Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and were able to enjoy some quality family time during our very cold winter break. If you were anything like my clan, we used the frigid temps as a great excuse to snuggle up by the fire and dig into some of our new games, Legos, puzzles, and books.

As you look forward to the new year (and the next few long, cold Wisconsin months), please be sure to take note of the many exciting PTO events we have scheduled, including Family Skate Night, Winter Fun Night, Kids Night Outs for 1st through 4th grades and Bayside Activity Nights for 5th through 8th grades. We are always looking for more volunteers to ensure that these events run smoothly, so if you’re interested in volunteering please feel free to contact me or the appropriate Chairs identified throughout this newsletter.

You will also see in this newsletter, we have so many Thank Yous to extend to our wonderful Chairs and volunteers who helped with our recent events including: Laura Pierri and Dawn Sweet for Club Choice; Christina Rigby-McCotter for our...
The PTO funded Artist-In-Residence program at Bayside Middle School is complete! The stunning work of visual art was a collaboration between artist Marina Lee, art teacher Julie Trump, and students at Bayside Middle School.

Every year the PTO provides funding for each school to hire an artist-in-residence. This year, Bayside chose Marina Lee to be their resident artist. She is an accomplished local artist with an impressive portfolio of public art that spans decades, including the mosaic butterflies at Stormonth Elementary. Check out examples of her work at www.MarinaLee.com.

This year’s project at Bayside Middle School focused on Creation, Humility, Patience, Inspiration, and Change. Using art class time, the students were guided to connect these concepts to water, land, and sky. Finding inspiration in research, students learned about Aboriginal work, Vincent Van Gogh, abstract movement symbols and studied images of water, land, and sky creatures. In class, the students discussed the use of color for visual impact.

Students translated these lessons as they carefully planned and designed their individual wooden square pieces. Every piece was methodically sanded, primed, painted, edged, sealed and pieced together in an aesthetic puzzle. With the help of Ms. Lee, each grade participated in the technical and artistic aspects of the project.

The finished project is comprised of five large framed “quilts” of integrated tiles. Among the tiles are messages of tolerance, kindness, empathy, grit, and respect. Visitors to Bayside Middle School can view the project in the hallway outside the library. Many thanks to Julie Trump and Marina Lee for this wonderful addition to Bayside Middle School!
There is one committee for each school and each committee is comprised of the school’s principal, a teacher representative, a PTO Board member, and parents who have children that attend the school they represent. This past semester, the PTO FAC approved more than **$12,600** in new projects, including those listed in the chart below:

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<td>Picnic Tables</td>
<td>Create outside learning space for classes and “hang out” space during recess.</td>
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<td>Playground equipment</td>
<td>Equipment for our 5th/6th grade playground</td>
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<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>Purchase a marimba for our BMS’s band to introduce our middle schoolers to this instrument.</td>
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<td>Provide new GPS equipment for the 7th Grade Staff Team for Camp Mac Lean.</td>
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...PTO Minglers; Cortney Roberts for the Conference Dinners, Gunter Kocourek and Mark Guckeyson (and their amazing team) for Monster Bash; Beth Meece and Tori Brooks for the Fall Book Fair; Sarah and Matt Leibham for Kinderdete; Becky Kops, Sarah Krauss and Dawn Sweet for Bayside Activity Nights; and, last but certainly not least, Michelle Karaffa for the incredible Bayside Talent Show!

I would also like to give a special “shout out” to Megan Smith, our Communications Chair, who has done an amazing job of keeping us all up to date through her wonderful Facebook and Instagram posts. This is a new role and Megan has dove into it head first. In addition to her social media posts, she has also developed Communications Guidelines, a Chair Directory, Facebook Guidelines, and this fabulous new newsletter format. If you’re not already connected to her social media posts, please join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups?FPBSPTO/ and/or follow us on Instagram with the username “fpbspto.”

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight our very special relationship with the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin (CHW). For a third year, CHW has graciously committed to donating $5,000 to our PTO. In addition to their donation, they are a strategic partner and have offered to continually provide us with expertise, content, and staffing at relevant events. In exchange, they turn to us for support and input when needed (such as when they opened their new Mequon facility) and some simple marketing (which is why you see their logo on many of our events). It’s a wonderfully symbiotic relationship that allows us to give even more back to our schools. Please read the article titled How to Assign Age-appropriate Chores to Children on pages 8-9 of this newsletter for an example of their support and to help your children set new year’s resolutions to help around the house. Thank you CHW!

Wishing you all a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2018!

HELP WANTED!

We are in search of a fun, excited parent who’d like to co-chair our Winter Fun Night on February 23rd. If you are interested, please email Tina at tinakreitlow@gmail.com.
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!

BAYSIDE’S GOT TALENT SHOW CHAIR

Hello. My name is Michelle Karaffa and I am a mother of two teenage girls - Nikki (sophomore at Nicolet HS) and Kristine (8th grade at Bayside). I have been volunteering at school and PTO activities here and there since our Stormonth years, but more so in the past five years as I became a stay at home/work from home mom. I have enjoyed being more involved in my girls’ school activities; it was also a reason to accept a position to work part time in the Bayside school cafeteria while the girls attend there. This is my third and last year though. It has been fun to be a part of their day and getting to know all of the other kids, parents and staff. I will miss Bayside school but look forward to having time to fully focus on my home based businesses and online classes, re-organizing our home, gardening and outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. I really enjoyed being involved in producing the talent shows, as it brought back memories from being a dance group leader and choreographer. I love all of the background work and helping kids to be the best they can. It was truly a pleasure. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and successful year 2018!

BAYSIDE ACTIVITY NIGHT CO-CHAIRS

My name is Sarah Krauss. I have two boys - Charlie is in 6th Grade and Ben is in 5th Grade at Bayside Middle School. We have lived in Fox Point since Charlie was in K5 at Stormonth and I've been involved with the PTO in many capacities including Secretary for four years. Now, I help with Bayside Activity Nights. I work as a K5 teacher in Mequon during the day so helping plan the BAN’s is a great way for me to stay involved in the schools. We love Fox Point-Bayside!

My name is Becky Kops and I have two kids - Madison who's 12 in 6th grade and Carson who is 14 and in 9th grade. This will be my 3rd year co-chairing BAN and my 6th year co-chairing the yearbook (between both Stormonth and Bayside). I also co-chaired Special Interest Day at Stormonth for four years and volunteered for it a fifth year and co-chaired the Bayside Talent show for three years and volunteered for it an additional year. I've been a weekly lunch duty volunteer for seven years and was a co-chair for the 8th grade graduation last year. I like to read, spend time with family and friends, and volunteer my time at both of my kids’ schools.
School Programs

By Megan Girton

CONFERENCE DINNERS

Thanks to Cortney Roberts’ organizing efforts, we had hearty dinners in October to feed our hungry teachers who stayed late for conferences! Bayside Middle School’s spring conferences are in February and Stormonth’s are in March; this happened last year as well. A call for food and supplies will be made about three weeks out. Stay tuned for further info!

WINTER WONDERLAND KINDERKID DATE NIGHT

The event was held Friday, December 1st in the Stormonth Cafeteria and 57 families attended! KinderKids and their families had fun dancing, taking photos with their adult(s) in the winter themed photo booth, playing a guesstimation game (guessing the number of snowflakes, icicles and snowballs in the guessing jars) and enjoying refreshments! Thank you to Sarah and Matt Leibham for chairing this incredible event!

1st & 2nd GRADE KIDS NIGHT OUT (RESCHEDULED)

1st and 2nd Grade Kids Night Out was previously scheduled for Friday, January 26th. However, we just recently learned that the Fox Point Foundation’s Winter Blast is scheduled for the same evening. We are currently identifying a new date for Kids Night Out so community members can attend both. Stay tuned for more information!

BAYSIDE ACTIVITY NIGHTS (BANs)

The Bayside Activity Nights have been a fun and exciting way for our middle schoolers to make connections and have fun with friends in a safe environment. So far, the 5th and 6th graders had one event on October 20 and will have their next on January 19th. The 7th and 8th graders had one event on November 3rd and will have their next on February 9th. A huge thank you to Dawn Sweet, Becky Kops, and Sarah Krauss for organizing the BANs this year!

BAYSIDE’S GOT TALENT SHOW & REDGEN GIFT OF $600

Thanks to all the hard work put in by the students, staff and parents to make Bayside's Got Talent a success! We are proud to say the PTO raised $600 to gift to REDgen, an organization dedicated to advocating for the mental health of youth. For further information on this organization, visit www.redgen.org.

Treasurer’s Snapshot

By Bridget Carlson

The PTO Board, with the hard work of the dedicated volunteer chairs, is keeping in line with this year’s efforts to focus fundraising efforts on keeping event costs low, communicating the usage of any funds raised, as well as reaching out to the community.

Key items to note this quarter include:

- $600 in admission fees from the Bayside’s Got Talent show directly donated to REDgen.
- Approximately $5,000 in Scholastic dollars fundraised from the Fall Book Fair available to teachers and specialists to spend on classroom books and supplies.
- Monster Bash raised over $6,000.
- Club Choice raised over $7,500.
- Membership dues totaled almost $7,000.
- Concessions available at key events, providing low-cost snacks available to purchase.
- Amazon Smile has raised $224. Be sure to connect with the Fox Point Bayside PTO when shopping on Amazon this year!

Please see the update on page 3 from the Fund Allocation Committee for specific spending of raised dollars from the 2016-2017 school year.
MONSTER BASH

There were 670 ghouls and goblins that attended Monster Bash this year! WOW! This is the largest event 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 six weeks prior to the event. A huge shout out to our Co-Chairs, Mark Guckeyson and Gunter Kocourek, for putting together one of the best events possible for our families. Their spook-tacular team includes: Helena Laven, Rebekka Schneider, Sarah Langerman, Katie Glaisner, Christine Duback, Kelly Marrazza, Monica Arnstein 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 brought in more than $6,000 in revenue. Some of the highlights included the ever-popular trick or treating, the magician, awesome games, and of course, the boo-tiful cake walk! 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 me (Tina) for more information.

FALL “WILD WEST” BOOK FAIR

We truly thank our community for coming out in full force to support the Book Fair this fall. The new location at 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 $10,010.46 in four hours! The PTO decided to take profits in Scholastic Dollars, so the PTO profited $5,005.23 to use at Scholastic. 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, and abundance of books covering every topic you can think of for our school community. One of the areas we would like to address for our families for future book fairs is offering a wider array of titles for kids of all ages. One of the items the PTO is working on for the next book fair is also getting more Scholastic registers so we can get you through the line more quickly at check out. All in all, it was a great night out for families at the pavilion. Thank you for supporting the book fair and this valuable event that helps us raise so many resources for our teachers to support their efforts in the classroom!
As parents, you have an endless list of tasks to do, from cleaning the bathrooms and preparing meals to taking out the garbage and unloading the dishwasher. What you may not realize, though, is that your children - even the little ones - can help you out.

Your kids can and should be counted on to help make sure the house is running smoothly and cleanly. It teaches them responsibility and it lightens your load, giving you more time to spend with your family.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Don’t insist on perfection. No one is perfect, and it’s better to have a more relaxed approach to how well your kids do their chores. Otherwise, you might have a struggle on your hands. Or you might jump in and do it for them, which would undermine the whole point.
- Don’t delay. You might think your child is too young, but your kids may be more capable than you think. Kids can do a lot of chores at an early age. For example, getting clothes to the laundry or cleaning up after dinner is an easy way to learn by doing.
- Don’t be stingy with praise. Praise and encourage the child while the chore is in progress. You want to build positive momentum, especially with young kids. Don’t wait until the chore is done.
- Don’t be inconsistent. If your kids aren’t expected to regularly follow through, they might start putting chores off in the hope that someone else will do them.

GETTING STARTED

- Create a list. First, check that everyone has an age-appropriate chore. List the chores, the child assigned to the task and the day of the week. A parent can mark if the job has been completed. Put the chart where everyone can see it and let everyone follow through on their own assignments.
- Ease into chores for children. First, show your child how to do the chore step by step. Next, let your child help you do it. Then have your child do the...

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How to Assign Age-appropriate chores to children
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...chore as you supervise. Once your child has it mastered, he or she is ready to go solo.

- Be specific with instructions. Be explicit by saying, “Put your clothes in the closet, books on the shelf, dishes in the kitchen, and toys in the toy box.”
- Go easy with reminders and deadlines. You want the chore to get done without you micromanaging it. Try using the “when/then” technique. For example, say, “When the pets are fed, then you may have your dinner.”

In general, preschoolers can handle one or two simple one-step or two-step jobs. Older children can manage more. Here are some pointers on kids’ chores by age:

2-3 YEARS OLD
- Throw away diapers in a trash can
- Pick up toys
- Fold washcloths
- Help set table

4-5 YEARS OLD
- All previous chores
- Put away toys
- Straighten books on a bookshelf
- Put away clean silverware
- Help clean bedroom
- Sweep kitchen with small broom
- Clean off table
- Wipe down dirty walls
- Fold towels

6-7 YEARS OLD
- All previous chores
- Light cleaning of the bathroom
- Unload dishwasher
- Wash light loads of dishes
- Take clothes out of the dryer
- Put wet clothes from the washer into the dryer

8-9 YEARS OLD
- All previous chores
- Dust
- Wash dishes
- Help with meal prep
- Vacuum
- Bring trash to curb on trash day
- Take care of pets
- Empty trash in house
- Weed flowers/garden
- Organize toy cabinets

10-12 YEARS OLD
- All previous chores
- Mow the lawn
- Wash basic laundry
- Make easy meals
- Mop floors
- Clean the kitchen
- Help watch younger siblings
- Tidy the basement/garage
- Clean out the car
- Do a light clean of inside the refrigerator

13+ YEARS OLD
- All previous chores
- Clean tub/shower
- Make meals alone
- Iron clothes

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin’s Mequon Clinic offers more than 20 pediatric specialties, including primary and urgent care. To learn more visit www.chw.org/Mequon.