



## Stacy Payte 2009-10 PTA Vice-President

**Quote:** "If you don't ask you will never know."

**Grades of children:** One daughter in 3rd grade

**Current Occupation:** Controller (Fancy word for manager of the Accounting department) for Evergreen Home Loans, a local mortgage banker, since 1997.

**Background:** Grew up in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle, graduated Ballard High School and C.W.U with a B.S.in Accounting & B.A.in Business Admin. I followed my husband to Edmonds ten years ago. My over twenty years in Accounting (I won't share how many years over 20, but my first job included a decollator!) spans a decade in the marine industry before moving into mortgage. We started our daughter in Kindergarten at Edmonds Elementary and I have enjoyed belonging to the EE community. Last year I began serving as the representative for Edmonds Elementary on the School District Citizen Planning Committee (CPC).

**Why did you want to be on the PTA Board this year?** To continue to grow and strengthen existing relationships and meet new families and friends. To share my skills and what time I have to help our EE community. Even the small things like making posters or handing out snow cones provides the opportunity to show my child the value and satisfaction that comes from helping others and working together as a team towards a common goal. It really becomes family time well spent.

**What do you look forward to accomplishing this year with the PTA & EE?** With the current economy, it will be even more important to market and communicate the needs of the schools to parents and encourage them to voice their thoughts and opinions, and share their skills or resources to bridge the shortfall. The efforts of the past and present PTA has been phenomenal! The success of the ORCA Fund is crucial to ensuring our children's learning environment is not effected by this current economic crisis.

**What challenges do you foresee in the upcoming year?** The economic climate of the last few years is providing strong challenges to the revenue stream supporting the school district budgets, being part of the CPC committee was educational in learning the budget process. I predict there will be an urgent need for school communities to "think outside the box" in terms of cost savings and restructuring processes and possibly events.

**Why do you love EE?** The obvious pride and dedication the EE community has to our children's learning environment and experiences.

**Greatest Inspiration?** My Mother, for instilling in me the importance of education and independence.

**What achievements are you most proud?** My Family, being married for 10 years, C.P.A certification.

**What skill would you most like to acquire?** Continued education in Governmental Accounting, to clearly understand the available funding sources and research other capital resources available for needed maintenance and repairs.

**Favorite pastime:** Reading, family time, arts and crafts with my daughter.

**Favorite hobbies:** Reading, making up and trying low fat recipes, going to our cabin at Lake Tye.