

AUDIT COMMITTEE: The Audit Committee reviews the bank statements with the treasurer monthly and meets once a year in the spring to review our financial records. Members work closely with the Treasurer.

BETTER TOGETHER COMMITTEE: This committee selects charitable causes or programs to participate in throughout the year. Past events have included the Book Fairies book drive, coat drive, pet supplies drive, and food drives. Members promote events and organize items collected, in response to a community need. This committee is also responsible for Health Awareness Week-a weeklong event during which children are encouraged to think about and develop healthy habits. The committee will plan and coordinate fun events for each day. Our annual Jump-a-thon is scheduled during this week and often the PTA sponsors a health-focused assembly.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE: This committee works closely with the Vice Presidents of Programming to create and implement fun and important events throughout the school year for the students and families. Annual events include the nationwide PTA *Reflections* art contest, *PARP week*, and *Career Day*. Popular events include the *Welcome Back Picnic*, *Field Day*, *Game Night*, and *Picnic Around the World*. *Subcommittees will be formed to organize each event and divide up responsibilities.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: This committee will work closely with the Vice Presidents of Fundraising and help with all PTA Fundraising efforts and events. *Subcommittees will be formed to organize, execute, and promote various fundraising efforts throughout the year. Popular fundraisers include the *Ice Cream Fundraiser*, *Square1 Art*, *Picture Day*, *Box Tops* collection, and *spiritwear sales*. Fundraising events include the Scholastic book fairs, the *Holiday Boutique* (a fun shopping event for the kids), and the *school supply drive* (members work with the teachers and an outside vendor to create a school supply package that is available for purchase for each class.)

MENTORING/TRANSLATING COMMITTEE: This committee provides mentoring and support for new and existing families at our school. Members may be asked to translate communications or documents if needed. (Year-round)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: This committee interviews candidates for the Executive Committee and recommends candidates for each open position. A slate is then presented to the entire PTA to vote on at the May meeting. (Spring)

SHARED DECISION-MAKING TEAM: The Shared Decision Making Team is a state-mandated program that requires each school to create a site-based management team. This team consists of parents, students, teachers, and administrators. The purpose of this team is to participate in shared decision-making to improve educational opportunities and the performance of all students while promoting collaboration among the participants. (Year round)

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Members plan and execute “sunshine” events such as the *Kindergarten/New Family Breakfast* and *Staff Appreciation Luncheon*. Members also recognize 10 different staff members each month with various tokens of appreciation. The committee is also responsible for presenting flowers to our music teachers after concerts, planning and organizing an *alumni breakfast* for graduating high school seniors who attended Cantiague, and sending a card when a teacher has an important personal event such as the birth of a child or a wedding. In the Spring Members organize a luncheon for the teachers and staff of Cantiague as a thank you for all of their hard work. *Subcommittees will be formed to organize each event or responsibility.

5TH GRADE COMMITTEE: This committee plans and organizes 5th grade fundraising efforts and events, such as the Car Wash, Sports Night, special field trips, and the Moving-Up Party. They design and order the 5th grade t-shirt and sweatshirt. Members raise money by organizing fundraisers such as the Thanksgiving pie sale, Valentine’s Boutique, and by selling non-clothing spirit wear items to offset the cost of what may not be covered by the 5th grade dues. The committee also creates a yearbook and video montage for the graduates. It’s a great way to get involved to help make this a memorable and fantastic year for our Cantiague graduates!