



PTA Committees

Use your skills and talents to make a difference in our school—join a committee today! We have several to choose from, and all of them enrich our school. The below is a list of either standing committees (where one member from each committee may vote when project proposals are presented during Executive Board Meetings), or non-standing committees (where members

cannot vote for proposals).

Standing Committee Descriptions:

Board of Education Representative/PTA Council Delegate: keeps abreast of events that impact our schools; attends all Board of Education meetings and presents a monthly report to the PEARLS PTA Executive Board; attends all PTA Council meetings. Responsibilities include relaying information about all Council programs and activities to the PEARLS PTA Executive Board as well as relaying PEARLS PTA's concerns to the Council.

Book Fair Committee: coordinates school book fairs, which offer quality books at discounted prices to children, parents and staff. The fairs run for one week in both the fall and the spring. The committee recruits volunteers to set up, re-stock books, and assist children with their purchases.

Chess Committee: works with a chess foundation to provide lunchtime chess lessons for PEARLS children at a nominal cost per child. The children develop important thinking skills through learning to play chess. PEARLS nationally recognized Annual Chess Tournament is held in the winter or spring.

Enrichment Committee: arranges for classroom and learning enrichment activities (e.g. ceramic artist-in-residence and folk dance artist). It also works with many artists, scientists, performers and educators who provide hands-on learning and assembly activities that enrich our children's curriculum. This committee works closely with PEARLS administrators and teachers.

Fundraising & Special Events Committee: coordinates the fundraising events (e.g. candy & gift wrap sales, winter carnival, and BINGO) that generate money to provide the many varied curriculum enrichment programs for all PEARLS students. This committee also recruits parents to assist the fundraising coordinators.

Health & Safety Committee: provides programs, which encourage optimal health and safety in and around the school. These include school bus safety drills, fire prevention, nutrition and drug awareness. This committee also makes recommendations to the administration about safety issues in the school, which are based on periodic building walkthroughs.

Hospitality/Welcome Wagon Committee:

- **Hospitality Committee:** provides and sets up refreshments at various PEARLS PTA and school events, (e.g. Halloween bake sale, Pre-K orientation, staff appreciation breakfast and luncheon).
- **Welcome Wagon Committee:** provides vital general information to parents of new PEARLS students.

Membership Committee: responsible for membership sign-up and maintaining membership records.

Multicultural Arts Committee: collects and displays objects that express the various cultures of PEARLS students in the showcases of the school's lobby. It also coordinates the annual multi-cultural dinner that is held in June.

Web Site Committee

- **Web Site Committee:** updates PEARLS PTA's web site with information about both PTA and school news and events.

Special Education Committee

- **Special Education Committee:** The Chair of the PTA Special Education Committee is the main contact person for events and activities for the self-contained classes. Specifically, the Chair will attend monthly Executive Board PTA Meetings and report activities to the general membership, coordinate parent educational events, engage in community-wide and cross-community efforts, and other ways to stay connected to the special needs community, attend YSEPTA meetings, and disseminate information from YSEPTA both on social media and through flyers. The Special Education Chair must attend monthly PTA meetings, as that person has a vote on enrichment programs for all students.

- **Parent Volunteer Committee:** made up of **Head Class Parent** and **Indoor Recess** subcommittees.
- **Head Class Parents** assist the teacher in planning classroom and holiday activities, coordinate activities between our school and your home, work with the teacher and gift requests for teacher/staff appreciation day and collect yearbook photos. Class Parent Representatives are responsible for assisting the Head Class Parent and are encouraged to volunteer for at least one PTA committee.
- **Indoor Recess subcommittee:** organizes games and arts & crafts materials to circulate during recess when there is inclement weather, especially during the winter months. It also coordinates volunteers to assist with these activities

Yearbook Committee/School Pictures Committee

- **Yearbook Committee** collects all portraits, candid photos and text, as well as organizes, designs and does layout and production for the yearbook.
- **School Pictures Committee** is responsible for coordinating school pictures on picture days.

Non-Standing Committees:

- **Halloween Hootenanny**
- **Hands-on-Science**
- **Winter Carnival**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Holiday/Mother's Day Boutique**
- **Box Tops for Education (A+ America)**