

MEET YOUR 2023-24 PTO BOARD



Nicole Zell

President

My name is Nicole Brooks Zell and I am originally from Bluefield, WV but have resided in the Carolinas longer than my home state. We relocated to Charleston in 2009 and have loved every minute of it! Before relocating to Charleston, I was a multi-age teacher in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools for 10 years. For the duration of our time in Charleston, I have served as an educator in one capacity or another; as a Professor at C of C and in CCSD as an interventionist, lead teacher, teacher coach, and most recently as a District Administrator with the Office of Teacher Effectiveness. I have one child attending MLMS, Blake, and he has the honor of calling Mrs. S and Ms. Jackie in Upper El, his teachers. During our years at MLMS I have served as "room parent",

volunteered for various classroom and school wide activities, chaperoned field trips, and served as PTO President. In my opinion, Murray-Lasaine embodies the ideal learning environment and is one that we always longed for our son to be a part of. We are proud to be a part of this amazing school family!



Carrie Norwood

Vice President

Hi. I'm Carrie Norwood. I'm originally from Greenville, SC, but I've been here in Charleston for just over 20 years. My two kids are in kindergarten and fifth grade here at MLMS, and they both have been here since 3K. I work full time as a school nurse which is a job I love. When I carve out some free time I like painting and spending time outdoors walking, and camping. I'm happy to give back to Murray Lasaine because this school feels like an extension of our family. I'd like to see PTO enrich the community of our school by bringing us together, supporting our students and teachers, and exposing our children to new experiences.



Jennifer Pederson Volunteer Coordinator

My name is Jennifer Pedersen, and I am excited to serve as PTO parent volunteer coordinator. We've been at Murray LaSaine for three years with Piper & Ruby now in 2nd grade. I love being involved with the community and our daughters' education. My goal is to find ways to support the school staff and try to find ways to encourage parents to be more involved with volunteering. In my (not so little) free time, I enjoy traveling with my family, great music, and am a food aficionado. The other 97% of the time I'm embracing the chaos of motherhood one day at a time. All joking aside, I'm excited about the upcoming school year!



Rebecca Orr Treasurer

Hello! My name is Rebecca Orr. I have served as treasurer this past year and current school year. I live near James Island County Park with my family and two dogs. My oldest son is 10 years old. He has attended MLMS since he was 4. My youngest is almost 6 and started in 4K last year. I am a nurse practitioner at the VA and very much enjoy caring for our Veterans. As my children get older, I have more time to give back to a very well deserved cause, my children's school. I have been so lucky to experience the quality of teachers and staff at Murray-LaSaine, and I am able to contribute through the PTO.



Corbett Tripler Secretary

I am Corbett Tripler, mom to a kindergartner and second grader at Murray LaSaine. I enjoy being a full-time mama and small business owner that sells vintage children's clothes locally. I love our little school and joined PTO to give this love back to such a special place. I hope that our PTO can connect on a more personal level with parents and students this year. Before I joined, I had only a vague idea of what it provided and who was involved. I now realize what a benefit it is to our school and hope we can convey this and become more accessible moving forward.