

Ashley Epstein - Co-President

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This is Ashley's second year on the RMS PTSA; last year she did staff appreciation, grants committee and special needs advocacy. She is passionate about helping others and has an extensive background with non-profits doing volunteer recruitment, corporate donations, public engagement, and various event positions and has also held executive and board positions. She loves the sunshine (born in California and raised in Florida), outdoors, gardening, cooking and spending time with her friends and family. Her oldest daughter is a 7th grader at RMS in the transition room and she has a 1 year old she stays home with.

Laura Drover - Co-President

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This is Laura Drover's 2<sup>nd</sup> year serving RMS PTSA, having worked on the Grants Committee and last year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade musical production of Aladdin Jr. Prior to that, she has been an Art Docent & Room Parent at both Rockwell & Horace Mann Elementary as well as co-chairing & participating in many events such as Field Day, Bingo nights, Art of Discovery, Carnival and more. Laura also works in the district as a substitute IA/Para, assisting students with special needs, helping build stronger readers and bandaging scraped knees. She has a 7<sup>th</sup> grader who doesn't roll her eyes much at her yet & in her spare time, tries to create cosplays from the video games she spends too much time playing.

Manjari Kanungo - Secretary

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This is Manjari's first time volunteering with the RMS PTSA. Her previous experience includes being an Art Docent and volunteering in the classroom when her children attended Horace Mann Elementary school. She has two daughters. The older one will be a Senior at RHS this year while the younger will be entering Grade 8 here at RMS. Manjari has a BA degree in Psychology and more recently, completed a Masters Certificate in both HR and Project Management from Cornell University.

Christine

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This is Christine's first time volunteering with the RMS PTSA. She has a 7th grade daughter attending RMS, who loves ice skating and reading, and a fourth grade son attending the Quest program at Einstein, who loves all kinds of sports and video games. Christine has a MBA degree from the UW, in her spare time, she enjoys traveling, dancing and outdoors, she just made to the summit of the Mt. Rainier in July 2018.

Stacy Hatch – VP Volunteers (VP1)

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In her six years as a PTA member, Stacy has chaired Bingo, raised FUNds (putting the FUN in fundraising), collected Box Tops, chaired Movie Night and organized Dine Outs and spirit wear. Add to that room parent, art docent and most recently, a two year stint as PTA President at Rockwell Elementary. 2017-2018 was a rewarding year for Stacy as she was recognized as the Golden Acorn award winner. Her tireless efforts and ability to partner with school administration helped Rockwell earn the prestigious award of School of Excellence, too. With her resume of volunteer accomplishments, it's Stacy's passion to "do more" that is infectious!

When Stacy's not volunteering, you will find her working at Rockwell as an IA (Instructional Assistant). Her day job allows her to greet over 100 students/parents as crossing guard, build stronger readers and mathematicians and monitor lunch and recess. She and her husband are very proud of their sons (8th grade at RMS and 5th grade at Rockwell), enjoy taking road trips and hosting friends at their annual chili cook-off.

Sujatha Patra – VP Communications (VP2)

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Sujatha is a mom of two, an experienced accounting geek, and in her free time loves connecting people and ideas. As the VP of communications, she is responsible for maintaining good communications with PTSA members, the Principal, and the Executive Board members of the PTSA regarding necessary information to be shared weekly.

Swarnima Aswinkumar – VP, Family And Community Engagement (VP3)

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Swarnima has been a PTSA leader since 2012. At Samantha Smith Elementary, she held several committee chair positions and had the opportunity to serve as Co-President. Since 2017 she is serving on the Lake Washington Council PTSA board as Co-VP of Family and Community Engagement and their team received the 2018 Community Leadership Award from the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA). Last year, at RMS, she initiated and conducted the Career Expo for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. She is very passionate about working together with the staff, volunteers, and community towards the enrichment of students. After coming to USA as a graduate student, working in the Academia in Tokyo and then being a Mom to her now 7<sup>th</sup> grader, she feels her PTSA experience has been extremely gratifying and looks forward to her time on the RMS PTSA board.

Felice Nightengale - Membership Chair

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This is Felice's seventh year volunteering for RMS PTSA. She is a strong advocate for all students and families at school and is excited to be working with the team in support of membership this year. She has two boys one in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and one who is graduating from Redmond High School this year. Felice would love to work with another PTSA member this year who is interested in learning membership from the ground up to take over in 2019. Felice's PTA resume includes two Golden Acorn Awards, one from Rockwell and one from RMS. Two years as treasurer, two years as co-president, reflections chair, art docent, welcoming committee, room parent, summer mailer chair, and general resource of PTA information that seems burned into her brain. She works for an international non-profit as their Learning Administrator. In her spare time, she likes to sew, read, bake, and help run a regional science fiction convention.

Steve Hitch – Advocacy Chair

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Steve enjoys PTSA. At Redmond EI he chaired science, art, fundraising, enrichment classes, grants, emergency prep, yearbook, etc. He was Treasurer, Enrichment VP, Executive VP, and President. He is concerned about equity -- that students of all economic and cultural backgrounds who need a leg up are provided the resources they need from PTSA and the district. He advocated for our kids as a member of the LWSD Long-Term Facilities Planning Task Force and as a school representative on the Lake Washington Citizens Levy Committee. He is now fulfilling this advocacy role at RMS as the Chair for Advocacy. He is a City of Redmond civil engineer, cleaning up streams, preventing flooding, and protecting the environment. He has a sixth grader and a college freshman. He coaches soccer and is an assistant scoutmaster. When he is on his own, you'll likely find him on his bike exploring the hills around Puget Sound or backpacking far from civilization.