

ARLETA PTA 2021-2022 BOARD MEMBERS

CARRIE BOWERS, Co-president: My name is Carrie Bowers. This is my second year as Co-President and I previously served as VP. I have one child at Arleta, who is currently in 2nd grade. I am currently a stay at home mom caring for my daughter and am primary caregiver for my mother as well. I have lived in SE since I moved to Portland in 2009. We moved into the Arleta neighborhood in 2017 and have been thrilled with all the wonderful people we have met since then.



HEATHER ROSE PEARSON, Co-President: I'm Heather Rose Pearson (she/her). I am a parent/guardian of two Arleta students, grades 4 and 5, and recent graduate. I have served on the Arleta PTA board since 2018. I have a history of working with non-profit organizations, including an urban management organization, a public park operator, and a performance theater. I volunteer with Arleta School Theater Club and run the Streaming Showcase after school drama program. I have lived in southeast Portland since 2003, where I am a block ambassador with Adopt One Block. "Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's noisy party than being there." (Franklin P. Jones)



JAROD JACOBS, Vice President: My name is Jarod Jacobs and my spouse, Alma Gugushi, and I are the parents of two wonderful Arleta students, Damian (1st) and Nicolas (3rd). My professional life has mostly been in higher education. I earned a PhD from the University of Manchester in Religions and Theology and taught at Warner Pacific University for ten years. Recently, I changed career paths and now work for Providence Health and Services as a Clinical Data Analyst for the Oregon Region Emergency Departments. I'm excited for the opportunity to join the PTA board at Arleta as I'm passionate about our community and would like to find new ways to serve.



MELISSA RINEHIMER, Treasurer: About me, I have a third grader - Atom- and have lived in the neighborhood for two years. We love the great teachers, friends, and supportive community experience we've had. I have a BS in economics and a masters in public administration. I have worked in the affordable housing industry for 20-ish years as an asset manager and real estate financial analyst and so have extensive experience with financial analysis and reporting. I previously served (~10 years ago) on the board of the Rose City Rollers as a team representative, was on the finance committee and served terms as my team's treasurer and captain.



TRACY HULLEMAN, Secretary: I'm Tracy Hulleman and I have a 6th grader, 3rd grader and a kindergartner. I moved to Portland in 2004 from Indianapolis. I met my husband Dan running Hood to Coast and now with 3 kids, a dog and a house we are here to stay! I'm looking forward to being more involved at Arleta and getting to know even more families in this awesome community!



DENISE CASTAÑÓN, Member-at-large & Inclusion Committee member: I'm Denise Castañón. My daughter, Adela, is in fourth grade and my son, Cruz, is in 1st grade. I've lived in Portland for 16 years. I've been involved with the Arleta PTA since Adela was in kindergarten. Last year I was vice president and head of the Inclusion Committee. I'm looking forward to helping out wherever I can as the member-at-large and plan to continue to be a part of the Inclusion Committee.



SHERYL MOREN, Inclusion Committee (IC) Lead: I'm Sheryl Moren (she/her). My daughters, mixed Filipina & white, are in the 2nd & 4th grades. I was born and raised in East Portland, a daughter of immigrants. My husband and I have lived in the Arleta catchment area since 2006. IC is dedicated to providing diversity, equity & inclusion (DEI) education, strengthen our Arleta BIPOC community and collective voice, and support Racial Equity & Social Justice (RESJ) initiatives within our school. I am a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and have worked with historically marginalized children since 1997. In my spare time I enjoy gardening, creating while thinking outside of the box, dancing, and spending time with my family



NICOLE IRISH, Family Engagement Coordinator: My name is Nicole Irish, I have a 4th grade student named Prince. My time is consumed by being a mother of 4, a real estate broker & I volunteer with organizations such as NAYA (Native American Youth Association) helping first time home buyers gain access to grants for their home purchase. I am very passionate about helping my community and getting others engaged. I enjoy being a part of our community in many ways, I often support locally owned businesses, you will find my family and I strolling Woodstock neighborhood, farmers markets and hiking Mt. Tabor. I look forward to bringing families together at Arleta!



SONDRA BLAIR, Garden Club Lead: Sondra Blair's third child is at Arleta and she's been involved with Garden Club since 2014. When not gardening she enjoys talking about gardening, reading about gardening, and garden planning.



ERIN FRANK, Teacher Appreciation & Emergency Preparedness Coordinator: I'm Erin Frank. I've lived in SE Portland with my husband Adam for 6 years. Our son Max is in 3rd grade. This will be my third year as Teacher Appreciation Chair, and I am looking forward to getting to support our teachers in person again!



MELISSA OLIN, Fundraising Coordinator: My name is Melissa Olin. I'm a third year PTA member and served as the Fundraising Coordinator last year. I'm a stay-at-home-mom to an Arleta 2nd grader, Sebastian. I'm also currently a Paralegal student at PCC. I'm originally from North Carolina where I met my now husband, a Portland native. We're excited to see things get back to normal this summer and fall (in the safest way possible) and in the meantime are missing all of our friends!



ALYSON KRAUS, Communication/Social Media: Alyson Kraus works for Portland State University as their state lobbyist. She is the mother of 3 kids Elliot (3rd), Theo (1st) and Corinne (Arleta kinder 2023). She's really excited to continue Social Media for the school which has been her creative outlet the last few years!



MELISSA SIRCY, Communications/Newsletter + Inclusion Committee Support: I'm Melissa Sircy (she/her) and I have a 2nd grader, Eliza, and a recent Arleta graduate who is now at Franklin. I'm an Oregon native and have lived in SE for 21 years with my husband, Matt. I served as PTA co-president for the last two years and am looking forward to helping with the newsletter, Inclusion Committee and other projects this year. In my free time I like doing puzzles and walking around the neighborhood with our dog Jazz.

