies his 5th grade daughter Brinya during the Inaugural Ped 'n' Pedal event.

School Services

By Jesse Hillstrom

As School Services VP, there are so many exciting, fun events that are provided and organized by chairs and tireless volunteers! For that, I say thank you!

I wanted to give a special shout out to Dawn Sweet and Katy Nelson for working **year-round** on the Bayside and Stormonth Yearbooks!

January marks an exciting time for new families to the district that want to register their children for Stormonth! If you know of a new family who has moved in or a family with a soon-to-be Kindergartener, please pass this **registration information for K4/K5 or new families** along to them.

For new families interested in registering for the 2019-2020 school year, **group tours** of Stormonth are offered:

- Thu, Jan. 10th, 1:30-2:30pm
- Tue, Jan. 15th, 9:30-10:30 am
- Wed, Jan. 16th, 9:30-10:30am

Registration Day is Thursday, Jan. 24th from 7:30-10:30am and 2:30-5:30pm. Please bring a Birth Certificate, Immunization records and Proof of residency. Please call the school office at 414-247-4102 if you need more information.

The Inaugural BMS Ped 'n' Pedal

By Heather Klug

On October 11th the PTO, as part of our School Services and in partnership with Bayside Police and the Village of Bayside, kicked off the first-ever Ped 'n' Pedal Event at Bayside Middle School. Participants were greeted with our first true crisp fall day. The weather didn't deter the many pedestrians and bikers; one father drove his daughter to the crossing area from the southern end of Fox Point to enable her to participate in this important event.

Many families have experienced challenges while crossing over Brown Deer Road towards Bayside Middle School. The PTO created the event to increase the safety and awareness of students, encourage the healthy choices of walking or biking to school, work with the community to highlight the difficulty students face at the intersections and increase visibility of students.

In an effort to help reinforce safe crossing practices with students and equip them with tools to help ensure their safety, students were encouraged to "Move Your Head Before You Move Your Feet." Leading up to the event, safety tips were made during announcements and Bayside News featured the event. Participants were given an event bag tag with reflective strip as well as the opportunity to win custom t-shirts provided by the Bayside Police Department and insulated water bottles from the Village of Bayside.

Bayside Police Chief Doug Larsson and his committed team of dedicated officers spent the morning and afternoon teaching and reminding the children of the safest and best way to cross the street during heavy traffic. Four very visible police officers along with parent volunteers were posted at the Pelham Street crosswalk to ensure motorists and students understood their responsibilities. Additional parent and school volunteers helped in the Bayside Middle School Parking Lot where traffic and student flow has changed.

Even though it wasn't part of the program or requested by the PTO, police were present for a second day and distributed flyers to drivers to remind them of how diligent they must be. "It was an easy thing to do and given the support by the parents and the PTO, it was a natural follow-up to the program," said Chief Larsson. Police Officer Jason Blochowicz, who is retiring at the end of the month, as well as Officers Phil Nawrocki and David Bunting staffed the two intersections with Chief Larsson.

The PTO would like to thank all the participants and volunteers. A special thank you to: Jeff Bohacek, Anneliese Dickman, Katie Glaisner, Jesse Hillstrom, Sarah Krauss, Amy McWilliam, Megan Smith, Ms. Hackl, Ms. DeGraff, Mr. Lehman, Chief Doug Larsson, Andy Pederson, Jake Meshke, Officer Jason Blochowicz, Officer Phil Nawrocki, and Officer David Bunting.

We are looking forward to continuing this new annual event next September.



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...donated books to other students in need. What a win-win for everyone! Thank you to Flavia Mildenberg and Kristal Melbye for leading the effort and to all of the volunteers who helped out.

Earlier in the year, a parent approached the PTO board about addressing the safety issue of students crossing the busy streets near Bayside Middle School. I am proud to say that Heather Klug's great idea and hard work resulted in collaboration between the PTO, BMS, the Village of Bayside, and the Bayside Police Department. On October 11th students biked and walked to school at Bayside and the inaugural Ped 'n' Pedal event was born. It was great to see students learning about safe behavior, and as a parent and driver in the area, I learned quite a bit too! If you have an event idea for the PTO, please let us know.

Over the last few months we also hosted several other events and programs including the Artist-in-Residence mural at Stormonth, two Bayside Activity Nights, our fall conference dinners, the Club Choice fundraiser and KinderKid Date Night for our youngest students. All of these events run smoothly thanks to our dedicated volunteers and our tireless board, for whom I am very grateful.



We still have a couple chair positions open for events this spring, and we will certainly have plenty of opportunities for more volunteering. Please consider lending your time and talents to the PTO.

Thank you, and have a great new year!

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Having some frightful fun at Monster Bash.

Winter Events-at-a-Glance

- 01.10.19: PTO Meeting @ Stormonth, 9am
- 01.17.19: Coffee Mingler in Stormonth Cafeteria
- 01.24.19: K4-K5 & New Student Registration
- 02.07.19: Restaurant Night at Corner Bakery
- 02.08.19: Winter Fun Night (grades 1-4)
- 02.14.19: PTO Meeting @ BMS, 9am
- February TBD: Bayside Conference Dinner AND Family Skate Night
- 03.14.19: PTO Meeting @ Stormonth, 9am
- 03.19.19: Restaurant Night @ Dr. Dawg
- March TBD: Stormonth Conference Dinner AND Kids' Night Out for 3rd & 4th graders



Ways & Means

By Tina Kreitlow

FALL 2018 BOOK FAIR

Despite the evening chill in the air, as always, our community came out in full force for the Fall Book Fair! Again, the location of the pavilion was a hit among the kids and the parents, plus it allowed for no disruption to the school space for the day of set-up and take-down that is required.

Total sales for the fair were a whopping \$8,900 in four hours! The PTO decided to take profits in Scholastic Dollars, so the PTO profited \$4,450 to use at Scholastic. These Scholastic dollars can be used for so much more than books; our teachers will be able to choose from 21st century learning tools including new software, technology and equipment, furniture and rugs for classrooms, gifts and incentives for the kids and, of course, an abundance of books covering every topic you can think of for our school community.

We would also like to give a huge shout out to our two new co-chairs for this book fair as well. Thank you so much to Kristal Melbye and Flavia Mildenberg and congrats on such a successful event! We loved the addition of the used book drive to benefit the Next Door Foundation. All in all, it was a great night out for families at the pavilion. Every student in our district benefits from this event through new books in each classroom, plus the schools benefit through the additional Scholastic Dollars to be used for needed items in both schools. Thank you for supporting the book fair as a valuable event for our community!

MONSTER BASH

There were 655 ghouls and goblins that attended Monster Bash this year! WOW! This is one of the largest events the PTO puts on each year to support our school and we could not do it without a dedicated committee who plans and meets tirelessly for months leading up to the event. A huge thanks goes to our Co-Chairs, Gunter Kocourek and Helena Laven, for putting together one of the best events possible for our families. Their spook-tacular team included: Christine Duback, Katie Glaisner, Megan Smith, Sarah Langerman, Kellie MacDonald, Elvia Peña, Rebekka Schneider, Kelly Marrazza, Monica Arnstein, Scott Freeze, and Bridget

Carlson. The hair-raising experience that everyone enjoyed also could not have been possible without the 30+ volunteers, and for that, we thank you!

Monster Bash families collectively raised a total of \$5,800 to benefit the school. Some of the highlights include the ever-popular trick or treating, magician, awesome games, 50/50 raffle, and of course, the beautiful cake walk! The bone-chilling, fright-filled Dr. Pumpkin's Spooky Laboratory was an unnerving success and is likely to be back next year with more thrilling activities for our lil pumpkins to partake in!

The committee has already started planning some new and exciting additions for next year's event. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please contact Tina Kreitlow for more information.

CLUB CHOICE

Club Choice is another one of the PTO's biggest fundraisers for the year and we cannot thank families enough for taking to the streets, making phone calls, sending emails, texts, posting on social media, and so much more to get friends and family to purchase items. While this may not be everyone's favorite fundraiser of the year, we really do value every bit of effort that you all put into it. Besides, if you haven't had the Club Choice cookie dough yet, you really are missing out on something special! This year, Club Choice sales helped support efforts in the schools through PTO donations in the amount of roughly \$4,300. Our very own, Laura Pierri led the charge on this fundraiser and we are so thankful for her efforts. Thanks to all for participating in Club Choice this school year!

WINTER FUN NIGHT

Save the date for everyone's favorite Winter Fun Night on February 8th at Stormonth! All 1st through 4th graders are invited to attend the school's hottest party of the year in the cold month of February. Complete with friends, fun and music, this is a party your grade-schooler will not want to miss! Keep an eye out in Friday Folders and on Social Media for more information.

UPCOMING RESTAURANT NIGHTS

Take a break from cooking dinner and "save the date" for two upcoming restaurant nights! The first will be at Corner Bakery Café in Shorewood on February 7th and the second is at Dr. Dawg in Glendale on March 19th. Stay tuned for further information.

Programs

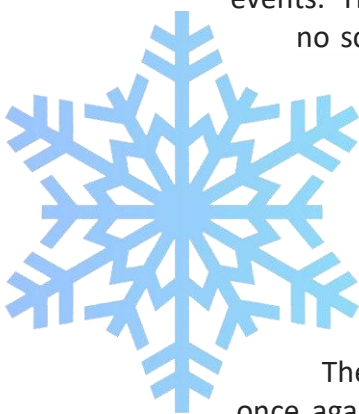
By Megan Girton

FALL CONFERENCE DINNERS

The Fall Conference Dinners went off without a hitch again this year! Big thanks to Cortney Roberts who coordinated a great event as well as a band of fantastic volunteers, vendors, and donors for both Stormonth and Bayside. All teachers and staff were so grateful for the yummy chili-themed dinners and expressed appreciation.

BAYSIDE ACTIVITY NIGHTS (BAN)

The first two BAN events of the year – one for 5th & 6th graders and one for 7th & 8th graders – have been well-attended and enjoyed this year! The kids enjoyed Ping Pong, AIR hockey, music, gym games and cookie decorating during these action-packed evenings. Many thanks to Monica Arnstein, Rachel Weinberg, Dajen Bohacek, Kate Meyer, Becky Kops, and Sarah Krauss for arranging and managing these huge events. This year, the PTO and BAN team have instilled a no screens policy at the BANs to ensure safety and fun for all kids in attendance. Additionally, we are grateful for the BAN volunteers who make our events possible and make them fun! We would love some more volunteer help at future BAN events in 2019!



KINDERKID DATE NIGHT

The Winter Wonderland KinderKid Date Night was once again a huge success due to the efforts of Sarah and Matt Leibham and their team! Special shout-outs go to Bridget Carlson for orchestrating our “big kid” helpers, Becky Diamond of The Secret Oven for all the delicious and adorable cupcakes, and Tina Kreitlow for her masterful DJ and Party Director skills. The students and parents all had a fantastic time and loved the winter-themed decorations, activities, and treats at the event.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Stay tuned for details on this year’s Family Skate Night. Due to warm weather, we’ve had to cancel the event the past two years but are hoping that some snow and cold comes this year in time for us to host this family fun night sometime in February. Keep your fingers crossed and ears open for further info!

KinderKid Date Night fun!



A New Year = New Chances to Get Involved!

By Jolena Presti

Fall has been full of fun events for students and families – we couldn’t have done this without you, our amazing volunteers! **Are you ready to get involved** in 2019 with events coming up including Winter Fun Night and Spring Book Fair? Contact Monica Arnstein to get on the volunteer contact list to receive notice when new 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 the next page on how to connect with us through these methods.)

Right now, volunteers are needed to chair the Spring Book Fair and co-chair the Cupcake Color Run.

Please remember to complete the volunteer background check at school well in advance of volunteering at an event.



The Fall Book Fair is all set up in the Longacre Pavilion back in November.

Four Easy Ways to Stay Connected with Your PTO



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Treasurer's Snapshot

By Bridget Carlson



It's been a busy start of the school year with successful fundraising events including the Fall Book Fair and Club Choice, as well as many fun community events like KinderKid Date Night and Bayside Activity Nights. The funds raised are working hard for our teachers and our kids.

Already this year, the PTO helped pay for field trips for K5-4th grade. Sometimes the school uses our donated dollars for simple (but pricey) needs such as bussing for our kids to attend field trips, and sometimes they are used (like recently) for tickets to events like the plays at First Stage! It gives us great pride to share with you that all of our families are making this happen by simply attending FUN community-building events like the Monster Bash or visiting a local restaurant on one of their fundraising nights!

A FEW KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Our PTO has received **\$231.74** so far this school year from the Amazon Smile program. I am excited to see how this number grows after the holiday season, as we are all happy to shop on Amazon and so grateful for what they give back to our schools.

Keep collecting the Box Tops, as we've already received **\$185.40** from your collections – you'll see another drive for those to be turned in later this year.

Did you know the PTO organizes and supports both Bayside and Stormonth picture days? We do and we receive a small percentage of the purchases, which we return right back to both schools. This year, picture day brought in **\$2,408.75**.

Finally, you'll see the Fall Book Fair summary on page 5 of this newsletter, but I wanted you to know that the coin wars brought in **over \$500** this fall – that money is turned directly around and the teachers are able to purchase books for their classrooms. Your donations from a couple months ago for a fun, simple coin drive is working for your kids – *today!*

I am looking forward to so many more fun events and seeing this money work for our teachers and schools in coming months.

Fund Allocation Committee Updates

By Christine Duback

Both the Stormonth Fund Allocation Committee (FAC) and the Bayside FAC met on November 30th to discuss potential projects to fund with our Scholastic dollars balance and the gift from the 2017-18 PTO school year.

Ms. Grimm-Nielsen explained that the Stormonth ideas came out of discussions between the Stormonth Building Leadership Team and the School Improvement Team, as well as the survey that was sent by the FAC to all staff at the beginning of the year. Various options being considered include additional water stations with filters, a sensory pathway (for OT purposes), alternative seating options, classroom care kits to be used in the event of an emergency, and an equipment shed to store playground equipment.

Ms. Hackl explained that most of her proposed ideas come from the survey as well as through discussions with staff and include a ball cart and dry erase boards for the PE department, alternative seating and desks, bouncy bands for desks, head phones for the language departments, relaxation tools, and calculators.

The FACs plan to meet again in early February.



WE INVEST IN OUR KIDS & SCHOOLS.

LAST SCHOOL YEAR, WE RAISED...

\$25K SCHOOL ENRICHMENT & CLASSROOM SUPPORT

each classroom & specialist received a budget; examples of expenditures include classroom supplies, field trip bus costs, youth frontiers kindness retreat, 8th grade graduation t-shirts



\$21K STUDENT ENRICHMENT & CULTURAL ARTS SCIENCES



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

\$14K 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



\$8.2K SCHOLASTIC DOLLARS



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

\$2.5K STAFF APPRECIATION

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



Chair Highlights

By Megan Smith

Hi, my name is **HEATHER KLUG** and I'm the mom of Tyler (6th grade BMS), Bella (4th grade PSS), Myles (2nd grade PSS) and Truffle (Dutch Sheepdog). I grew up in Madison and am a proud Beloit College Alum (Political Science/Legal Studies). My husband, Peter, was raised in Mequon. Fun fact: our children's Granddaddy Klug was taught by Peter Stormonth at the then-named Fox Point School. Our Wisconsin roots run deep. Peter and I have had the privilege to experience living outside WI – in San Francisco, CA; Nijmegen, The Netherlands; Lausanne, Switzerland; and Shanghai, China. Our first-born is the best souvenir of those adventures! The more we were away from WI, the more we grew to appreciate the wonderful community, quality of life, educational opportunities, and true natural beauty we have in Fox Point-Bayside. We are excited to provide a foundation for our kids by growing up here. As a stay-at-home-mom, I enjoy helping out in classrooms with Writers Workshop,



Math, Lunch Duty, Field Trips, and driving my crew to soccer, swimming and baseball. Outside of mom life I enjoy Platform Tennis, working out at the WAC, hanging out with friends, and cooking with my kids. I also am excited to use my background in relationships and alliances by being involved in our community addressing needs or resident perspective with Bayside's Village Manager and Police Chief as well as lending a hand for Clean Up Days and Recycling Events. This fall, with the help of many, I was pleased to help launch the PTO's Ped 'n' Pedal Event at Bayside Middle School. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for the event recap!

Hello! My name is **FLAVIA MILDENBERG** and my daughter Annie is in the 3rd grade in Mrs. Cho's class. My husband Chris and I have lived in Bayside for eleven years. I moved to the US from São Paulo, Brazil in 2006 when Chris and I got engaged. I enjoy spending time with my friends and making connections in the community.



This year I helped organize the 50th anniversary celebration at the Fox Point pool and the Glendale 4th of July Parade. I've enjoyed being a part of several field trips with Annie's class this year and am always looking for opportunities to meet new friends and neighbors! I'm also a Shorewest Realtor and find a great deal of satisfaction in helping my clients meet their real estate goals.

Hi, my name is **KRISTAL MELBYE** and I have two girls at Bayside and boy/girl twins in third grade at Stormonth. I teach Love and Logic classes for parents and educators and individually coach parents. I enjoy yoga, water sports, skiing, and hiking in the National Parks with my family. (This photo is of all of us hiking the Bright Angel Trail in the Grand Canyon in June 2018.) I've worked with the PTO by chairing bakes sales and



volunteering at various events. This year I co-chaired the fall book fair. I also help Stormonth by making costumes for the musicals and volunteering for recess duty. Additionally, I brought the Fourth Grade Kindness Retreat to Stormonth in 2015 and continue to coordinate that every year.



Why the family meal is the most important time of the day

By Patrick Lehman, MD,
Pediatrician, Bayshore Pediatrics



It's Tuesday and you were hoping to cook a nice dinner for your family, but between working late and your child's soccer game, you decide to make PB&J sandwiches and pack baby carrots to go. We've all been there.

But what if one night of this turns into two, then three, and then the majority of nights?

Although meals on the go can be healthy, they're missing an important aspect of family mealtime — bringing the family together. When families come together and sit down for meals, children reap physical, mental and emotional benefits.

PHYSICAL BENEFITS

Even though meals on the go can be healthy, research has shown that when families sit down together, everyone makes healthier choices. Generally, home cooking is healthier than meals made at restaurants because of ingredients, but home-cooked meals also boast more appropriate portion sizes, calorie counts and better nutrients.

MENTAL BENEFITS

Even though getting your children to talk about their day can sometimes feel like pulling teeth, the practice of it during mealtime helps them develop social skills and manners. Plus, hearing and participating in conversation promotes language skills and vocabulary. Even when kids don't want to answer your questions, the act of asking about their day also helps give them a sense of belonging.

EMOTIONAL BENEFITS

With the hustle and bustle of everyday, taking the time to sit down and eat dinner with family has many emotional benefits. Kids feel bonded with their parents and family, especially because family mealtime is a perfect setting for discussions where family values are shared. It can also be a good setting for asking opinions or involving your children in family decision-making. All of this helps kids recognize how valued they are and boost their emotional state.

FAMILY MEALTIME HOW-TO

If your family doesn't already have a set mealtime, start small by increasing the number of meals you share by simply one meal a week. After establishing this as a practice or habit, you can increase the number of meals you spend together and involve every member of the family in the planning. You can take turns picking out the menu, planning the grocery list, setting the table or even cooking the meal. Most importantly, make sure there are no distractions like phones or television during this time so you're better able to enjoy each other's company.

If you or your child has questions or concerns about family mealtime, talk to your pediatrician.