Happy Spring! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and restful spring break and were able to enjoy some quality time with family and friends. I can’t believe it, but we are officially in the home stretch of the school year. Luckily, we still have many exciting PTO events planned for the last trimester to keep us busy and focused on our mission of supporting our great schools, staff, and students!

First, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the parent and student volunteers who worked long and hard to make our recent PTO events a success, including: Bayside Activity Nights (BANs) for our 5th and 5th graders, K4 and new student registration, conference dinners for our Stormonth and Bayside teachers, a St. Paddy’s Day BAN for our 7th and 8th graders, Family Skate Night (which sadly had to be cancelled because the rink was closed), Winter Fun Night at Stormonth, Restaurant Nights at Toppers Pizza and Dr. Dawg and Kids Night Out for 3rd and 4th graders. Wow, our amazing volunteers have been busy!

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all of our friends on the Fox Point Bayside Educational Foundation for organizing yet another amazing Rolling on the River. If you weren’t able to attend, you missed a great night that...
Get your sneakers ready, because our biggest fundraiser of the year is right around the corner! Join us June 2
nd for the sweetest run you’ve ever done. New this year is an option to run through a COLOR POWDER STATION!

Warm up with Zumba, run the 5k, walk the 2-mile or run the 1-mile kid’s run. Stay afterward to win amazing raffle items, play, eat lunch and of course CUPCAKES! Be sure to register at thecupcakerun.com before May 15 to be guaranteed a race t-shirt and to receive a price break on registration fees. Look for volunteer signup opportunities on the race page, PTO Facebook page and in direct emails soon. The success of this event depends largely on volunteers, so please sign up, help your schools and get yourself a free t-shirt!

A huge THANK YOU to our generous sponsors as of March 31st:
• Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
• Elite Sports Clubs
• Baskin Robbins
• National Bakery and Deli
• Burghardt Sporting Goods
• Eggers Imprints
• Stephanie Murphy DDS
• Mathnasium
• Confluence Graphics
• InStep Physical Therapy and Running Centers
• Performance Running Outfitters
• Athleta

We appreciate you supporting our schools!

If your family would like to sponsor the run as a Fan Sponsor and have your name printed on the back of the race shirt, complete the Fan Sponsorship form found here, tinyurl.com/CCRsponsor, and return to one of the school front offices.

If you have any questions, please email us at thecupcakecolorrun@gmail.com. We can’t wait to see everyone on June 2
nd. Get ready to run and show your “true colors!”
SPRING CONFERENCE DINNERS

A huge thank you to Cortney Roberts and the many volunteers for once again making our teachers feel special and fueling them up for conferences with our Spring Conference Dinners! Many families and local businesses brought in special treats for the teachers to enjoy as well. Both principals and many teachers expressed their gratitude for all of the effort put into these dinners!

BAYSIDE ACTIVITY NIGHTS

Our Bayside Activity Nights have been going very smoothly, and the kids are having a blast! We love seeing all of our students getting together to have a great night of dancing, socializing, and fun. A big shout out to our Becky Kops, Sarah Krauss, and Dawn Sweet for planning these awesome events!

KIDS NIGHT OUTS

On March 16th, the 3rd and 4th graders danced the night away, played board games, and had pizza and a HUGE ice cream sundae bar at the Kids Night Out! In total 121 kids joined in the fun that night, and many parents and kids have raved about the fun they had and can’t wait for the next one. Thank you to Stephanie Bennett and all of the volunteers that made the event so special for the kids.

Friday, April 27th is quickly approaching, and we are all getting excited for the 1st and 2nd grade Kids MOVIE Night Out! Sarah and Matt Leibham are working diligently to plan a fun night for the last Kids Night Out this year. We look forward to seeing you there!
One of programs I am most proud that the PTO funds is the **Kindness Retreat** for our entire fourth grade at Stormonth. This year’s Kindness Retreat was held on March 1st (after being postponed because of our snow day!) at North Shore Congregational Church and is facilitated by an incredible organization called Youth Frontiers from Minneapolis. During the retreat, our kiddos are led in interactive songs, activities, role-playing, and discussions about the importance of treating others with kindness and respect. It is truly an overwhelming experience for all of the students and adults involved and there is typically not a dry eye in the house! Thank you to Kristal Melbye and Andrea Bernstein for coordinating this amazing program for our fourth graders.

I would also like to give a huge “shout out” to the Britten Brenner Stenson for coordinating the **Kohl’s Volunteer Program** for us. Through this amazing program, each time five Kohl’s associates volunteer their time to one of our events, we receive $500! Thanks to Britten, Maureen Guckeyson, Kelly York, Kelly Blumberg, Amy Kocourek, Dina Fregoso Artlip, Kira Romashko-Thiel, Jennifer Pelot Rysewyk, Katy Grapengieser, and Starr Damro, the PTO has received $1,000 this year. *(Please see the photo in the upper right.)*

I want to thank our **Fund Allocation Committees (FACs)** at both Stormonth and Bayside for their dedication to ensuring that our hard earned PTO funds are spent on appropriate and worthwhile efforts. A special thank you to Laura Pierri (our fearless Chair), Elizabeth Junges, Paul Treffert, Becky Diamond, and Michelle Buerger, who are our parent representatives. More information on current FAC efforts is provided later in this newsletter.

Finally, our **PTO Nominating Committee** is assembling to identify candidates for open Executive Board and Chair positions. Being involved in the PTO is a wonderful way to support our school community and give back to the teachers and staff who give so much to us. If you are interested in becoming a PTO Executive Board Member, Event Chair, or Volunteer, please feel free to contact me at christineduback@yahoo.com and I’ll be happy to discuss all of the available roles. Note: Events can be co-chaired, so grab a friend and sign up. There’s something for everyone!

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**Thanks Kohl’s Cares!**

**We Want to Hear from YOU!**

*By Jolena Presti*

**Calling all Fox Point-Bayside School District Families!** Have you been looking for a way to tell the PTO how you feel about the events and all the other activities organized by the PTO? We hope so!

In the coming weeks you will receive information about a **SURVEY** that PTO leadership has developed in our efforts to increase communication and learn more about the interests and needs of our school community. Your feedback will help us prepare for the next school year and help us better understand what is most meaningful to you, the families and members of the PTO. Topics we’d like your input on include: membership, the directory, programs and activities, and volunteer opportunities.

**Watch for the online survey code** in Stormonth Friday Folders and BMS Daily Communications. Survey participants will be included in a drawing for fun prizes!

*Your opinion is important to us!*
Fund Allocation Committee Update

*By Laura Pierri*

The PTO Fund Allocation Committee has approved more than **$30,500** in new projects for our schools this year. We are happy to inform you that, through collective efforts, the following projects were evaluated and approved in the last seven months:

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<td>Picnic Tables</td>
<td>Create outside space for that teachers can take their classes and that kids can use during recess.</td>
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<td>Teaching/Communication Signs</td>
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<td>Water stations for 1st &amp; 2nd</td>
<td>Provide an easier way to fill-up water bottles for students and staff.</td>
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<td>70” Smart TV for cafeteria</td>
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<td>Special education Grant</td>
<td>This grant will enable our Special Ed teachers purchase new materials for special education.</td>
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<td>Playground equipment</td>
<td>Equipment for our 5th/6th grade playground.</td>
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<td>8th Grade DC Trip Scholarship</td>
<td>Increase the annual scholarship by $1,200 to address class needs.</td>
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<td>PE Equipment</td>
<td>Buy new soccer nets, dodge balls &amp; Fitness room sound system.</td>
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<td>Foreign Language support</td>
<td>Purchased headphones &amp; educational posters.</td>
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<td>BMS</td>
<td>New instrument for band</td>
<td>Purchased a marimba for our BMS’s band to introduce our middle schoolers to this instrument.</td>
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<td>BMS</td>
<td>GPS for 7th Grade Staff Team</td>
<td>Provide new GPS equipment for the 7th Grade Staff Team for Camp Mac Lean. <em>(Please see photo on page 9.)</em></td>
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<td>Social Studies walkthrough</td>
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<td>4th to 5th Grade transition</td>
<td>Fund the transition program for incoming 5th grade students. Including BMS T-Shirts, transportation &amp; transition activities for students and parents.</td>
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Winter Fun Night Recap

By Dajen Bohacek

Winter Fun Night 2018 was a big success - and the credit goes to a group of great kids and all the volunteers and donors who stepped up to make this event such great fun!

Over 230 kids attended WFN 2018! It was an excited crowd of dancing, bingo playing, face-painted K4-4th graders who enjoyed a fun Friday Night after hours in their school! You read that right, over 230 kids!!! Everyone found something to fun to do whether your child was one of the many dancing machines in the gym, a face-painted lion wandering the halls, or found their bestie and a quiet corner to talk and giggle the night away. *(Please see the photo in the upper right.)* It certainly takes a village to make this event happen.

Here’s to the village that made WFN2018 happen:

- **Registration:** Bridget Carlson, Christine Duback, Monica Arnstein, Anne O'Donoghue
- **Snack Table:** Laurie Woods, Kelly York, Dina Artlip, Alleyne Alderton, Jamie Carlson, Jessica Parrish
- **Tattoo Station:** Bobbie McCain, Britten Brenner Stenson, Maureen Guckeyson
- **Face Painting Station:** Adria Willenson, Julie Carlton
- **Bingo Room:** Katina Pepera, Ellen Schupper, Katrina Lipman, Grace & Natalie Duback, Taylor Arnstein
- **Hallway Monitors:** Beth Meece, Cortney Roberts, Steve Elliott
- **Pirate’s Booty Donations:** Robin Burns, Monica Arnstein, Liz Sumner, Britten Brenner Stenson, Mark Erlandson
- **Water Donations:** Bridget Carlson, Laurie Woods, Jamie Carlson, Sarah Leibham, Laura Pierr, Liz Sumner
- **Tattoo Supply Donation:** Britten Brenner Stenson
- **Bingo Prizes Donation:** Jessie Allen
- **Face Painter Sponsors:** Amy Bazelon, Rachel Weinberg, Monica Arnstein

We wanted to extend a special note of gratitude to **Britten Brenner Stenson** who coordinated the volunteer Kohl’s employees who to earn PTO an additional donation from **Kohl's Cares Program.**

Also, we want to give a big shout-out to our DJ who really kept the dance floor rockin’!

This is such a fun event for the kids and I feel really honored to have chaired my third WFN, and I'm looking forward to next year.
Ways and Means

*By Tina Kreitlow*

Thank you to all who patroned our Restaurant Night sponsors in February and March. Thanks to your awesome efforts downing hot dogs and pizza, Dr. Dawg donated $175 and Topper’s Pizza donated $315 to our PTO! Stay tuned for more upcoming restaurant nights this spring!

Please join us for the “Paws for Books” Spring Book Fair and Cake Walk on Tuesday, April 17th. The book fair will be held from 3-8 PM in the Stormonth cafeteria and the cake walk will be held in the gym. We will be selling books, games and toys, with all proceeds to be divided equally between Stormonth and Bayside and used for books and classroom needs. Plan to make a night out of it with dinner from the Marco Pollo food truck. Can’t make it on the 17th? Check your Friday Folders or Bayside announcements for information about how to shop the fair online!

PTO Chair Highlights

*By Megan Smith*

We wanted to take a moment to say a special thanks to these amazing women for their hard work over the past months!

Hello. My name is Stephanie Bennett and I am the mother of Abby (age 13, 8th grade) and Sullivan (age 10, 4th grade) and two fur babies - an English bulldog, Tank and 10-week-old Patty the Pug. I am also the Owner/Founder of SBBennett Marketing, LLC and a Marketing Consultant for Heiser Automotive Group. I enjoy sail racing, however I’m currently taking a hiatus until I finish my MBA program in July.

I have not been able to do much for PTO in the past few years due to so much on my plate. With this...
Chair Highlights (continued from page 7) ...being Sullivan's last year at Stormonth, I wanted to chair the Kids Night Out event to kind of even out the playing field in comparison to all the volunteer work I did when my daughter was in elementary. In past years, I co-lead her Girl Scout troop, and spent most of my time as lunchroom and recess volunteer. For Sul, I did the PTO bus volunteer program at the start of the school year a few years in a row, volunteered at a Monster Bash here and there, but that's about it besides the KNO event. I'm hopeful he will let me help out more during his years to come at Bayside Middle School when I'll have the time available again!

My name is **Dajen (Diane) Bohacek** and I am mother to Niko in the 4th grade MAC Room, Mia in 1st grade with Stotler, and Lucia (Lulu) in K4 with Greig. For work, I am Associate Director at Plumbing Mechanical Sheet Metal Contractors Alliance This was my 3rd year chairing Winter Fun Night. My favorite part is seeing the younger kids feel so proud and big when they get dropped off at school for a "big kid" event. Otherwise, I help out whenever I can with things like candygram & flower sales at the school's musical event, Halloween Bash, etc. I consider our family very lucky to be part of this community and school district, so I like to help out whenever I can. (Photo: Dajen with Jeff, Mia, Lucia and Niko in Croatia, Summer 2017.)

My name is **Beth Meece** and I am the mom of three boys: 15-year-old Quinn, 13-year-old Will and 6-year-old Oliver. I am a RN that specializes in breastfeeding and I work at Columbia St. Mary’s and do home visits for newborns. I love babies! I also love the outside and warmth and the sun! I am an avid runner, and ran the Lakefront Marathon these last two years. I have been chairing the Fall Book Fair for PTO for the last few years and I also do lunch duty for my 1st Grader.

My name is **Tori Brooks** and my kids are Dylan (9) and Blythe (7). We moved here from North Carolina in 2015 and have loved being a part of Stormonth! I joined Beth in 2016 assisting with Fall Book Fair and enjoyed it so much I signed up again for 2017. The book fair takes a lot of time and coordination, but Beth is a pro and the work always pays off as kids, big and small, pour through the book fair each year to take a giant stack of adventures home with them!

Hi. I'm **Katie Glaisner**. I am President-Elect of the PTO and I am also chair of the Spring Book Fair. I have been a volunteer at several book fairs in the past but this is my first year as chair. I would love feedback about how it goes. I have two children in the district: Anna, in 5th Grade at Bayside, and Grace, in 3rd Grade at Stormonth.
Treasurer’s Snapshot

*By Bridget Carlson*

We are on target to meet all of our fundraising goals by the end of the year, which is $35,550 in profit.

Here are a few key things to note from this quarter:

- Keep shopping on Amazon Smile and make sure to select Fox Point Bayside PTO as your non-profit of choice – we have received $377 since the beginning of school this year! This extra money will go towards each of the school’s end of the year donations!
- Also be sure to shop at our Shutterfly storefront, [foxpoint-bayside-pto.shutterflystorefront.com](http://foxpoint-bayside-pto.shutterflystorefront.com), so that 13% of your purchase is donated directly to the PTO.
- Super duper thanks to Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin for their generous donation of $5,000 towards our PTO. Not only does this money help cover the cost of field trips, teacher’s classroom needs and extra student events, but their insight and resources are extremely helpful!
- We’re incredibly excited that once again the Kohl’s volunteers were available to help out with the kid-favorite Winter Fun Night. Their help was so needed with a record high attendance and then their generous donation of $500 for the event really helped cover the cost of the DJ and prizes!
- Our effort to keep event costs low to ensure PTO events are affordable to all of us throughout the year is working. The recent Winter Fun Night ($5) and Kids’ Night Out ($8) both showcased lower admission fees and resulted in incredible turnouts. We’re so glad to provide these affordable, fun events!

The next quarter will see more class-wide events with Bayside Activity Nights still with only a $5 admission fee, as well as new Kids’ Night Out events. We’re also in planning for the super fun Spring Book Fair as well as our key fundraiser, the newly revamped Cupcake Run, which will be an important event to attend to support our teacher’s needs, field trips and the upcoming school year.

**2017-2018 PTO Executive Board**

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**School Services**

*By Anne O’Donohue*

Earlier this year, Stormonth hosted a Registration Day for incoming K4 and new students. Thank you to Anne Lovitz for organizing the volunteers and a special shout out to Carla Mueller for set-up, clean-up and behind the scenes organization. We are very thankful to our friendly, helpful volunteers who assisted families with the process: Monica Arnstein, Nicole Boemer, Katerina Brickman, Kitty Brin, Michelle Buerger, Bridget Carlson, Rebekka Schneider, and Megan Smith.

Coming up this final trimester is Teacher Appreciation Week, Safety Week and the Stormonth End-of-Year Party! (Please see the Events At-A-Glance on page three for specific dates.)
According to the news, homemade slime is the latest Internet DIY trend. It involves mixing white glue with water and Borax to make a squishy, stretchy, jiggly blob. It certainly looks fun, but is it safe?

Borax is a natural chemical that is found in a host of household products, including laundry detergent additives, cleaners, insect killers, herbicides and even some kinds of toothpaste. But just because it’s natural doesn’t mean it’s safe — there’s a reason it’s used to kill cockroaches.

Consider the risks. Borax can be lethal if ingested — less than 5 grams for a child and between 15-20 grams for an adult. Signs of exposure include red and peeling skin, seizures and kidney failure. Borax can also cause skin, eye or respiratory irritation. In rare cases, prolonged exposure can cause infertility or damage to an unborn child.

Now, the amount of Borax used in most homemade slime recipes is small (usually about a tablespoon, which is a little more than 14 grams) and it is diluted in water and glue. So, while the risk may be small, it’s not zero.

I’ve also seen some fans of homemade slime saying how it’s not meant to be eaten. That’s true, of course, but as any parent can tell you, when it comes to small children “not meant to be eaten” doesn’t mean much. I would urge parents to carefully consider the risks involved before making homemade slime.

In my mind, the biggest risk is in the making of the slime. You don’t want to leave your kids unattended with a box of Borax. So, if you do decide you want to try it, I’d definitely encourage you to make it with your kids. Once it’s made, the Borax is diluted enough where I wouldn’t have much concern about kids playing with it. Then, of course, put the Borax safely away with any other toxic household items.

That said, whether it’s homemade slime or something else, if your child does ingest any potentially toxic substance, call 911 or the Wisconsin Poison Center (1-800-222-1222) immediately.