

# In The Spotlight At Edmonds Elementary



## Pamela Frank 2009-10 PTA Co-Secretary

**Quote:** The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life. Rarely do members of one family grow up under the same roof.  
- Richard Bach (Found on a thank you note I received during volunteer's week at EE in 2007)

**Grades of children:** One child in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 2 "future orcas" at home, a stepdaughter and a 110 pound dog --- all girls!

**Current Occupation & Background:** In college I studied the legal field & philosophy while always having an interest in ADR (alternative dispute resolution). My free time was spent volunteering at a clinic for children with special needs, editing the philosophy journal, and being president of our undergrad law club. I later worked as a paralegal and then at a marketing services company. Two years ago, my family moved here to Edmonds and I have been a "stay-at-home" mom ever since.

**Why did you want to be on the PTA Board this year?** Honestly, I just enjoy being at our school and being involved in my daughter's education. It's nice to know what's going on and it's even nicer getting to be a part of making it happen.

**What do you look forward to accomplishing this year with the PTA & EE?** I look forward to moving forward! A number of great things have been put in place by EE volunteers who really gave so much time and heart over the past few years. I'm talking about things like our amazing playground, the excellent art show, & the new all-school musical, just to name a few. I would like to contribute in a way that honors those gifts & traditions while keeping them alive and making them the best they can be for our kids.

**What challenges do you foresee in the upcoming year?**

- 1) Our economy and the district-wide budget cuts will definitely be challenging to our school community as a whole.
- 2) Many individuals from different backgrounds will be fun, but at the same time will challenge us to do our best by reaching out and really including everyone in our EE family.
- 3) On a lighter note, I also find getting enough sleep to be a challenge as we have a newborn baby at home!

**Why do you love EE?** It's been my family away from home.

**Who is your greatest inspiration?** My husband. His achievements are more than noteworthy, but you'd never know because he is humble. I admire both the achievements and the humility.

**What achievements are you most proud?** Surviving single-motherhood, teaching my children how to be empathic & compassionate, and, of course, collecting >\$1,000 worth of Box Tops for our school last year (PLEASE, PLEASE start sending them in!!!).

**What skill would you most like to acquire?** I would like to learn how to successfully clone myself --- multiple times! I could do the dishes while I am while clipping box tops while the real me is out having a picnic with my family on the beach!

**Favorite pastime:** Keeping in touch with my friends or family who are 2,000+ miles away (and the new ones here!), smart shopping/"thifting," and going to farmer's markets.

**Favorite hobbies:** Baking