

PCPI Cooperative Spirit Grant Application

PCPI's Mission Statement states that PCPI supports and encourages Parent Involvement, Parent Participation and Parent Education in Early Childhood Education programs. This Cooperative Spirit Grant is for schools who have an idea for increasing parent involvement and participation by designing a project that will make their school a better place for their children and leave a legacy for future classes, as it also provides an opportunity for bonding and a sense of community among the school's members.

As the name suggests, there must be a cooperative emphasis on how you will involve your parent community in creating and implementing the project. This is a key component to be considered for this grant opportunity. We realize things will look different this year as we deal with social distancing and virtual learning. The guidelines are open - be creative!

The project must be something that could be replicated at other schools. The grant recipients agree to provide photos and a written report at the end of the school year.

U.S. and Canadian preschools with direct membership in PCPI are eligible. Member councils may apply for a grant to fund a council cooperative project. The total grant amount is up to \$1500 to fund two or three programs. Each school may request from \$100 to \$1000.

Grant requests are due by December 15 at

CooperativeSpiritGrant@preschools.coop

The grant award decisions will be made by January 15.

Grant requests should include the following information:

- -School name and address
- -Contact person's name, phone and email.
- -How will this specific project increase parental involvement and a sense of community
- -How will this project improve your school and leave a legacy
- -Describe your project
- -Estimated number of participants
- -The length of the project and timelines
- -Your project budget
- -Amount you are requesting from PCPI grant (\$100 to \$1000)

In sum, your request should clearly describe a project that will be of value to your school and strengthen your community and parental involvement. Please include as many specifics as possible. Send your requests via email to CooperativeSpiritGrant@preschools.coop Expect confirmation of receipt within two business days otherwise, resend.

We are looking forward to reading your creative ideas and awarding these funds.