



## **Michele Fellows**

**2009-10 PTA President**

**Quote: "It is what it is."**

**Grades of children in 2009-10:** Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Current Occupation or Industry:** AMS (Association Management Specialist) – fancy title for condo manager and MOM – fancy title for slave

**Background:** My true calling is event planning. I spent many years promoting various tourist locations, restaurants, and charities in the Seattle area through special events. When it came time to raise a family, I started a condominium management company so I could have more flexible hours. I still plan events, but they are smaller and I take my pay in smiles these days!

**Why did you want to be part of the PTA Board this year?** I learned a great deal serving on the Board last year and met a number of wonderful people. Not only was it fun and rewarding, but also I didn't finish everything I set out to do.

**What do you look forward to accomplishing this year with the PTA and Elementary?** I felt pretty lost as my first child entered Kindergarten. It was a struggle to find information and to get involved. My goal is to continue to improve the communication between the parents and the school so others don't have that experience.

**What challenges do you foresee in the upcoming year?** Our switch to an annual drive fundraising model is huge for us this year. Fortunately the core group that has been working on the transition is outstanding and I am confident we can meet the challenge.

**Why do you love Elementary?** The people. The smiles. The waves "hello".

**Who is your greatest inspiration?** My grandmother. She taught me to just do what needs to be done and always be true to yourself.

**What are your achievements that you are most proud of?** Raising my children to appreciate the importance of friendship

**What skill would you most like to acquire?** Mind reading

**Favorite pastime:** Tackling my boys into a heap of jumbled limbs and belly laughs

**Favorite hobbies:** Mountaineering, cycling, gardening