

Horizon Elementary

PTA Newsletter Continued...

Meet the PTA Board!

Rachel Rizzo – President: This is Rachel's seventh year as a Horizon parent and 2nd on the PTA Board as President. She is enthusiastic about helping Horizon grow its school community and supporting Horizon's staff. She is looking forward to this year's potential for new and exciting events, while expanding past school traditions!

Rachel and her husband (Jon) have lived in the district for over 10 years and have 3 daughters; 11, 7 and 2. In her spare time she likes to volunteer at Horizon helping the staff, doing room parent duties and also recently joined the Mill Creek PTA. She manages her daughter's soccer team, enjoys watching and playing sports, spends time with friends and family, enjoys drawing, painting, making earrings and creating various home decor items from wood.

She has taken this time in her life to stay home and focus on her family.

Whitney Ray – Vice President: This is Whitney's third year participating in the PTA, and her second year on the board as Vice President. She enjoys being involved in creating memorable occasions for Horizon's families, teachers and staff. Whitney is responsible for assisting the PTA President and overseeing/supporting all committee chairs and activities.

Whitney and her husband, Carl, have lived in Lenexa for 10 years. They have 3 children - twins in 2nd grade and an almost 4 year old. Their children are blessed to have all of their grandparents in the area, and spend time with them regularly.

Professionally, Whitney is the Vice President of Client Experience/Operations for Advantage Sales & Marketing. In her free time she enjoys attending OrangeTheory, baking, planning vacations and spending time with her family.

Alicia Hurley – Treasurer; This is Alicia's first year on the Horizon PTA board and seventh year as a parent at Horizon. She and her family have been in Shawnee for 10 years. They have a 4th grade son (Troy) and a 6th grade daughter (Bridget) at Monticello Trails.

Alicia has been an active volunteer at Horizon over the years in the classrooms, the school library, on Site Council, and as a Girl Scout leader. In her free time she enjoys reading, traveling with her family, and enjoying all the local trails in our area!

Meagan Denton – Secretary: This is Megan's third year as a Horizon parent and second year serving on the PTA Board as Secretary.

Megan and her husband have 2 children (2nd and K) and spend most of their free time at kids' events (soccer, karate, swim), running races, and spending time with family.

Professionally, Megan works full time as an HR Program Manager at T-Mobile.

Stacy Aldridge – Fundraising Chair: This is Stacy's second year serving on the PTA Board as Fundraising Chair. She enjoys volunteering and helping to give back to Horizon and the community.

Stacy is from Silex, MO a small town outside of St. Louis. She lives in Lenexa with her husband, Greg. They have two sons, Graham 7th grade at Mill Creek and Garrison 4th grade at Horizon. Both are active in local sports, love attending Chiefs and Royals games and enjoy the outdoors. In her spare time, Stacy enjoys the outdoors, traveling and spending time with family and their puppy, Whit.

Professionally, Stacy is a Senior Agency Recruiter at State Farm.

Kim Taylor – Membership Chair: This is Kim's second year serving as Membership Chair on the PTA board. Kim and her husband Kenny moved to Shawnee from California three years ago. They have two girls, Jillian who is in 3rd grade and Emily in 6th grade.

She is very involved in volunteering in the classrooms at school as well as for her daughter's soccer club. She enjoys all things sports and loves to be outside.

Professionally, Kim works for a CPA providing tax and review work for HOA Corporations out of the Bay Area.

Kate Pursley – Graphic Design Chair: This is Kate's fifth year as a Horizon parent and second serving on the PTA board, but first as Graphic Design Chair. Kate and her family moved to Shawnee in July of 2017, but her and her husband have been in the KC area their entire lives. They have a girl in 4th grade and a girl in 2nd grade that both dance and play soccer. They are huge Chiefs fans! Kate works in digital marketing and advertising for Cox Automotive. In her spare time, she enjoys taking exercise classes and spending time with her family.

Amanda Nedved - Corporate Fundraising and Give Backs Chair: This is her second year serving on the PTA board. Previously, she served as the Culinary Chair coordinating meals for teachers during conferences. Amanda credits her parents, both retired teachers, for wanting to get involved in the PTA. When Amanda was in school, she loved that her mom was "just down the hall" and knew all her classmates and teachers. Because Amanda chose a career outside of education, becoming a member of the PTA was a way for her to interact more personally with her daughters' school life. Amanda and her husband, Drew, have 3 daughters, Adelle - 2nd grade; Ava - 1st grade; Alexa - Pre-K. During the summer, you can find us at the swimming pool, library, or checking out some of the special events in the Kansas City area.

Professionally, Amanda works full time at a pediatric urgent care center serving the Kansas City metro area.

Missy Ericson – Staff Appreciation/Room Parent Co-Chair: This is Missy’s eight year as a Horizon parent and second year serving on the PTA board as Teacher Appreciation/Room Parent Chair. She lives in Shawnee with her husband Paul and their children. Their youngest, Sam (6), is starting Kindergarten this year and their 2 daughters, Ella (12) and Lucy (11), will be in 6th and 7th grade at Mill Creek Middle School.

She has coordinated the Room Parents for all of the teachers for the past 6 years! She has also been a room parent herself numerous times, volunteered to work with kids on their sight words weekly, helped with ETC days, helped lead the committee for 5th grade farewell, and coached Girls on the Run for 2 seasons.

She loves our Horizon community and is looking forward to what will hopefully be a much more normal year this year!

Ashley Etkorn – Staff Appreciation/Room Parent Co-Chair This is Ashley's second year as a Horizon parent and first year serving on the PTA Board. She loves being involved in school-wide initiatives that impact our kids' education and school experience.

Ashley and her husband (Aaron) have lived in Shawnee for 8 years and have two children; 6 and 4. As a family, they enjoy traveling to Arizona in the winter and Colorado and Florida in the summer.



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