

The foundation of Peopleplace Cooperative Preschool is our families. Relationships are built between teachers, parents, students, and staff to create the most amazing and unique benefit of this school: a community. It is our intention that every family participate in the needs of Peopleplace Cooperative Preschool for two reasons. The first reason is functional: to support the staff, to enable the school to be able to offer scholarships, and to maintain the building and grounds. The second reason is that your presence at the school allows the students to see the network of caring families, to observe the helpful actions of others, and to practice interacting socially within the safe space of the school. Each family member thus becomes an integral part of the learning environment just by being present.

A quick overview of how current families are involved:

**Time commitment at a glance:**

Classroom helper/snack: 1 x a month

All-school meeting: 2 x year

Laundry: 1-2 x year

Work day: at least 1 of 3 per year

Committee Meetings (as needed):

2-6 meetings a year

Fundraising events: 3-4 a year

**As the classroom helper/snack:** this involves preparing a simple wholesome snack for the class followed by interactions with the students (ie reading books, outside play)

**Completing the classroom laundry:** Roughly one basket full at the end of the week.

**Joining a Work Day:** There are 3 a year with outdoor work sessions (Fall and Spring) including raking leaves, light construction/building repair, playground clean-up and improvements. Indoor session in the Winter is a "deep clean".

**Participating on a Committee:** Each family is asked to join either Building and Grounds, Fundraising, Public relations/marketing or offering a special skill (shoveling, plowing, handyman, sewing)

**Assisting with Fundraising:** Typically 3-4 events a year where participation is expected, of note everyone is to help with fundraising for scholarship fund regardless of team.

Peopleplace Cooperative Preschool is propelled by our families. Many of our teachers, staff members and even our director are former parents. As such, we encouraged families to step in with questions, ideas and initiative to further benefit and enjoy the benefits of our community. We can't wait to hear from you!