








Meet the 2019-2020 Strawberry Point PTA Executive Board

The PTA Executive Board welcomes you to the 2019-2020 school year! We welcome you to contact us with questions, and to get involved in giving back to the school in any way you feel comfortable. More than anything, our children will benefit from the time and commitment that we will all give to our school this year. You are the “P” in “PTA”!

<p>President</p> <p>Alejandra Petterson</p>	<p>Ale is originally from Mexico City, she moved to Mill Valley with her husband and two children in 2016, they are happy to be able to call it home. She has a degree in Pedagogy and worked as an English teacher for over 10 years at a private school in Mexico City. She will be at SPS for the next 6 years, with her daughter Daniela in Kindergarten and Federico in 3rd grade.</p> <p>You can find her running around with her kids. She loves family life, friends and exploring new culinary scenes with her husband.</p>	
<p>Executive Vice President</p> <p>Sarah Burton</p>	<p>Born in Durban, South Africa, Sarah immigrated with her parents to the Washington, D.C. area at the age of 5. She has lived in Paris, NYC, San Francisco and now calls Mill Valley home. She has spent most of her career in the French culinary world working with acclaimed French chefs in NYC and SF, and most recently with her husband’s digital mindfulness startup, WHIL!</p> <p>Sarah has 2 boys, Jackson who will be in 6th grade MVMS and Will in 4th grade SPS. When she’s not working or running her family’s life, she loves to hike, do yoga, cook and adventure to all the great foodie spots in the Bay Area.</p>	
<p>VP Fundraising</p> <p>Ashley Haase</p>	<p>Ashley hails from south of the Mason-Dixon Line, born in Kentucky. She grew up living around the world and is now a proud and settled Californian.</p> <p>She and her hubby, Dave, are high school sweethearts. They do their best to keep the family chaos of 3 kids, 2 businesses and 2 pets under control.</p> <p>She owns a boutique interior design firm focused on startup workspaces in the Bay Area. She has degrees in Journalism and Business, focused on design and marketing, from Indiana University and has lots of experience with fundraising endeavors for various non-profits. She loves convincing people to give happily to worthy causes.</p> <p>Ashley will be at SPS for the next 10 years with her 5th grade daughter, Taylor; 2nd grade son, Scotty and rising super Strawberry, Ellie, age 3. She loves traffic duty, coffee, yoga, sleeping in and thank goodness- design, kids and animals. The</p>	

	Haase family loves to play, travel and rustle up any adventure they can find.	
VP Communications Fay Griffin	<p>Fay is originally from Southern California but now claims Northern California as her "home." She and her husband Doug met while working on the Star Wars prequels at ILM. They've lived in West Marin, Vancouver B.C., LA, Oxford England, Parker Colorado and are now happily settled in Mill Valley. Fay has a degree in Communications which has come in quite handy when negotiating with her 4 children. When she's not managing operations for a mobile start up in San Francisco, she's managing operations at home for her husband Doug and children: Connor, Chloe, Cooper, Carter & Chewie (4-legged family member). Fay's happy place is trail running with her family, preferably on a single track and preferably downhill!</p>	
VP Volunteers Lindsey Cioffari	Coming Soon!	
VP Environment Sarah Catherine Avent	<p>Sarah is from Mobile, Alabama and she moved to Mill Valley in 2018. Sarah is married to John Avent and have one son, John Hampton (goes by Hamp) who starts First Grade this year. She's a Nutritionist and Pure Barre instructor and loves hiking and biking with her family. She's taking over the role of VP of Environment which means a lot to her, she has always been passionate about the environment and gardening so it's a perfect fit :) Sarah and her family absolutely love Mill Valley and cannot wait for an exciting new school year</p>	

<p>Secretary</p> <p>Kary Reston</p>	<p>Originally from Vancouver, Canada, Kari has lived and worked in London, Singapore, New York and Boston. She now lives in Tiburon (in the Mill Valley School District of course!) with her husband, Brent, and daughters, Ellie and Cece. Kari has a B.A. from the University of British Columbia and an MSc from the London School of Economics. Kari does part-time consulting and career coaching, and previously worked for a large emerging markets bank, where she was Global Head of Diversity and Inclusion, as well as Head of Talent for the Western Hemisphere. She loves to explore the area and repeatedly attempt road trips, despite having kids plagued with motion sickness!</p>	
<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Mara Lowry</p>	<p>Mara Lowry grew up a Navy brat moving all over the East & West coasts, which is why she so appreciates being firmly settled here in Strawberry! Mara & her husband, Adam, have two daughters at SPS: Kenning in 5th grade and Ryan in 2nd grade. Adam is a serial entrepreneur who travels far more than he would like, while Mara holds down the home front. Mara's professional background is primarily in marketing & brand management, though she was most recently a "Jill of all trades" for a small start-up she co-founded. Mara managed finances and taxes for the start-up, so she is only mildly terrified to be the 2019-20 Treasurer. Mara enjoys reading, spending time with friends, sailing, and traveling with her family.</p>	
<p>Parliamentarian</p> <p>Stéphanie Lorda Terry</p>	<p>Originally from France, Stéphanie moved to Strawberry as a child and herself attended Strawberry Point School. After attending UCLA and law school in San Francisco, she and her husband Patrick are happy to call Strawberry home, again. The Terrys love to travel, hike, spend time at the beach and have friends and family over for bbqs. Their little girl Evan, will be a 5th grader in 2019-2020.</p>	
<p>Historian</p> <p>Ines Gonzalez Lehman</p>	<p>Born and raised in Peru, Ines came to San Francisco fourteen years ago and after spending the first two years in San Francisco, Ines and her husband Chris decided that Mill Valley was the place to be to raise a family. They now live in Strawberry and have two kids: Maya who will be in middle school and Matthew in 3rd. Ines' career has been in marketing and sales working mostly for technology companies. When she is not at the school playground waiting for her kids or driving them around you will find her jogging by Blackie's Pasture or hiking around Tennessee Valley.</p>	

<p>Financial Secretary</p> <p>Jen George</p>	<p>Jen was born and raised in Canada and attended College near Montréal. This is her second time living in California. The first time around she lived in Palo Alto where she handled accounting for the Overseas Studies Program at Stanford. After 8 years living in the mid-west, and 2 kids later, Jen and her husband Jeremy were excited for the opportunity to move back and make a home in Mill Valley.</p> <p>Jen works part-time from home but her main job is managing the chaos of family life. When she's not busy with kid stuff you will find her at the gym, meditating, cooking, reading, or watching trashy reality TV. Her two daughters are Leah, in 5th grade, and Clare, 7th grade at MVMS.</p>	
<p>Auditor</p> <p>Andrea Whitmore</p>	<p>Andrea is a Bay Area native growing up as a Sharks fan in San Jose. After attending Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, she returned to reside in San Francisco where she worked as an auditor for KPMG and met her permanent plus one, Chris. After delivering three daughters and living in a majority of the SF neighborhoods, her family bought their first home in Strawberry. She'll have over ten consecutive years at Strawberry Point School from when Olivia attended TK starting in 2017 until Isabella graduates in 2028 so she looks forward to contributing to the amazing community in any way possible. You can usually find her pushing an oversized stroller up Ricardo or watching YouTube braiding tutorials.</p>	