

August 28, 2019

Dear Sprague Families,

Welcome to the 2019/20 school year! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer, and are ready and excited to be at Sprague School. We, Lisa Neighbors and Marissa Rosenbaum, are thrilled to welcome our new principal, Leigh Petrowsky! Leigh's warmth, enthusiasm and can-do attitude tipped the scales for us in deciding to take on the role of PTO Co-Presidents. We hope you have a chance to meet Leigh in person very soon!

As Co-Presidents, we will do our best to follow in the footsteps of last year's dedicated and mighty PTO president, Chris Moran, and we look forward to learning from Chris, as well as all of the past presidents, still among us. We are so grateful to have Moe Henzel (inimitable 4th Grade teacher) as our teacher representative again this year.

Very briefly, Lisa is mom to Ayla (5NB) and Rose (1DG), and Marissa is mom to Max (7th at WMS), Jane (5EB) and Kate (2BH). We are honored and excited to head up this **collaborative** and **inclusive** organization and we're looking forward to connecting and reconnecting with all of you!

We will have quarterly PTO meetings open to the Sprague Community (dates attached). We have enlisted the help of many parents already, and **we would love for everyone get involved in some way. No involvement is too little!** Our best hope is that everyone always feels welcome, needed and appreciated; it really does take a village.

The attached form is an explanation about our annual appeal for PTO dues. We support Sprague with a \$90,000 operating budget, and the bulk of this budget is funded by family contributions. Our goal is to raise 1/3 of the budget through the annual appeal, and as such, we suggest a contribution of \$100/child. However, contributions are not mandatory, and **any amount is appreciated**. Please reach out to either of us with any questions or concerns.

Our wish for this school year is to maintain a low-key, easy and — most importantly — fun approach to supporting a wonderful community that fosters Sprague's H.E.A.R.T values! Again, please reach out to us in person or by phone or email any time! We are excited to be here with you!

All best wishes,

Lisa & Marissa

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ABOUT THE PTO:

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) consists of parents, teachers and staff, and its mission is to support our Sprague community to promote a healthy and happy environment for our children. The success of this mission lies in our ability, as a community, to solve school needs through volunteerism and funding.