



## Board Members

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## Upcoming Events

### February

17th - 7AM

Early Riser Reader

24th - 1:30 PM

Birthday Sundaes

28th - 6:30 PM

PTO Meeting - LMTC

**Volunteer for, or find out more about, any of these events by contacting either co-president.**

### Looking Ahead March

7th - 6:30 PM

SA Meeting - Staff Lounge

20th - 1:30 PM

Birthday Sundaes

### April

13th - **RESCHEDULED**

Family Fun Fitness Night

27th -

Spring Fling

## Cookie Dough

Cookie dough (and all other items) order forms should be turned in no later than Friday, February 10. We certainly hope sales have

been going well for everyone! Your orders will be available for pickup on Monday, March 5 during parent-teacher conferences. Remember, payment should be turned in with the orders and all checks should be

made to Waunakee PTO. If you'd recall, MRZ's gave us the cookies that we all enjoyed after our children's holiday program performance. Thank you SO much for your participation in this.

## Spring Fling

Our current Spring Fling coordinator has had an unexpected change to her calendar and needs to step down. We are looking for someone (or someones!) to step up and take the reins on this fantastic event! We will be more than happy to fill you in and help you along the way with anything you'd need.. no experience necessary! Please contact Danette or Tiffani for further information. Better yet, join us at our next PTO meeting and let us know you're interested!!

## Staff Appreciation

We wanted to point out all the wonderful things our staff appreciation committee (lead by Chrissy Stephenson) has done in the past few months. In December, each staff member received a stainless steel thermal mug with "Heritage Elementary" and a compass logo on the outside, in purple. They were well received and some staffers even asked for the ability to purchase additional mugs. Each mug had some hot chocolate goodies inside.

In January, the committee gave each staff member a punch card worth two goodies from the lounge. In February, we will be putting together a Mardi Gras themed spread for the staff. They will enjoy a tasty treat (or several!) on Fat Tuesday, February 21. If you'd like to help with this next venture please contact Chrissy, Danette, or Tiffani for further information.

We hope that all the staff knows how appreciative we are and these are just small gestures to, hopefully, make your life easier. Thank you for all you do!





## Who is Mrs. Fassbender?



I am a Second Grade teacher and have been teaching in the district since 2000. I grew up in Madison, attended the University of Wisconsin Madison and received my Elementary Education degree with a minor in Spanish. After completing a student

teaching in Third Grade at Heritage, I traveled to New Zealand and student taught there for three months. While there, a phone interview in the middle of the night (due to the time difference) led to my accepting a Second Grade teaching position here at Heritage.

12 years later, my husband, JP, and I now live in the town of Vienna with our daughter, Addie, who is in Second Grade as well. Our son, Jack, attends 4K at Art House Preschool. We have a German Shepherd, Elsa, and live next door to JP's parents and the house he grew up in.

### Why teaching?

I wanted to be a teacher at the age of 3 and it has never wavered. Playing school with my three sisters after school was a daily occurrence up until probably much longer than children typi-

cally "play" school. My younger sister often learned tasks that were not developmentally appropriate for a 5-year-old but I was insistent on teaching what I had learned.

### If you weren't teaching what would you be doing?

I would be spending time with my husband, children, and our extended family. At home I would be cooking/baking, reading books, playing outside in my yard, and likely anticipating a dinner with extended family coming over.

### What is the most amazing thing you've ever learned?

You really can't anticipate what is yet to come. As much as I planned on being a teacher, I would never have been able to guess that I would be where I am, surrounded by the people that I love, teaching children every day, and feeling so blessed to have what I have.

### If you could teach most of the world one thing, what would it be?

To read...it is the greatest gift and can take you anywhere!



Happy Valentine's Day!