



# ICS West PTA

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Expanding Worlds of Opportunity

## ICS-West is proud to introduce the newly created PTA Board!

### President: Kamiesha Vann



Greetings ICS WEST,

It is a great honor to serve as the founding president of the PTA for ICS West. During the first half of the school year, I have enjoyed the growth of community and friendship that my son and I have developed with the teachers, staff, and friends. Kevin (newly 6 years old) is currently in Teacher Wynter's Kindergarten class. "Kevin's little brother" Khalid (4 years old) is full of energy and enjoying his last two years of preschool. As a parent and advocate for early childhood education, my goal is to assist in the continual growth of community and friendship. I look forward to meeting with and hearing from the parents, families, community, and stakeholders of ICS West.

### Vice President: Lauren N. Carter

Hi ICS West! I Lauren Carter am delighted to be chosen as founding Vice President for the ICS West PTA. My daughter Logan is a third grader and we are both enjoying the experience the new school has to offer. I've always been active & involved in Logan's education just not formally belonging to an association. I decided to run for VP because I believe it is important to be a part of a formal organization whose goal focuses on the students & builds relationships between the students, parents/guardians, the school and the community. I'm committed to serving my daughter and all the students. By serving I can add my voice with like minded parents to bring about a positive educational experience for all the children at the school. And most importantly I can show my daughter by being involved that her education is important to me. There's no better way to stay connected than by serving.



### TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

The ICS West PTA sponsored its first event by providing a delicious breakfast for staff during Appreciation Week!



**Treasurer: Anthony Yoder**

I'm Anthony Yoder and I'll be the PTA treasurer. I'm getting involved with PTA because I want ICS West to be a great school and I want to do my part to support it. I'm excited to meet many more of the parents at ICS West and to see our PTA really take off. I live in the Cedar Park neighborhood and am currently a stay at home dad who does a little woodworking on the side. I've worked in schools and non-profits for most of my career doing accounting and data-driven work. I'm excited about ICS West because of the bilingual program, it being in our neighborhood, and that the school uses Responsive Classroom. Please become a member of the PTA if you haven't already!

**Secretary: Laura V. Miller**

My name is Laura and my son Nova is in 1st grade. I love learning and believe that education can be a tool of empowerment! I have a BSE in English Secondary Education. After graduating, I spent 10 years working in various education settings, mostly alternative. This May, I am graduating from Penn with a Master's in Social Work. These two fields are complementary- together they address all the different aspects of our children, i.e. social, emotional, and academic. Schools are much more than centers of content. This is a philosophy I hope the PTA can support our school, families, staff, and teachers to uphold. I look forward to hearing all of the aspirations you have for ICS-West. *(While you tell me, I'll be taking superb notes, which will then be organized accordingly!)*



**Communications: Susie Mizelle**

Hello ICS West community! I am Susie Mizelle, mom of Sunny (Tr. Jess's first grade class), Elise (incoming kindergarten class) and Dean (almost 2). I am a graduate of the University of the Arts (Crafts) and have worked as an artist, art educator, community organizer, campaign director, after school teacher and program director, kindergarten teacher, and was a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador. We live in the Cobbs Creek section of west Philly and are thrilled to have a school like ICS West in our neighborhood. I am excited to be a part of the PTA and look forward to building strong and lasting partnerships with our families, teachers and staff.



**Fundraising: Dana Green**

Hello ICS-West staff and students. I am Dana Green mother of Hadassah Green 1st grader in Tr. Jessica's classroom. I'm excited to be your appointed Director of Fundraising for the PTA and look forward to raising funds that will bring exciting activities, events and programs to our school. Professionally, I am a graduate from West Chester University and the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Nursing. I work as a certified Family Nurse Practitioner for the Dept. of Women's Health at HUP providing postpartum care to women.



## Edutainment: Meagan Macklin

I am the Edutainment coordinator for the PTA and mom to Catherine (2nd grade) and Ulysses (soon to be kindergarten).



I will be gathering resources for assemblies, field trips, and after school programs. I have been a Girl Scout troop leader in West Philly for 3 years which makes the job second nature for me! I have had my own deep-tissue/sports massage business in Rittenhouse (for the last 8 years) and have worked for the 76ers, the PA Ballet, the NFL on top of run-of-the-mill weekend warriors. In the past I taught English in Thailand for about 2 years and love working with kids. I am also a visual artist and try to incorporate art into everything. I am looking forward to helping to serve ICS West and introduce opportunities for enrichment to our community.

## PTA Board Liaison: Maurice Tolliver

I am Maurice Tolliver, father of a 1st grader at ICS-West. I am a veteran and a volunteer working with youth in various sports programs. I am very passionate for education and community development. I have been voted to serve as the PTA Board Liaison, and I am very much excited and enthusiastic to serve in this position. I look forward to the long-range planning and goal setting for educational programs and improving the curriculum and the upward mobility of ICW-West. My plans are to establish two-way communication with the School Board and the PTA, as well as keeping the PTA informed of School Board action and policies. I will also serve as PTA spokesperson by voicing the consensus of the PTA and parents.



We are excited to meet all of you.

**There will be a General Assembly meeting on  
June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7 pm.**

**We will meet in the gym and light refreshments will be served.**

See you then,

Independence Charter School West PTA

### **JOIN OUR LIST SERV**

If you'd like to be a part of the ICS West PTA email group, please send your email address to **[pta@icswest.org](mailto:pta@icswest.org)**.

### **PTA \$2 DRESS DOWN DAY**

Theme: Red, White, & Blue  
When: Friday May 26th  
Cost: \$2  
Why: to support the PTA!

Fun Fact: *The world's largest American Flag measures 505 feet x 225 feet and weighs 3,000 pounds (about the same as a small car)!! And, it was made right here in Pennsylvania.*

**THERE WILL BE A FUN PHOTO BOOTH DURING ARRIVAL FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS TO TAKE A PHOTO IN!  
Please Support Our First Fundraiser!**

### **RSVP FOR JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

If you are planning to come to our first general assembly meeting, please RSVP by sending an email to **[pta@icswest.org](mailto:pta@icswest.org)**.