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Message from the President Heidi Inouye Steiner

When I originally wrote my first "Message from the President," I had four children; now I have six. I'm still in a parent participation nursery school and love every minute of it. Some things don't change. The joy of watching and working with the kids and parents is tremendous. It is a wonderful experience. Unfortunately, the world is now a different place than it was in 1998. That is why CCPPNS is so important now. What better a place for our children than in our parent participation schools, where so much love and care is given to them so they can grow into amazing adults.

When people ask me "CCPPNS?" I say: We're a hardworking and gracious community of parents, educators and volunteers who help provide the following benefits:

1. Interest free loans and grants to member schools;
2. Competitively priced liability insurance tailored to the needs of co-op nursery schools including coverage for scrip fundraising;
3. Annual CCPPNS convention, providing guest lecturers, workshops, and exhibitors for parents, preschool directors and teachers;
4. CCPPNS resource materials on grant writing and publicity, and information on fundraising, speakers, advertising, playground safety and safe scrip handling;
5. Legislative clout—CCPPNS can act as a lobbying organization to affect laws that may have an impact on our member schools;
6. Legislative information regarding upcoming bills or bills passed concerning issues important to our member schools and families;
7. Opportunities to give special recognition to our dedicated directors, teachers, and parents by giving awards at our annual CCPPNS convention;
8. Annual director and teacher luncheons that honor our directors and teachers and allows them an opportunity to network with each other;
9. A CCPPNS web site - <http://www.ccppns.org/> and information about individual schools - (check it out!);
10. Semi-annual editions of The Preschooler to all staff and families of our member schools;
11. Leadership training for council and preschool board members at our Joint Board Meeting, and leadership training advisory; and
12. Monthly meetings to share ideas, discuss concerns, solve problems and support each other.

I couldn't begin to list all the benefits and services of CCPPNS because there are many more benefits offered by our local regional councils.

Please come and meet us at our annual Convention. The theme is "Families for a Peaceful Planet." The 2003 Convention will be held in San Francisco March 29-30-31, 2003. See pages 4 & 5 for all the details, and hope to see you there!

Cooperatively yours,

Heidi Inouye Steiner