



# Fact Sheet

## 1. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESOURCE DONATIONS

In 2009, parents of preschool children will be asked to make a voluntary financial contribution to the preschool program. There are two ways in which this contribution may be requested:

1. **Voluntary contributions** - are determined by the school board of the preschool's amalgamated primary school. Parents should pay the amount directly to the school office. These monies are to be placed in a ledger set aside for use within the preschool. This is to cover the cost of cleaning, hygiene consumables, maintaining the preschool playground and may include some educational equipment and resources.
2. **Resource Donations** - are determined by the preschool parent association (PPA) in consultation with their general membership. These funds will be collected by the PPA Treasurer and placed directly into the account of the preschool parent association. These funds will cover the cost of insurance (contents of PPA owned equipment, public liability and personal accident), affiliation fees to the CPS, and any additional equipment and resources that the PPA (in consultation with the teacher-in-charge) wish to purchase for their children. Any monies raised through fundraising activities that the PPA chooses to do (independent of the school P & C) will also be placed directly into the PPA account.

It must be remembered, that these contributions are voluntary and no child will be excluded from any activity as a result of parents being unable to pay. Parents can also contribute in many other ways to their child's preschool experience e.g. roster duty, laundry, supervising on excursions.

The CPS encourages the PPA to negotiate and discuss with the Principal of your school and/or the school board chair regarding the level of voluntary contribution set by the school board. Preschool children only attend on a sessional basis and therefore it may not be necessary that the same level of contribution requested of parents for children enrolled in a school, be applied to preschool. Where there is a PPA providing the Teaching and Educational resources and consumables – the amount of the Voluntary Contribution should be inclusive of those items.

Preschool Parent Associations are independently incorporated entities and they have the responsibility of deciding how to fund the ongoing operation and to determine the level of support to the preschool program.