## **BIO for PTO President**

Hello, I'm Karrie Bender. I have two young sons who attend the school. Nicholas "Nico" Bender is in 2B, and Carson Bender in KB.

I currently hold the position of President, and have decided to run for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term. We accomplished more this year than I could have ever imagined. My plan for the 2015-2016 school year is to continue building on what we started. By taking what we learned along the way, incorporating new ideas, building and recruiting active members, strengthening community involvement, maintaining open communication with teachers and staff, and ultimately implementing new ideas, initiatives and family events.

Prior to holding this position, I was actively involved with YSWPCS and the PTO for several years, volunteering for events when I could. I was also Homeroom Parent for 1A last year, and Homeroom Parent this year for KB, helping coordinate the in-class parties, attending field trips and reaching out to other parents.

I currently work from home for my husband's construction company, Benderbuilt Construction, as the Admin/Marketing person. Having had prior experience in interactive media, I also built his website <a href="www.benderbuiltconstruction.com">www.benderbuiltconstruction.com</a>.

Prior to motherhood, I earned my Associates Degree in Specialized Business Technology, then worked as Account Manager/Producer for a corporate video production company. Handling schedules, clients and budgets has given me the skills needed to help oversee operations of the PTO.

I'm always willing to discuss key issues that are important to our school and children, and can be reached anytime at <a href="mailto:karriebender@gmail.com">karriebender@gmail.com</a>. I look forward to meeting you at future PTO meetings and events!