



PRACTICAL PARENTING PARTNERHIPS
Working Together for Our Children

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GRANTS

by Vickie Dickneite, Resource Coordinator

Ludwick Family Foundation

Deadline: Sept. 1.

The Ludwick Family Foundation assists a broad array of groups working to make a positive difference in the world. Grants are provided for tangible items, which help a program or project rather than funding the program itself.

Funded items include new vehicles or equipment, equipment replacement and modernization, improvements to facilities and educational materials. The foundation accepts proposals from nonprofit organizations throughout the United States and from U.S.-based international organizations, with emphasis on organizations in California. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. For more information, go to www.ludwick.org/guide.html

Seeds for Education Grant Program Invites Applications

Wild Ones is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the use of natural landscaping with native plant species as an ecologically better alternative to traditional landscaping practices. Wild Ones members and chapters work with schools and nature centers to plant and maintain natural landscapes in these centers of learning. Schools, nature centers, and other nonprofit and not-for-profit places of learning (including houses of worship) with a site available for this stewardship project may apply for an SFE grant.

Project goals should focus on the enhancement and development of an appreciation for nature using native plants. Projects must emphasize involvement of students and volunteers and increase the educational value of the site. Creativity in design is encouraged but must show complete and thoughtful planning. The use of and teaching about native plants and the native plant community is mandatory and must be appropriate to the local ecoregion and site conditions (soil, water, sunlight).

Funds will be provided only for the purchase of native plants and seed. Cash awards range from \$100 to \$500 each. Successful grants are eligible for partnership with SFE native plant nursery partners for discounts on seed, plants, etc.

Complete grant program information as well as resources on natural landscaping are available at the Wild Ones Web site. <http://www.for-wild.org/sfecvr.html>

2008-0 TRAINING DATES

By Janet Shepard, Director

<p align="center">Cape Girardeau MO</p> <p>Implementation Training September 16-17</p> <p>Home Visit April 29</p> <p>Kindergarten Transition September 18</p> <p>PPP for After-School September 18</p>	<p align="center">Jefferson City MO</p> <p>Implementation Training August 7-8 October 1-2 March 10-11</p>	<p align="center">Kansas City</p> <p>Implementation Training October 14-15 (Liberty) April 21-22</p> <p>Home Visit Training October 16 (Liberty) April 24</p> <p>Kindergarten Transition April 23</p>
<p align="center">Kirksville MO</p> <p>Implementation Training November 18-19</p> <p>Home Visit Training November 21</p> <p>Kindergarten Transition November 20</p> <p>PPP for After-School November 20</p>	<p align="center">Springfield MO</p> <p>Implementation Training January 26-27</p> <p>Home Visit Training January 28</p> <p>Kindergarten Transition January 29</p> <p>PPP for After-School January 29</p>	<p align="center">St Louis MO</p> <p>Implementation Training TBA <i>(Week of September 22 Wellston School District to host training)</i></p> <p>Home Visit Training December 2</p> <p>Kindergarten Transition TBA</p> <p>PPP for After-School TBA</p>
<p align="center">Maryville MO</p> <p>Implementation Training February 24-25</p> <p>Home Visit Training February 27</p> <p>Kindergarten Transition February 26</p> <p>PPP for After-School February 26</p>		<p align="center">Webb City</p> <p>Implementation Training December 2-3</p> <p>Home Visit Training December 5</p> <p>Kindergarten Transition December 4</p> <p>PPP for After-School December 5</p>

Check our website for additional dates and information

www.pppctr.org

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Practical Parenting Partnerships 2008-2009 Regional Workshops

Supporting Families Through: Parent Resource Centers & Family-School Functions

This year, PPP regional workshops will focus on supporting schools in building and promoting use of resource centers, as well as new ideas for interactive, meaningful family-school functions. Participants will explore ways to tie family functions in with their school's Parent Involvement Policy, Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, and MSIP Accountability Plan. Parent involvement is often a neglected component of increasing student performance and overall school improvement. How can school-family nights and other activities build parental involvement that enhances education?



We will look at how schools can support learning at home through lending libraries and comprehensive parent resource centers. How might these centers be operated? What might be included in these centers? How can use of the centers be maximized? How can these centers really impact parent involvement in education?



Participants will be invited to share their success stories with the group during these workshops. Please join us for this great opportunity for gaining new ideas from both PPP staff and area school staff members.

Registration:	8:30 a.m.
Workshop:	9:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$60 per person (includes materials and lunch)



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2008-09 Fall Regional Workshops Registration Form

Please check (✓) the workshop dates and location, fill out the lower portion, mail or fax to the PPP Center.

<input type="checkbox"/> - SOUTHWEST – Springfield September 24 Clarion Hotel	<input type="checkbox"/> - WEST – Kansas City October 2 Discovery Center	<input type="checkbox"/> - SOUTHEAST – Portageville January 13 DAEOC
<input type="checkbox"/> - SOUTHWEST – Webb City November 6 SW Center PD Building	<input type="checkbox"/> - SOUTH CENTRAL – Rolla January 8 Shoney's Restaurant	<input type="checkbox"/> - EAST CENTRAL – Festus October 23 Jefferson Memorial Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/> - WEST CENTRAL – Independence December 3 Hilton Garden Inn	<input type="checkbox"/> - NORTH CENTRAL – Jefferson City February 10 PPP Center	<input type="checkbox"/> - EAST – St. Louis November 18 TBA
<input type="checkbox"/> - NORTHWEST – St. Joseph February 4 Keatley Center, SJSD	<input type="checkbox"/> - NORTHEAST – Macon October 8 Comfort Inn	

School District and Building _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Attendees (with email address if applicable) _____

Cost - \$60 per person @ _____ attendees Total Amount Due \$ _____ Purchase Order # _____ Check # _____
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Please make checks payable to:
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 purchase order or check to:

Practical Parenting Partnerships

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Fax completed form and purchase order to:
 For more information, please call the PPP Center at:
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Summer Fun Ideas

by Shelly Lock, Program Development Coordinator

Summer is a time for thinking outside of the box of structured schedules and routines and for exploring opportunities for fun and learning. Here are ideas for your family to consider doing this summer.

- Contact your area Chamber of Commerce or Convention and Visitors Bureau for local summer vacation or mini outing ideas. With soaring gas prices, this is a great summer to go on field trips in your own city or state as a family.
- Pack a picnic lunch or dinner and go to a location your family has never been before (the woods behind your house, a park, a creek, picnic benches on campus) and enjoy a healthier alternative to dinner out at a restaurant.
- Clean out your extras in your home and have a family garage sale or take things to the pawn shop. Spend the money on a family outing.
- Have each member of the family choose a vacation location of their choice. You can restrict the choice to your town, your state, the US or beyond and research it. Each family member will plan out what the itinerary for the trip would be and the cost. Then each member of the family would present their proposal to the whole family, followed by a vote to decide where the family would vacation.
- Visit the library to stock up on books for great summer reading.
- Hold a neighborhood Olympics in your back yard. Invite neighborhood families and divide into teams. Teams would compete in various games such as volleyball, hoola-hoops, water balloon tossing, watermelon eating and more. Awards and medals can be given for various fun categories.
- Have a neighborhood pet show in which children dress their pets up and parade them around the block for all to see.
- Teach children to recycle over the summer. Mark bins accordingly and your children can sort the recyclable materials.
- Take time to read with your child. Start a good book and read a bit in it every night together. Read under a shade tree or on the front porch swing.
- Visit a historical landmark in your area. Have your child make a poster or write a report about it to share when he/she goes back to school.
- Encourage your child to write a letter to a grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, friend or someone who lives far away. Hopefully the person will write back and a pen pal relationship will form.
- Lie outside and gaze at the nighttime sky. Look for patterns with the stars, pictures in the clouds, and observe the shape of the moon. If you do this nightly with your child, you could help them track and document the moon phases.
- Cook with your child. Have your child create a dinner menu, make a grocery list of ingredients needed, go grocery shopping together, then do the cooking together. Best of all, enjoy the meal as a family.
- When watching TV together, as your child questions about the show during commercials. You might ask if that could happen in real life or what she would have done if she were in that situation.
- Set a fitness goal as a family. You could walk together in the evenings and tally the miles you cover as a family. Celebrate when you reach your goal.
- Have a book fair. Invite your child's friends or neighborhood children over to trade books.
- Play board games as a family inside or outside.
- When traveling, discuss road signs and signals. Look for license plates from each state. Make a list of states you spot.
- Visit a zoo or petting zoo with your child.
- Play pitch and catch, Frisbee, football, or kickball as a family.

- Create a treasure chest by covering a cardboard box with wrapping paper. Collect great finds from walks in the park and from your back yard to put in the box.
- Go swimming together. Swimming can make everyone feel young and bring back great childhood summer memories.
- Make a picture collage or scrapbook of summer family fun!
- Have a family scavenger hunt. Each person has a list of types of things to find, such as 3 round objects, 2 yellow objects, 1 object that makes noise, etc.
- Camp out as a family. You can camp in a tent in the backyard, on blankets in the family room, or under the stars if you so dare.
- Visit a farmers' market if there is one near you. Discuss various fruits and vegetables and how they grow with your child.
- Observe the birds, squirrels, and wildlife in your area. Get books to learn more about them.
- Plant a little garden together and have your child water it and pick the produce.
- Have a family read-a-thon. All family members can get into pajamas, grab their favorite books, pillows, and blankets and read all night long. Don't forget the popcorn.

Get busy and have fun as a family this summer. Not only will you create great memories, but you will also keep your child's learning going strong throughout the summer.

