

## A Message from the Carl Sandburg PTSA Co-Presidents

Welcome back 8th graders and welcome 7th graders to the 2009-2010 year at Carl Sandburg Jr. High. We hope everyone had a fantastic summer, although it is the summer I will always refer to as our "Faux Summer of '09". We would like to take this time to introduce ourselves as this year's PTA Co- Presidents.

- Lyn Farina has been involved with PTA for 11 years (WOW!). Last year, Lyn was the 1st VP of Programs and has also served as Volunteer Coordinator and Room Rep for several years. Lyn's family consists of her husband, Vince, and her children Tim who is a Jr. in High School, and Leigh and John, both 8th graders at CS. Lyn works full time at Hewitt Associates.
- Lisa Winterstein has served PTA for 2 years now and has also been involved in Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. Lisa is married to Jerry and has four children, Jeff is 25 and is a 1998 graduate of CS, Ben is 23 and is a 2000 graduate of CS, Delaney is a newcomer at CS this year and Emily is in 6th grade at Kimball Hill. Lisa works full-time as a receptionist for an HVAC company.

Although the first day of school was this past Wednesday, all of CS PTA has been working throughout the summer planning this year's events. We still have several volunteer positions yet to be filled: Reflections, Environmental Education, Health and Safety, Volunteer Coordinator, E-News, Webmaster, and possibly Spirit Wear. We've learned over the years there are two main reasons people choose not to volunteer. One is fear. (That was a big worry for myself, Lisa) The fear that you may not "do it correctly" or "not do it as good as the person before". Please do not let a fear discourage you from participating. We are all new at one point in time and everything is a learning experience. PLUS, there are lots of resources to turn to if you find yourself stuck. The other is time. We all wish we had just 1 extra hour in the day! Many parents who volunteer currently have part-time and full-time jobs. Most committees and positions are very flexible.

Let us know when you are available and we can find a position to suit your needs and work around your schedule. Or, grab a friend and take on something together that you can share.

Our "doors" are always open. Please feel free to e-mail or call with any questions, comments, suggestions, etc.

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