

# About the



## **What does the PEARLS PTA do?**

PEARLS PTA advocates for the students of PEARLS and focuses on issues that affect them. We work with the administration and teaching staff, sponsoring various enrichment projects that enhance the educational and social curriculum of the school, such as field trips, and science, art and theatre workshops.

## **Why should I join PEARLS PTA?**

Membership let you to make a positive impact on our children. It entitles you to vote at all general meetings and allows you to hold a position on a committee of the PTA Executive Board (see reverse). PTA members also receive a discount on Chess Program fees and on the school yearbook.

## **How can I join PEARLS PTA?**

Everyone—parents, educators, students and other people active in their schools and communities—may join. You can join the PTA by completing a membership form and submitting it to the PTA box in the main office.

## **How much are membership dues, and how are they used?**

For under 6 cents a day, you can become a PTA member and share your interest in issues affecting children. Membership is \$15 for the first person. Additional membership cards are \$5 for members of the same family who purchased the first membership for \$10. \$4 per membership is used for State PTA and National PTA dues and the remainder is used for programs that benefit the student body.

## **Does membership expire?**

Yes, membership expires. It is valid for that school year in which you apply, expires the following September, and must be renewed every school year.

## **With what other PTAs is the PEARLS PTA affiliated?**

The PEARLS PTA, through membership, is affiliated with the Yonkers Council of PTAs, Westchester East Putnam Region PTA, New York State PTA and the National PTA.

## **How often does the PTA meet?**

There are at least three scheduled general meetings per year. Everyone—parents, teachers and staff—is encouraged to come to attend. When a general meeting is scheduled, a notice will be sent to you via your child. Meetings are also posted on our web site. PTA Executive Board meetings are held once a month and are indicated on our calendar. While these meetings are open to the PEARLS community, if there is an issue you wish to address you must contact an executive committee member prior to the meeting so that the item is put on the agenda.

## **Who decides how PTA funds are spent, and who keeps track of the spending?**

The Executive Committee presents the annual budget for approval at the first General PTA meeting. Proposals for various enrichment programs are presented to the Executive Board by the Enrichment Committee at the monthly Executive Board meetings. These proposals must be approved by the Executive Board via voting before funds may be spent. The Executive Board keeps track of spending.