



Meet Your 2023-2024 PTA Board

We held uncontested elections during our May PTA meeting. There are still openings if you were not able to attend the April and May meetings, but want to participate for next year.

Below are introductions to our Board members for next year with very brief descriptions of what they hope to work on, but there is much more that happens behind the scenes! Please consider helping on a committee or joining the board in one of the open positions below to allow us to do more for South Ave. **All are welcome.** If you are interested in participating please reach out.



Erica Hughes
Co-President

Erica is the parent of a rising 2nd grader. She is a foreign language teacher at Rombout Middle School and helped lead fundraising for the South Ave PTA board during the 2022-2023 school year. Erica is interested in finding ways to make the PTA welcoming and accessible to all families.



Matt Willard
Co-President

Matt is the parent of a rising 2nd grader. He is a former K-8 principal, technology teacher, and special education elementary teacher. Among many initiatives, Matt hopes to play a role that helps to build family networks and advocates for all students' success and well-being.



Cara Heaton
Treasurer

Cara is a long-time PTA board member and parent of two older boys who are South Ave alumni and now at BHS, and a rising 2nd grader. Cara brings along lots of historical knowledge and info about the district and is hoping to find a Co-Treasurer to help with budgeting and to learn the ropes for the future.



Shana Westlake
Secretary

Shana is a parent of rising 5th and 3rd graders. She was part of the 2022-2023 PTA Board helping with Arts & Enrichment (along with many other efforts!). Shana brings PTA experience and ideas from her children's time in a much larger school district in Maryland. We hope to find a Co-Secretary to help with all the ins and outs of communication.



Debra Ashton
**Fundraising
& 5th Grade
Committee Chair**

Debra is South Ave alumni, a long-time PTA board member and PTA President for many years. She is a parent rising 5th grader fundraising/donation champion, which she will bring into the 5th grade committee. Debra has many ideas for the school she hopes to implement before her son graduates next year.



Laura Hado

Laura is the parent of two rising 3rd graders. Laura has been part of the PTA Board since 2021 and will continue in the role of Literacy Chair and will run our Book Fairs, manage our Scholastic account, and help us buy books and media for the school and classrooms. We also have a couple other parents officially joining the Book Fair team.



Ryan Green
**Board Advisor &
Committee Chair**

Ryan is a long-time PTA Board member and parent of a rising 6th grader and 3rd grader. After 7 years she is taking a step back from a leadership role, but will remain an advisor to the Board to help with transition of knowledge and continue as Chair for events like Trunk or Treat and the Holiday Shop.

Openings

Would you like to join the PTA Board in a more official capacity? There is room for you!

- **Co-Treasurer**
- **Co-Secretary**
- **Family Fun Night Chair**

Planning, coordinating volunteers

- **Arts & Enrichment Chair**

Researching assemblies, field trips, and activities

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