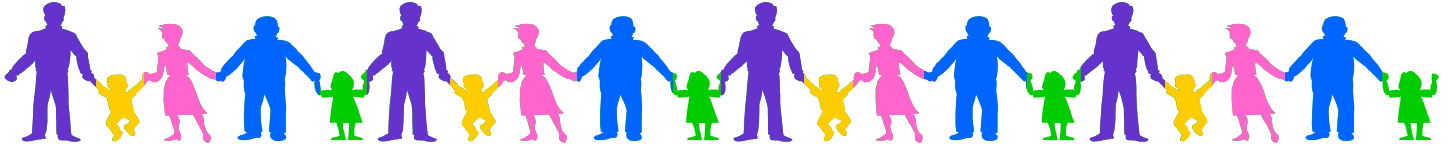


“PUTTING OUR HANDS TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”



**NEW HANOVER-UPPER FREDERICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER & CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION**

On May 24, 2011 NHUF will hold elections for its Parent Teacher & Children's Association board members. We would like to introduce you to the candidates running for positions on NHUF's 2011/2012 PTCA board. Enclosed is a brief biography of each candidate. Elections are being held for the following seven positions, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President Ways and Means, Members at Large (two positions).

Also included is an absentee ballot. If you are not able to attend our General Membership meeting held on May 24, 2011 and would still like to cast your vote, simply fill out the ballot and send it back to school labeled Elections.

PRESIDENT

Elise Watts

Elise Watts is currently the President of the NHUF-PTCA and also works as a pharmaceutical representative for Merck & Co., Inc. She has two children that currently attend NHUF - Rhett in 6th grade and Carter in 4th grade. While Elise has been president of the PTCA, many activity nights have been implemented such as Ice Cream Social, Fall Festival, Family Pizza Night, and Spring Carnival. Additionally, the PTCA has taken on more charitable giving programs such as the coat drive and Scouting for Food partnership. She looks forward to working on expanding these programs and partnering with the community even more so. In addition, Elise chairs Playground Committee and serves on various others.

VICE PRESIDENT

Lynnette Moccia

Lynnette Moccia is a proud mother of four children, three of whom are still attending New Hanover-Upper Frederick Elementary School. Her oldest child is a sophomore at Boyertown Senior High School. She graduated from Bloomsburg University in 1991 with a Special Education degree and taught as the Director of Education at the Sylvan Learning Centers in Harleysville and Pottstown for four years. After the birth of her first child, she decided to become a stay-at-home mom. She has served as homeroom parent on several occasions, volunteers in her children's classrooms on a weekly basis and has served as Vice President of the PTCA during the 2010-2011 school year. This role has been immensely rewarding for her. While serving in this position, she has enjoyed being more involved in all the work the PTCA does for the students, teachers and community of New Hanover-Upper Frederick. She has had the privilege of meeting many wonderful and caring people who work so hard to enrich the lives of the children who attend this school. She feels that these experiences will continue to be an asset and would feel honored if re-elected to serve as Vice President of the N.H.U.F. PTCA for another year.

SECRETARY

Shannon Burghardt

A regular volunteer at NHUF since her oldest child entered NHUF 7 years ago, **Shannon Burghardt** has volunteered in her children's classrooms, the school library, and as the photography chair for the 2010 Kindergarten Ball. Shannon is currently the PTCA Executive Board Secretary. Before her children were born (Thomas, now in 7th Grade at East, and Victoria, now in 1st grade at NHUF), Shannon was the Director of Marketing for a medical equipment firm. As PTCA Web Page Chair for the past several years, she has turned her communications and marketing training towards helping the PTCA improve its online communications, culminating in the launch of our new Web page earlier this year. From 2008-2010 she served as the Chairperson and primary teacher of the PTCA's Preschool Story Time Program. Last year Shannon joined the BASD staff as a substitute teacher. Shannon also served for two years as the Chair of Cub Scout Pack 291, and still volunteers as a Boy Scout Merit Badge Councilor and the Assistant Chair of Boy Scout Troop 291.

TREASURER

Gayle Scheuren McNeill

I have lived in New Hanover Township for the past 12+ years with my husband and two kids, Hannah (2nd grade) and Connor (6th grade) after moving here from Abington, Pennsylvania. I am a 1992 graduate of Kutztown University with a degree in Geography. My husband and I own and manage McNeill Land Surveying, LLC, a company that performs residential and commercial property surveys, construction stakeout and FEMA Elevation Certificates. I am responsible for all office functions including client relations, accounting & payroll, marketing, website design and, my favorite, computer aided drafting of the plans.

This past year at school I have attended many of the PTCA meetings and events, donated multiple baskets to basket raffle, prepared all of the corporate mailers for the Race for Education, assisted with the student mailers for Race for Education and I am the new Campbell's Soup Label Mom.

In my 'spare' time I play in a co-ed soccer league with my brother, hold an annual Easter egg hunt for family and friends, love to read books, go camping at Knobel's with our extended family, and play the Wii with the kids.

In addition to all these things I am also a Notary Public and a National Notary Association Member.

I look back at all the parents & volunteers who helped me to get where I am today as my motivation to help, the other part is our dedicated teachers and support staff. I believe in the PTCA phrase "Putting our hands to make a difference."

VICE PRESIDENT WAYS AND MEANS

Linda Walker

My name is **Linda Walker** and I would like to be elected to the NHUF-PTCA Board of Directors. My husband Richard and I have two children attending NHUF, Kayla is in fifth grade and Kristen is in third. I currently work as a certified manager of community associations for a townhome community in Schwenksville and have done so for almost ten years. Since coming to NHUF in 2006 I have always been an active volunteer for numerous PTCA programs and in our girl's classrooms. More recently I serve as the committee chair for Bowling Day and have volunteered at the Fall Fest and the Race for Education. I look forward for this opportunity to dedicate my time to our school and children.

MEMBER AT LARGE (TWO POSITIONS)

Michelle Murray

Michelle Murray is running for the position of Member at Large for the NHUF PTCA. She lives in Upper Frederick Township with her husband and two children. Her oldest daughter, Amanda, is in 5th grade and her youngest, Ashley, is currently in 1st grade. She has been an active member in New Hanover Upper Frederick Elementary School for the last six years in areas such as Fundraising, Holiday Shop, RHYME, Market Day and the Scholarship committee. She also participates in the Boyertown community where her children are actively involved in several Boyertown optimist sports programs.

She is employed with the BASD in the office at Boyertown Elementary.

She believes the PTCA at NHUF has always done a great job of bringing the teachers, students and community together and feels it is now time to take a more active role. As a parent of two NHUF students, Michelle appreciates this terrific group of volunteers and is compelled to become a more intricate part of this organization. With her experience within the school district and the community, she feels that she would be an asset to NHUF PTCA Board.

Alison Neeld

Alison lives in Upper Frederick with her husband, John and their two children Emily, who is currently in 5th grade and William who is in 2nd grade at NHUF.

Alison has been a member of the PTCA at NHUF since 2005. She has volunteered on several different committees, including Scholarship, Seed Project, Race for Education, RHYME and Holiday Shop. Alison is currently the PTCA's volunteer coordinator. Since her oldest child started school, she has volunteered in many capacities within the classroom and has also been homeroom parent a number of times.

After being a stay at home mom for 10 years, Alison went back to work this year. She is currently working at Faulkner Swamp Nursery School in the Play 2 Learn classroom and loving it!

Gaining many experiences in various PTCA committees, Alison feels this is an appropriate time to get more involved in the core of the PTCA. By running for the position of Member at Large, she hopes to continue her involvement in NHUF and making a difference for her children while they are attending elementary school.